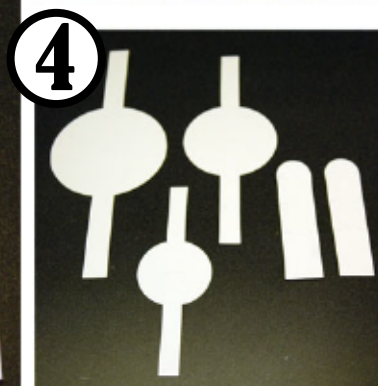
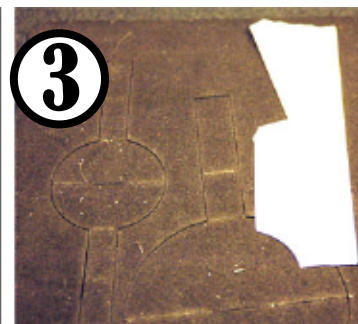
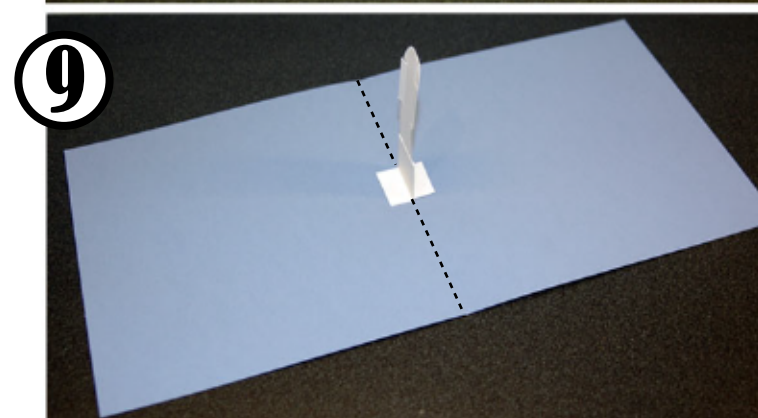
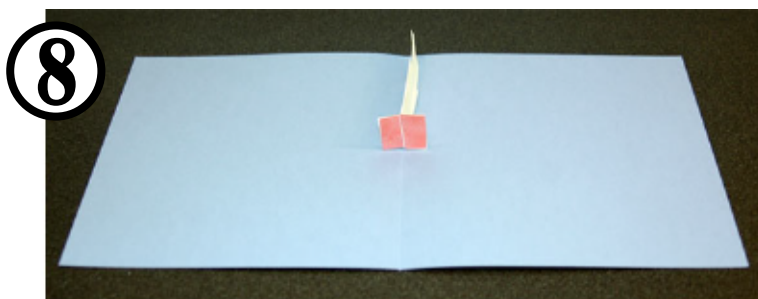
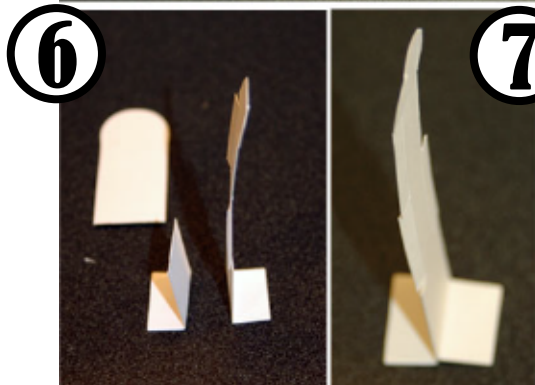
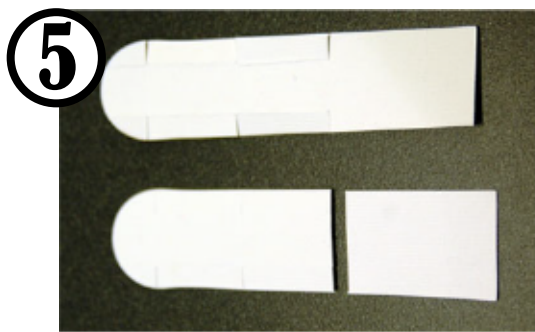


