

Materials needed to make an art book

1. A long blank piece of paper
2. Two square pieces of cardboard
3. Two square pieces of coloured paper

There is no specific requirement for size of your book.



Cut your cardboard around 0.3cm wider than your book.
The coloured paper should be 2cm wider than the cardboard square

Step 1



Fold the long piece of paper in half. Fold it in half again three more times. Unfold the paper and you should have the outline of 8 squares



Step 2

Fold the first square down




Step 3

Tuck the second square to the back.
Repeat the last two steps until the end,
folding the paper like a concertina.
This will give you the pages of your book.



Step 4



The long piece of paper should look like this after folding. Squeeze it hard to make sure it is flat enough. Press the folded paper down firmly to keep it flat.



Put glue on the cardboard



Step 5

Glue the cardboard square to the centre of the reverse side of coloured paper

⚠ Make sure to leave a small space between the corner of the cardboard and the edge of the paper

Cut the corners along the dotted line off the coloured paper, as indicated by the dotted lines.



Step 6



Step 7

Fold the four sides of the coloured paper over the cardboard square. Remember to press firmly on the corners to make the tips tidy





Step 8

Glue the sides down.
Repeat for the other cardboard
and coloured paper squares.
This will give you the covers for the book.

Step 9



Stick the two book covers to the first and last pages of your book.



Step 10

Use colourful scrap paper from unwanted flyers, newspapers, or anything you have at hand, and stick them onto your book for the background of the pages

Print some graphics of sea animals, fishes and shells. Stick them on top of the background! Then your book is done!





Come check out the books
in the museum
done by children
at our bookmaking workshop!

You can choose to decorate
one side
or both sides of the book!

Show us your crafts by
tagging us on social media
[@whenitrainsweharvest_exh](#)
and [@scotfishmuseum!](#)



Be inspired and get creative!