

Early Years Resources for Families

Making Books 1



Making books is a very effective way of encouraging children to want to read and write. Children love books that are personal to them. Home-made books can be simple to make.

Activity ideas:

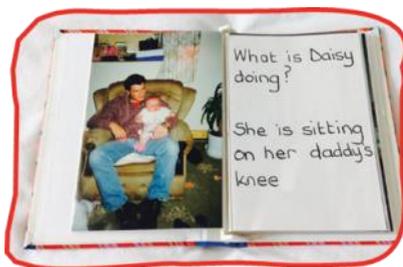
- **Zig-zag book.** Fold the paper or card concertina style. Any size of paper or card can be used.
- **Simple paper or card book.** Using A4 paper or card, take two or more sheets and fold in two. Staple or sew the sheets together.
- **Shaped book.** Fold a piece of A4 card, draw the desired outline shape (e.g. car, spider's web, sandcastle) on one half and cut it out. Fold at least two sheets of A4 paper in half and place inside the shaped card. Staple or sew together.

Trace the outline of the shaped card onto the sheets of A4 paper and then cut out the A4 paper so that the inside pages of the book are the same shape as the outside cover. This book can be based around your child's interest.

- Books with “**lift up flaps**”. Make a simple paper or card book (as above). Cut and stick, or draw, a picture into the book.

To make the lift up flap cut out a piece of card that is a bit bigger than the picture you want to cover. Fold down a strip about 1cm wide along one of the edges and glue this to the page to make a flap that covers the picture.

- **Photograph book.** Use a slip-in photo album to make a book with a photograph on one side and text on the other.



Talk about:

Different kinds of books—how many can you and your child think of? There are story books, books for information/textbooks, poetry books, cookery books, notebooks... Do all books have words? Do all books have pictures?

Have you got a favourite book? Can you tell your child about it?
Have they got a favourite book they can tell you about?