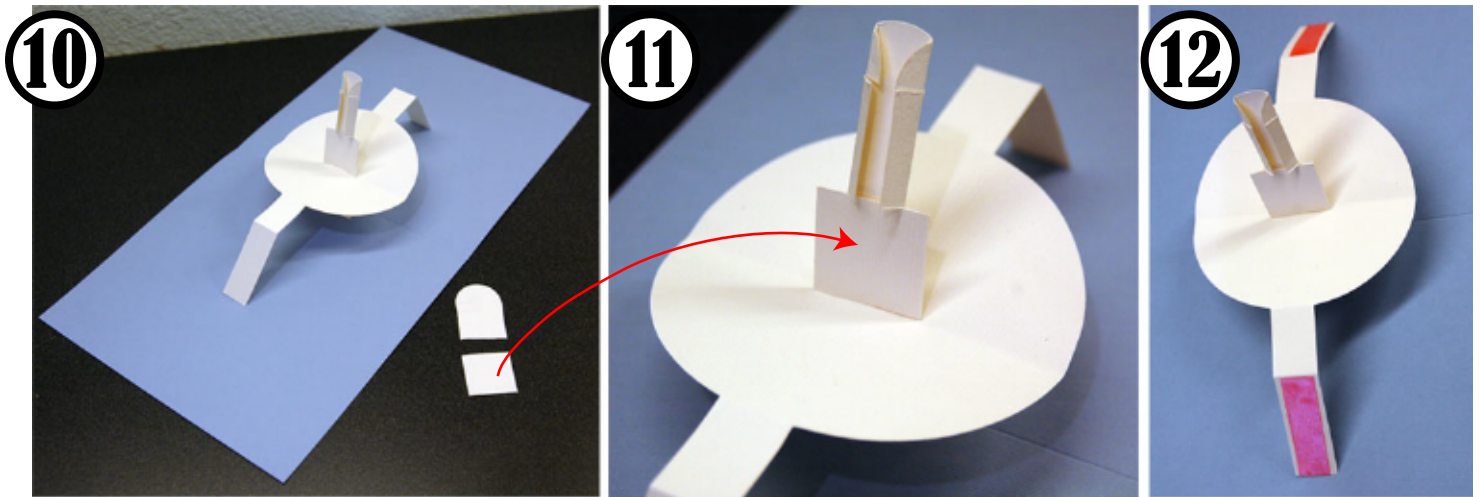
# HOW TO CONSTRUCT A REINFORCED POP-UP CAKE USING SIZZIX DIE #656025



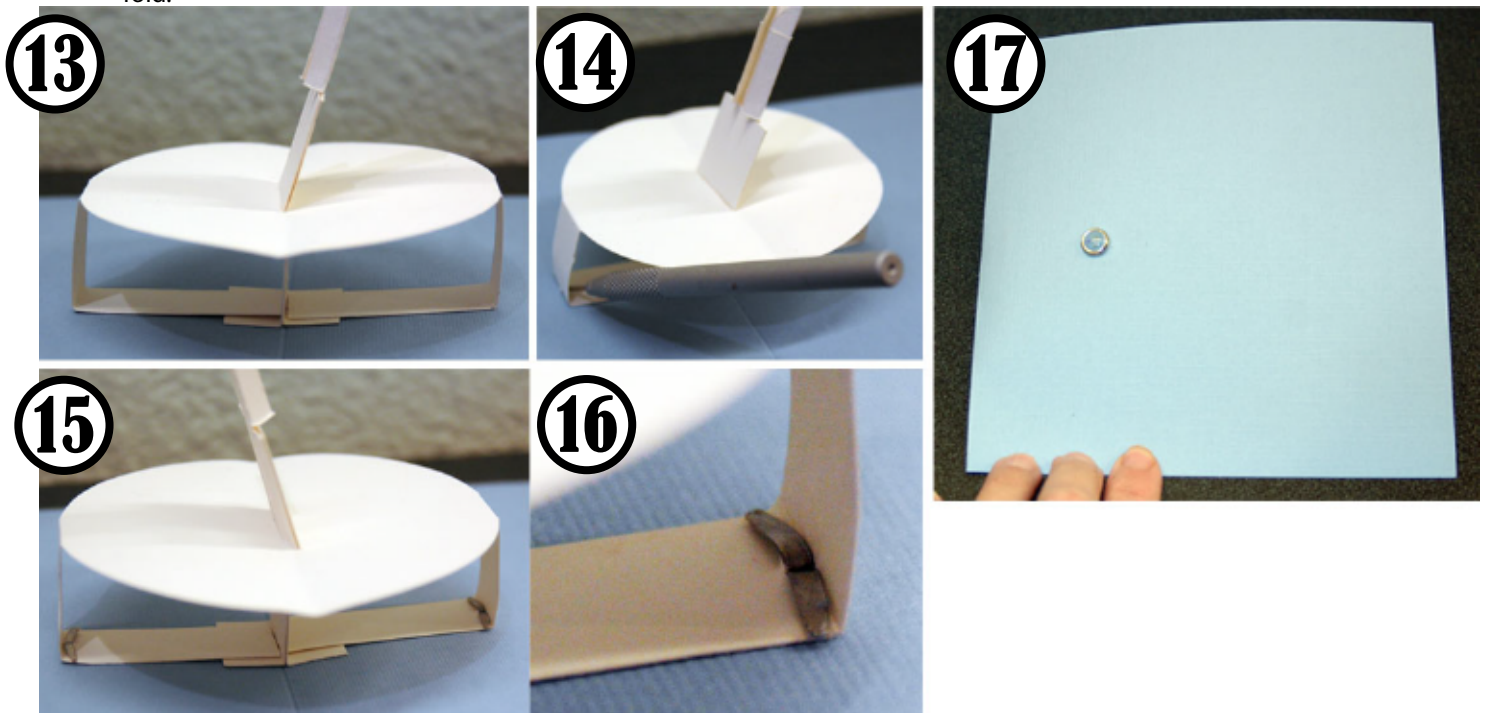
1. Use the die to cut a 6x12 (15.25x30.5cm) piece of cardstock.
2. Tear off the section shown, which is usually large enough for a second center piece. (If not, use any scrap piece of cardstock)
3. Place the scrap over the centerpiece section of the die and cut again.
4. Pieces needed for a reinforced cake: (1) Large Tier, (1) Medium Tier, (1) Small Tier, (2) Center Pieces



5. For one of the center pieces, work the folds as usual. For the second center piece, cut at the lowest set of notches.
6. Fold the full center piece's "foot" one way, and the shortened center piece's "foot" the other way.
7. Use a strong adhesive, like tacky tape, to adhere the two pieces together as shown.
8. Add a strong adhesive, like tacky tape, to the bottom of both feet.
9. Adhere the center piece directly over the fold of a card with one foot on either side of the fold.  
*Recommended card size to allow for top decorations: 6" x 6" when closed. (15.25cm x 15.25cm)*

