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building on inspiration

Book arts.

Choose themes for your books. eg; a day trip, the sea, games, animals. The first and last pages are the book covers. You can use coloured paper for the book - eg start with black or dark blue sugar paper for a night sky theme. Use a variety of collage materials for the illustrations. Then write the words if you want them, it can be a picture book. You'll need a book title, the names of the writers and illustrators. On the back page design a logo for your publisher and write the 'blurb' (a one sentence summary about the book).

Here are two different book structures.



Accordion fold books

Thick paper eg, cut into very long narrow pieces then folded into 8 equal sections make a nice display.

This book is 2m x 17cm. I've used 200gsm Fabriano Watercolour paper. Buy this in large rolls, it's cheaper, and you can decide the size of your books .



This is an 8-page origami book. On the right is the A3 book layout - some of the pages appear upside-down. When cut and folded it makes an A6 size book. There are many websites with basic instructions for the folding.

A very easy book to make - and results are impressive. The paper should be thin like photocopy paper to fold easily - or drawing paper. Fold your A3 blank paper into a book structure, number the pages and then start to make the illustration and text. For bigger books use A2 size paper or even A1 size!