Make Your Own Books

You can make fantastic books from just single sheets of paper. Here are four ideas, ranging from simple to complex for pupils from Foundation to KS4.

Basic folding for all books

1. In the landscape position fold paper in half.
2. Fold in half again.
3. Open this fold.
4. With the fold at the top fold downwards in half.
5. Open the sheet.
6. You have eight rectangles.

These fantastic book-making ideas have been created exclusively for World Book Day by Paul Johnson. Paul is director of the Book Art Project, the main aim of which is raising standards of writing through the book arts.
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Make a BOOK WITH A POP-UP CENTREPIECE

If possible, teach the class the basic folding on p.1.

1. Fold in half to A4. On the folded edge children draw and cut a rainbow shape in the top panel.

2. Fold the rainbow on the horizontal crease.

3. Fold a slight angle on the rainbow. Reverse the crease. Unfold.

4. Open sheet and fold horizontally in half.

5. On the front side cut left and right creases to the top edge.

6. Close vertically to half way.

7. On the slight angle push the pop-up rainbow inside the book. The rainbow shape will pop-up and down as you open and close the book.

CONTENT IDEAS

PEOPLE I ADMIRE
- Olympic sporting heroes (for example, Mo Farah or Jessica Ennis-Hill)
- Famous children or young people (for example, Anne Frank)
- Great kings (for example, Tutankhamun)
- Great explorers (for example, Scott of the Antarctic)

Each pupil will need:
- A4 or an A3 sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Felt pens, coloured pencils, etc

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