



Creative ideas

Paper weaving: Ladybird

You will need:

Red paper/card

Black paper/card

Scissors

Glue

Marker Pen/felt tip pen

Red "Paint pen" for mouth (or cut a mouth and stick)

Template (separate document)



How to make:

Print out the template. Cut out the basic ladybird shapes and then place the shapes on the appropriate coloured paper (red and black). Draw round and cut out. These are the wings, antennae and eyes.



Next, prepare the ladybird's wings: Fold each wing in half and cut slits into the card. Be careful not to cut too close to the edge to avoid tearing.

Now, cut strips from the black card/paper.

Weave the strips in and out of the slits in the wings.

Glue the edges of the paper strips to keep them from moving out of place.

Cut off excess paper around the wings.

Glue the wings onto the ladybug's abdomen.



Assembling the ladybird's face:

Glue the eyes together and then glue the eyes onto the ladybird's head. Now glue the antennae onto the back of the ladybird's. How you draw, cut and fix your eyes and antennae will determine your ladybird's character. Use a red paint pen to draw a smile onto the ladybird's head. If you don't have a pen like this, why not cut out a mouth from card and stick it on!



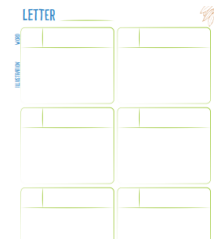
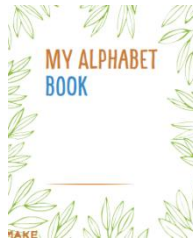
Glue the head onto the ladybird's abdomen. Your ladybird is finished!



Alphabet Book

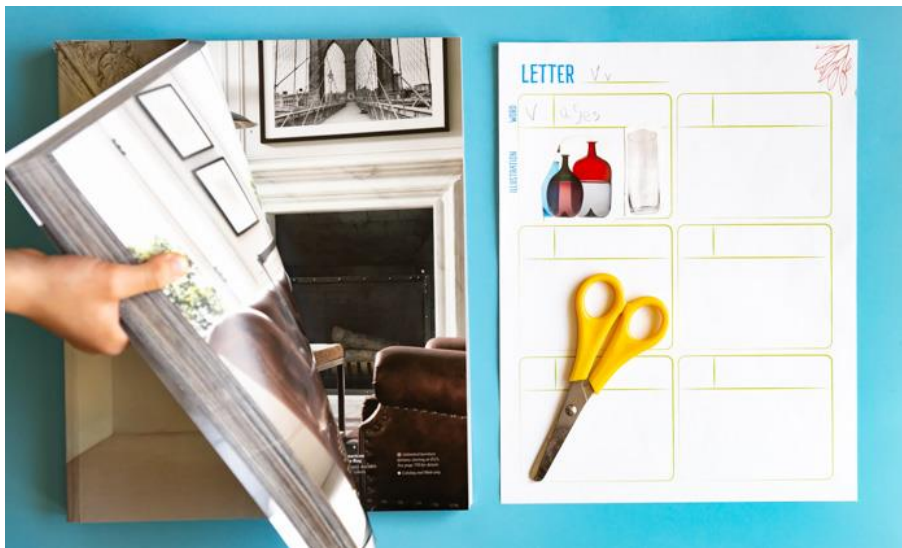
You will need:

- Printable Alphabet Booklet:
(see separate document)
- Pencil and rubber
- Coloured pencils/felt tips
- Glue
- Coloured paper scraps/wrapping paper
- Magazines/flyers
- Stapler or hole punch and wool/string/treasury tags



How to make:

1. Print out the cover page. Add your name to it.
2. Print out the number of pages that you would like for your book with each page representing a letter.
3. Cut out items from flyers/magazines that correspond to the letter



Or, draw pictures of items that correspond to the letter.

Or, draw and cut out and glue together pieces of coloured paper to make items that correspond to the letter.

Or, take photos of items from around your house/garden, print them out and then add them to your book.



4. To impress, why don't you add an expanded noun phrase under or beside your picture to describe the item in each box? See below* for a reminder and the separate document for examples and practice about expanded noun phrases.

5. Once your pages are dry, staple them together or use a hole punch and tie pages together with string/wool or treasury tags.

6. Enjoy flicking through your book. Share it with a brother or sister or parent/carer.

* **A note to parents:** An **expanded noun phrase** gives more detail or information about a noun in a simple noun phrase. This is usually done by adding adjectives to describe the noun in the noun phrase, for example:

She walked through the dark, mysterious forest.

In the example above, the expanded noun phrase is 'the dark, mysterious forest', the words 'dark' and 'mysterious' have been used to expand the noun phrase. They make writing more interesting as they help the reader to build an image in their mind.