A book of your own

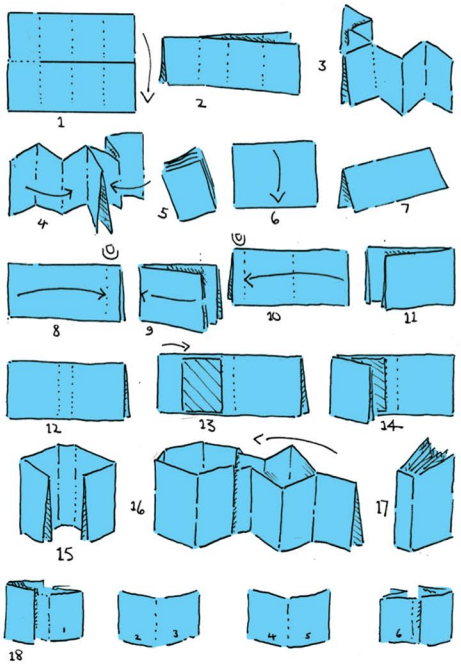
Bookmaking

Use the instructions below to make your own special 'bound' book. You can add beautfiul patterns and decoration to your cover.

DETACHED COVER BOOK

This is the most book-like structure in this set of ideas.
It takes a bit longer to make than the others, but it's worth it!

1. To make the book pages start by folding a piece of paper into eighths. Cut the long middle crease leaving the final panel uncut.
2. Fold the top half over the bottom half.
3. Zig-zag the panels to look like this.
4. Push the first and last pages to the centre pages.
5. Put the folded down pages to one side.
6. To make the book cover take another sheet of paper the same size as the first sheet.
7. Fold the long top edge to the long bottom edge.
8. Place your thumb (about 1.5 centimetres) on the right edge.
9. Fold the left edge to touch your thumb.
10. Open back the sheet.
11. Now place your thumb on the left edge and fold the right edge to touch your thumb. Open back the sheet.
12. You now have a spine on the cover.
13. Place the folded pages that you have set aside (5) to touch the left side of the spine.
14. Fold the left edge of the cover over the left side of the pages. Repeat this to the other side and remove the pages. Sharpen folds with scissor handle.
15. Finished cover.
16. Insert the first page into the left slot of the cover. Insert the last page into the right slot of the cover. Push the pages into the cover.
17. Finished book.
18. Number the pages.





The photograph shows a book about what things were like in Shakespeare's Times.

IDEAS FOR YOUR BOOK

What will you put in your 'Detached Cover Book'? Here's some ideas to get you started:

- Imagine you are going to put on a Shakespeare play. Fill this book with things that you will do and things that you will need. This includes the theatre, the orchestra and actors, the costumes and accessories and the props. You could draw pictures of one of the scenes of the play too!
- Find out all about life in Shakespeare's time and then make up a story or create a diary as though you were one of Will Shakespeare's friends in Stratford-upon-Avon. What was it like growing up in the town in the 1560s and 1570s?

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