How To Make A Shaped Book... by Susan DeMuth

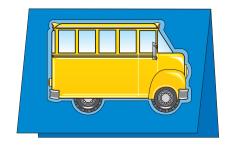


Wide designs tie on the top and open from the bottom!

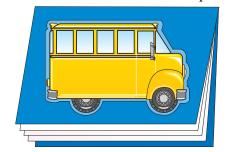
1. Fold cover in half.



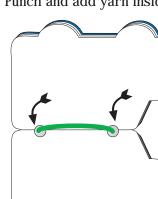
2. Add filler pages.



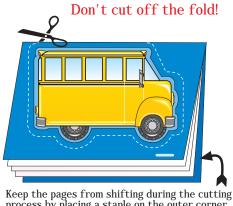
3. Glue on sheet of a bus notepad.



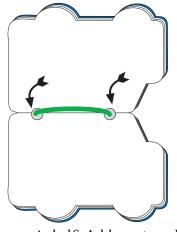
4. Bubble Cut... **5.** Punch and add yarn inside.



6. Close & tie yarn outside.



Keep the pages from shifting during the cutting process by placing a staple on the outer corner.





Directions:

Fold a piece of 8 1/2" x 11" colored copier paper in half. Add a notepad shape of your choice on the front cover with a glue stick. Place it 1/2" from the fold edge. Fold several pieces of filler paper in half, crease well, and place inside the cover. Hold the book closed and "bubble cut" 1/2" around three sides as shown. DO NOT CUT OFF THE FOLD. Open the book and use a 1/4" hole punch through the center fold. Place punch in as far as it will reach on the center fold. Punch through all the layers at once. Books with a lot of pages may need to be done in sections. Tie with 12" piece of yarn. Ready, set, write... The possibilities are endless!

Materials:

White copier paper for filler pages, colored paper for cover, scissors, glue stick, yarn and your imagination! Choose any large notepad. Most large notepads will bind on the side. Some long designs will bind from the top, like the bus shown above.

More Ideas:

Make a shaped book to write about a special field trip. "My trip to the Zoo" or, Aquarium, Farm, Science Center, Art Museum... etc! Make the books ahead of time and take them on the trip to jot down field notes. More than 30 horizontal Shapes Etc. large notepads to choose from... What else can YOU think of? The possibilities are endless!



School Bus Large SE-122



Fire Truck Large SE-193



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