

# MAKE A Storybook

## WITH A HARD COVER

You can create a hard cover for your book that makes it more protected and professional looking. When I make these books, I usually make several of them! I love filling them out with different ideas and illustrations. This DIY is pretty easy and doesn't take very long to complete. Most of the supplies are things you have around your house already.

### SUPPLIES



- ★ The printed booklet pages, printed front and back and folded
- ★ Cardstock 8.5x11 (letter) \*Use plain paper if you don't have cardstock
- ★ Glue, preferably rubber glue
- ★ Tape
- ★ (2x) Cardboard cut into 9x6in rectangles
- ★ Paper, wrapping paper or fabric cut to approx. 15.5x11in

I also made a video tutorial to accompany the steps below, should you want a visual guide.

- #1 Lay the cardboard pieces on the large paper, leaving about an inch on the outside edge to fold down and a half in the center of the two cardboards so that the book may close. Lightly glue down, but wait to fold.
- #2 While the paper dries to the cardboard, take the cardstock and fold it in half hamburger style. Wrap this around the printed, folded booklet and staple them together very close to the edge of the binding.
- #3 Fold down the edges of the paper around the cardboard and glue and tape down. The tape secures the edges during the drying process. Once dried, your hardcover exterior is ready to attach to your story booklet.
- #4 Apply glue evenly to the outside of the cardstock paper. Be sure not to over-glue, as it may seal your book shut. Lining up your inside pages evenly with the cover, glue into the inside of the cover. Leave closed until dry.
- #5 Your book is ready to share with the world! Your friends and family will love to see your finished storybook. So would we! Tag @collaborativecorner and @courtneymakespretty on Instagram to show us your books.



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