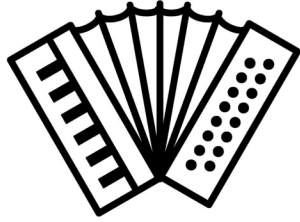


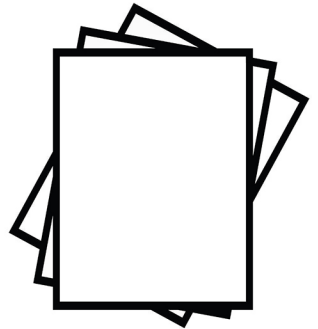
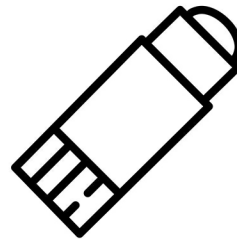
Make an accordion book



In this activity, your child writes and illustrates a simple story, then binds it with a ribbon to create a keepsake book. This would make a great gift for a grandparent, too.

What you'll need

- * Unlined 5" x 8" index cards
- * Colored pens, pencils, or paint
- * One yard of colorful fabric ribbon, 2" to 3" wide
- * Tacky glue



How to do it

- * Write a simple story on multiple index cards, leaving space for illustration. Illustrate each card. Make a cover for the book by writing the title and author on a card and decorating it as desired.
- * Lay the ribbon out flat and place the cards along it horizontally, in order and about one inch apart, beginning with the cover. Leave about 6 inches of ribbon free at each end.
- * Beginning with the cover page, glue each card to the ribbon in order, about one inch apart.
- * When the glue is dry, fold up the cards starting with the cover page, accordion style (back-to-front), and then gather the ribbon at both ends and tie in a bow.

Questions to answer

What other ideas do you have for making a decorative book?