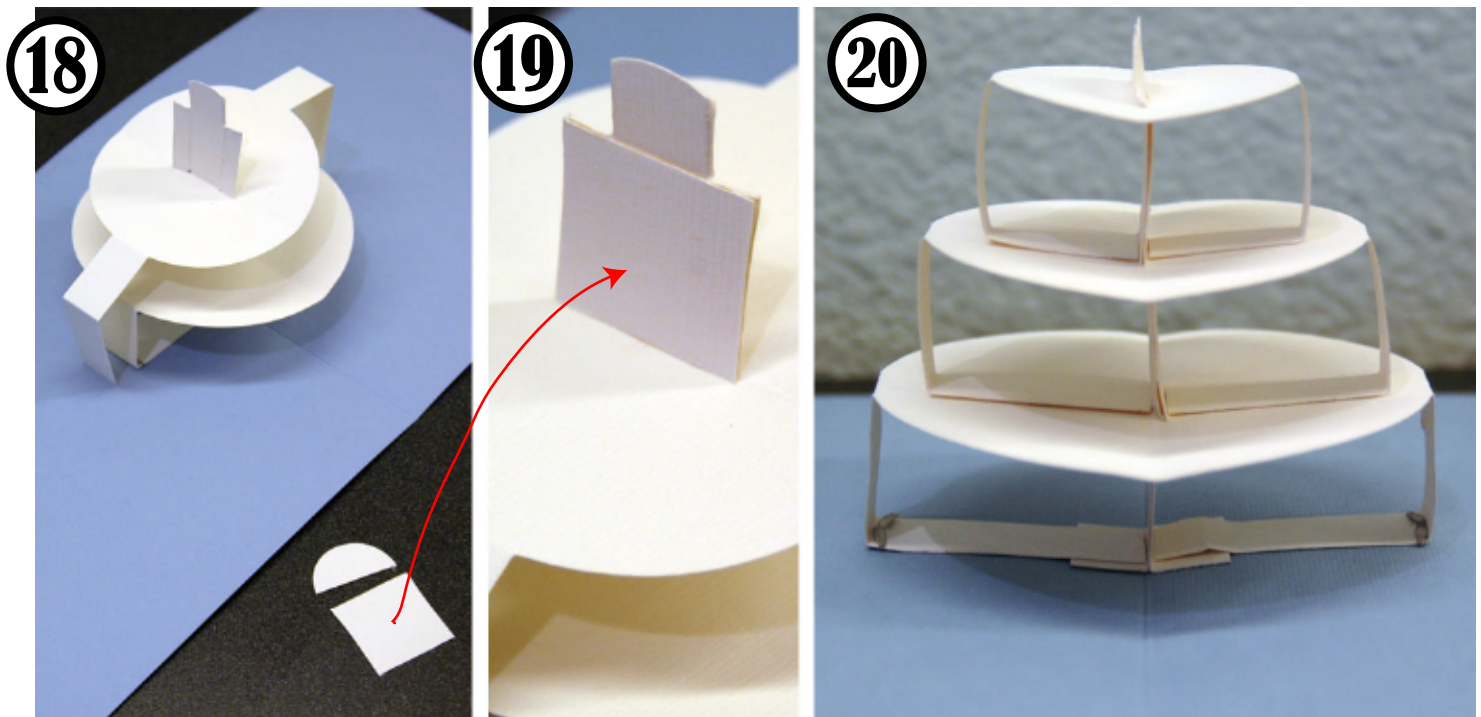


10. Add the large cake tier as usual. (Note: it is always recommended to work the folds prior to sliding the cake tiers onto the center piece. This is especially true for the folds in the center of the circles.) Unfold the first set of tabs, locking it into place. Cut the leftover center piece on the next set of side notches.
11. Use a strong adhesive, like tacky tape, to adhere the reinforcing section to the center piece.
12. Add a strong adhesive, like tacky tape, to the outer sections of the side tabs, making sure that the adhesive starts right at the fold.



13. Adhere the tabs to the card as shown, making sure that the ends of the tabs go all the way to the center piece (fold of card).
14. Use a paper piercer to pierce a small hole very close to the fold on both sides of the cake.
15. Add brads from underneath the card and open the prongs inside the cake, reinforcing the connection at the folds.
16. Close-up detail.
17. The brad heads will be visible on the front and back of the card when closed. Here are options for the brads:
  1. Use coordinating brads (or decorative brads) and incorporate them into the front and back designs.
  2. Cover the brads with paper when decorating the front (and back) of the card. (Note, if covering the brads, use mini-brads.)
  3. Alternately, the brads can be inserted from inside the cake so the prongs lay flat on the front of the card and are easy to cover. (Note: the part of the brad that is inside the cake will not be visible once the cake is completed)





