

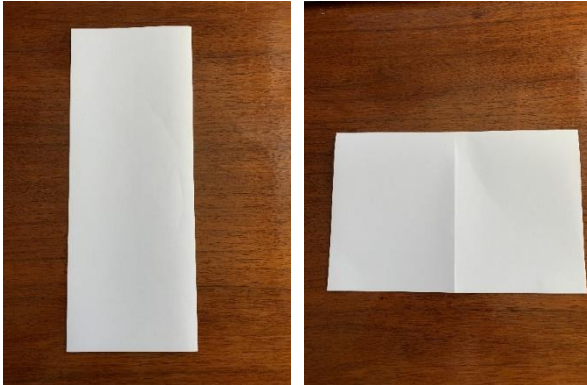
## Make a Small Nature Book.

Making books is a great way for children to practice real life math and special thinking skills, as well as gross and fine motor skills. It is also a great way for everyone to re-use paper and express your own creativity.

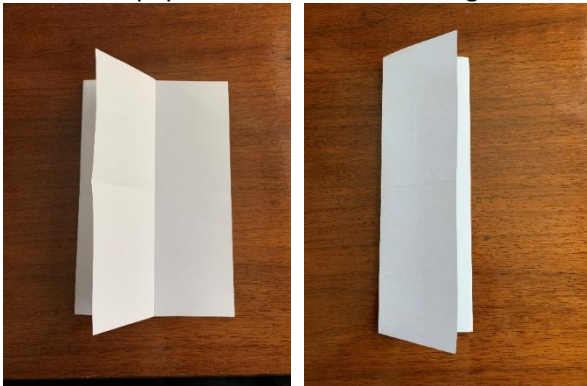
There are many different ways to make a book, but the “hotdog” book is one of the simplest. All you need is a sheet of paper (it can be fresh, a sheet with writing on one side, or even a brown paper bag) and a pair of scissors.

### Directions

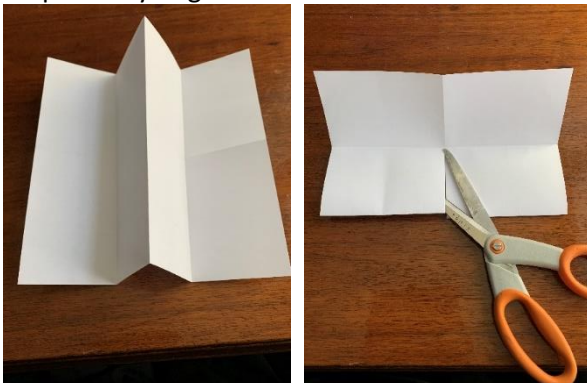
1. Start by folding your paper in half long-wise (like a hotdog bun)
2. Unfold your paper and fold it in half short-wise.



3. Now, fold one edge up to the middle crease.
4. Rotate the paper and fold the other edge to the middle crease.

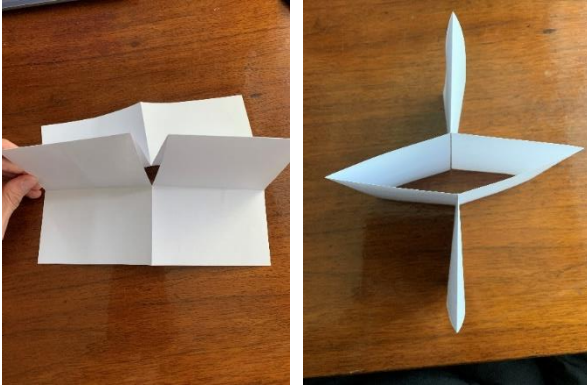


5. Open your new “book” to make a W-shape.
6. Make a cut in the paper along the crease from the center of the page out towards the edge. Stop when you get to the next crease.

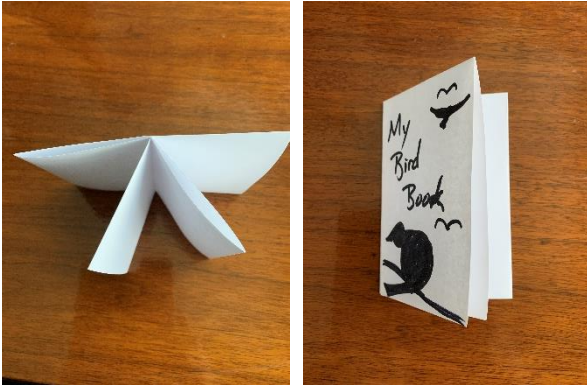


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7. Open the book along the new cut and turn it on its edge



8. Fold the pages into a book shape and decorate your cover.



Take your book with you into the field! If you want to make the book longer, make more little books and glue them or sew them together.

Explore more ways to make books here:

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