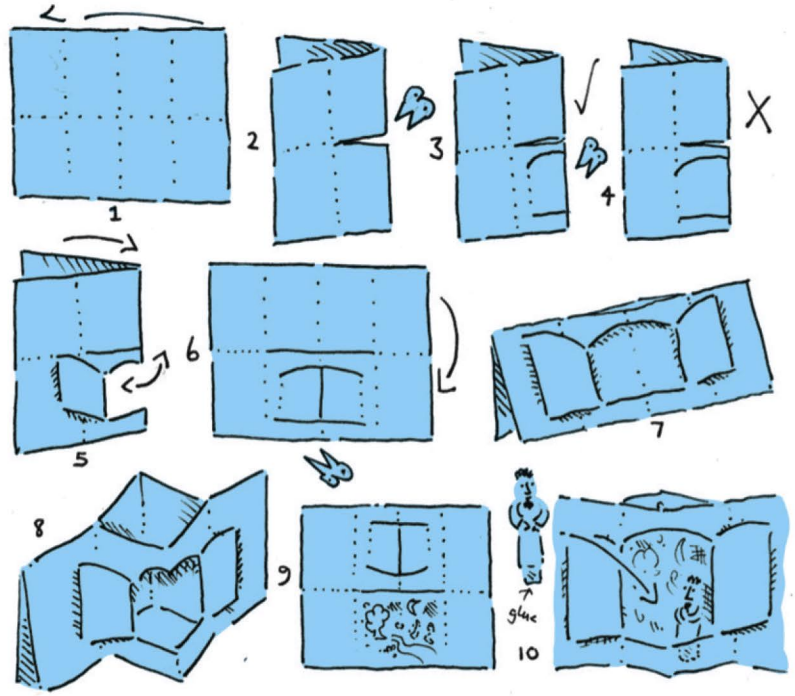
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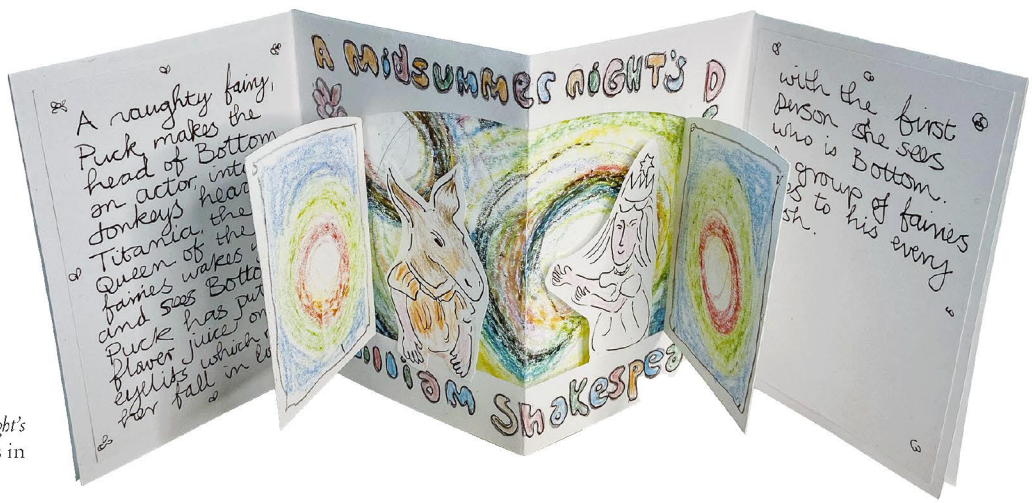
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THEATRE BOOK

These little theatre books have endless possibilities!

1. Fold a piece of paper into eighths.
2. In the landscape position fold the right edge to the left edge. On the folded edge cut the middle horizontal crease to the vertical centre crease.
3. Draw and then cut the top and bottom of the theatre's stage as shown. Do not cut too near the slot or base.
4. Aesthetically, the theatre looks better if there is a small gap between the stage and the crease, so do not cut to the vertical crease.
5. Crease the 'door' forward. Unfold.
6. NB: Before you open the whole sheet make sure that the doors are closed otherwise the paper may tear. Cut the stage's centre crease.
7. Fold the top half of the sheet behind the bottom half and open the doors.
8. Push the sides towards the centre to create a cube.
9. Close the doors and open the bottom half of the sheet upward. Draw the background on the two middle panels in the bottom half.
10. Glue a character (or characters) on the inside strip below the stage (optional). Display vertically as a model, or press flat and pin to a display board.





This shows the scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* when The Fairy Queen Titania falls in love with Bottom.

IDEAS FOR YOUR BOOK

What will you put in your Theatre Book? Here are some ideas for scenes to get you started:

- From the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* draw the scene where Puck's mischievous trick turns Bottom into a donkey!
- From the play *The Tempest,* draw Prospero and Miranda on the magical isle.
- From the play *Romeo and Juliet,* draw Romeo meeting Juliet at the masked ball.
  You could add the quote: "Did my heart love till now?" to the doors and open them to reveal the scene.
- From the play *Macbeth* draw the three weird sisters on the heath as they hail Macbeth.
  Add the quote: "All hail Macbeth, that shalt be king hereafter!" to the doors and open them to reveal the scene.