

ENGLISH / ART · Y2–Y6

Make Your Own Mini Book

4 bookbinding designs — one sheet of paper

Design 1: The 8-Page Folded Book (1 sheet, 1 cut)

1. Take an A4 sheet. Fold it in half lengthways. Unfold.
2. Fold it in half widthways. Unfold.
3. Fold widthways again — this time keep it folded.
4. With scissors, cut along the CENTRE FOLD LINE only — from the fold to the centre point. Do NOT cut to the edges.
5. Unfold completely. Fold lengthways again.
6. Hold the two ends and push them together — the cut opens and the pages fan out.
7. Press flat to create an 8-page book.
8. The cover is pages 1 and 8. The inside has 6 pages to write on.

Design 2: The Accordion Book

1. Cut A4 paper into a long strip (fold your sheet in half lengthways and cut along the fold).
2. Fold the strip back and forth in equal sections — like a concertina — making 8 or more panels.
3. Glue two small rectangles of thick card to the front and back panels — these are the covers.
4. Decorate the covers.
5. The accordion book can be read as separate pages OR spread out flat as a single long image.
Great for: timelines, story maps, step-by-step instructions, seasons across the year.

