

NATURE ACTIVITY #1: Make a Paper Pika!



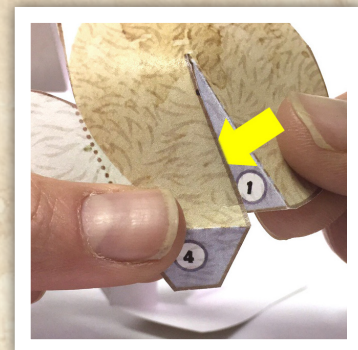
Meet one of Cedar Breaks' cutest critters, the American Pika! If you're lucky you may spy a Pika on Cedar Breaks' high rocky slopes. Although Pikas looks like squirrels or guinea pigs, they're actually more closely related to rabbits and hares.

American Pikas have adapted to living in very inhospitable environments. They live where most other mammals do not venture to go, the cold slopes of mountains. These high mountain ecosystems are cool and moist. Higher temperatures can cause the Pikas to overheat. Unlike other mountain species that can move to higher elevations in warming climates, Pikas live already so high that there is nowhere for them to go when temperatures rise. This makes Pikas a potentially endangered species.

American Pikas are often heard before they are seen. They sing and make sounds like the bleat of a lamb, but more high-pitched and squeaky!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Very carefully cut out the figure following the dark brown solid lines.
 - Have an adult help if you are a beginner with scissors.
 - Be precise. This is the hardest but most important step!
 - Don't forget to cut out the slits near numbers 6-9.



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2. Carefully mountain fold the dashed lines and valley fold the dotted lines.

- Avoid folding any part of the paper that does not have a dashed or dotted line.

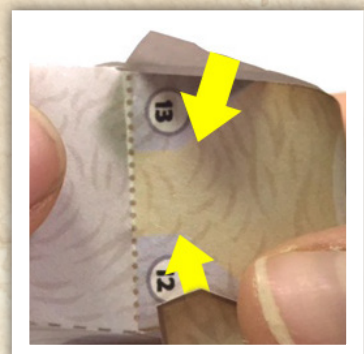
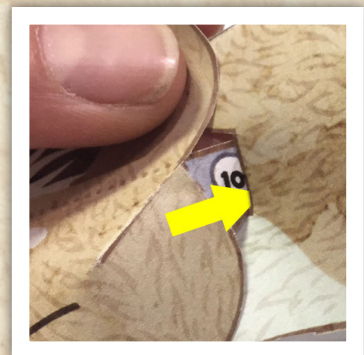
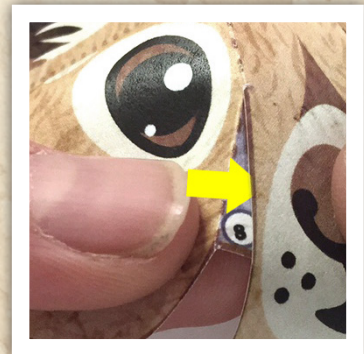
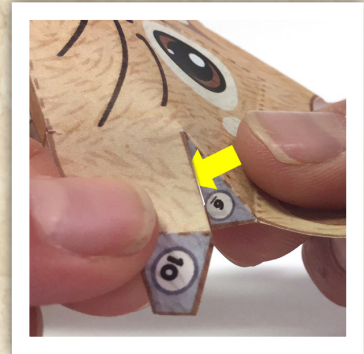
3. Assemble the parts in order by applying glue one tab at a time starting with #1 and ending with #13.

- The gray sections should all be covered when your Pika is finished.
- Follow the pictures in order to have the best results.
- Use tiny dabs of glue to keep your Pika from getting messy.

4. Number 10 & 11 are tricky! These tabs should be slid into and behind the notch found on the Pika's shoulders.

5. When finished, accessorize your Pika with stickers or whatever else you can dream up!

6. Photograph your Pika in a habitat of your creation!



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- - - Mountain Fold 
- Valley Fold 
- Glue Tabs