**18.** Slide the medium tier onto the center piece as usual. Cut the leftover center piece on the last set of notches.

**19.** Use a strong adhesive, like tacky tape, to adhere the reinforcing section to the center piece.

**20.** Complete the cake in the usual manner. (Follow the directions that come with the die)

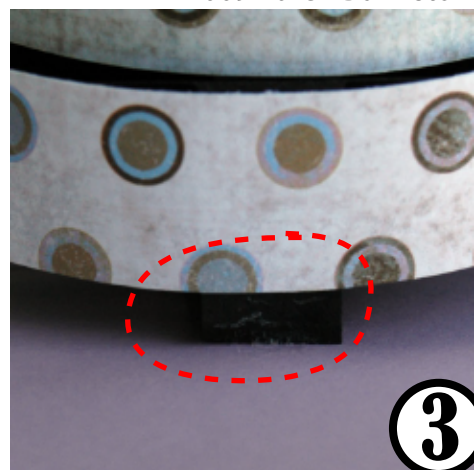
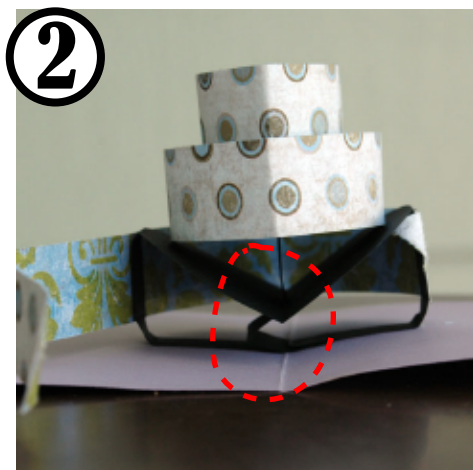
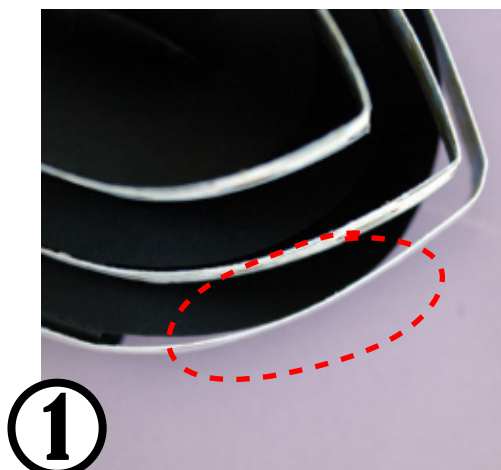
**Additional Notes:**

- The second and third tiers generally don't need the brad reinforcing, as long as a strong adhesive is used.
- The top (rounded) section of the center piece can be optionally reinforced depending on the size and weight of the top decoration.
- Once the cake looks like Step 20, it is structurally finished. Open and close the card, making sure that everything is folding correctly and that the cake stands up nicely when the card is opened. Reinforce any areas that are bending in the wrong spots.
- Cardstock is recommended for Steps 1-20. (Creating the structure of the cake) For the decorative strips that create the side tiers, however, a lightweight patterned paper is preferred.

# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE SIZZIX POP-UP CAKE DIE #656025

## THREE MOST COMMON PROBLEMS:

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### #1. Paper tiers are uneven or too tight.

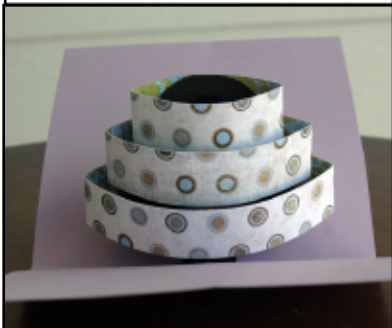


Make sure that the paper is the right length to encircle the cake without getting trapped under the tiers. Make sure that the paper strip is evenly distributed to both sides of the cake.

### #2. Center piece is crushing inside the cake.

Use a stiffer cardstock for the cake structure and/or reinforce the center piece with extra pieces of cardstock, cardboard or chipboard.

### #3 Side tabs are lifting from the card.

Use a stronger adhesive and make sure the adhesive starts right at the fold. Or reinforce the connection with a brad near the fold.

	PROBLEM	SOLUTIONS
	Cake stays partially collapsed.	Open the card all the way. The cake will only stand up if the card is opened to a full 180° (Until the card is completely flat)
	Cake looks more oval than round. Has a distinct "almond" shape when viewed from above, even if the card is opened all the way.  <i>Note: because of the folds required for the cake to lay flat, there will always be a slight amount of almond shape. Troubleshoot only if it is excessive.</i>	Check common problems #1, #2, #3  Paper tiers are too long.  Paper tiers are too heavy. Lighter paper weights are preferred for the side tiers to minimize the strain on the cake structure and the bulk inside the card. Lighter paper weights also fold and unfold easier, reducing the "almond" effect.
	The tiers are at different angles. The cake looks "wonky"  <i>Note: the paper tiers can be cut wider or with a decorative edge for a fun look that camouflages any "wonky" construction.</i>	Paper tiers weren't cut straight or weren't attached perfectly horizontal.