



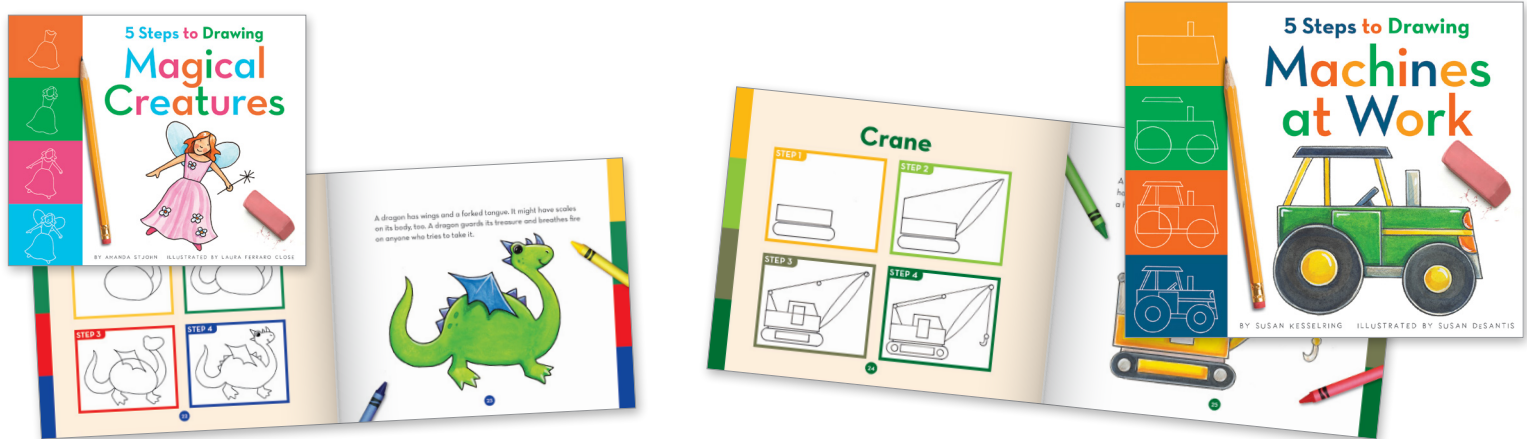
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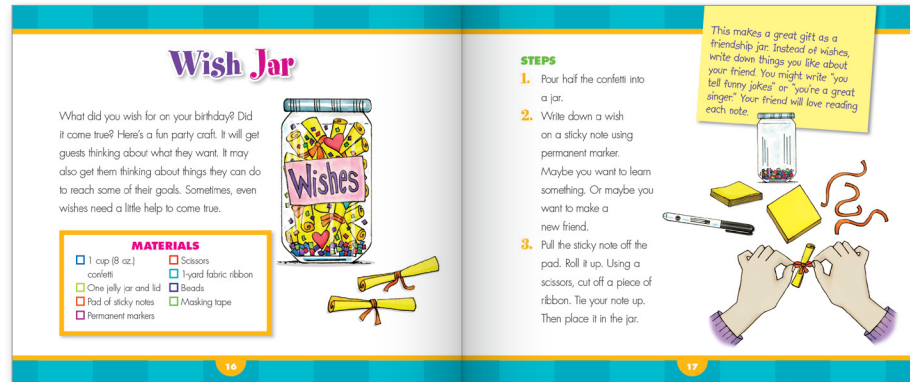
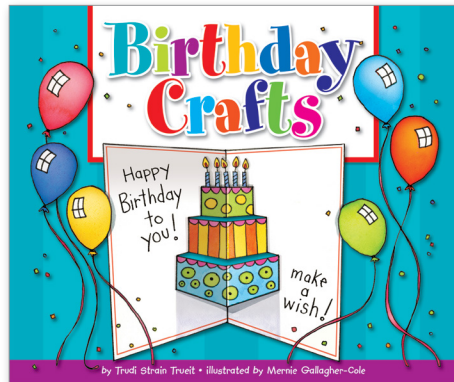
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Drawing Tips


You've learned about sea creatures. You're almost ready to draw them. But first, here are a few drawing tips:

Every artist needs tools. To learn how to draw sea creatures, you will need:

- Some paper
- A pencil
- An eraser
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils, or watercolors (optional)

Anyone can learn to draw. You might think only some people can draw. That's not true. Everyone can learn to draw. It takes practice, though. The more you draw, the better you will be. With practice, you will become a true artist!





Everyone makes mistakes. This is okay! Mistakes help you learn. They help you know what not to do next time. Mistakes can even make your drawing more special. It's all right if you draw the fish's fins too big. Now you've got a one-of-a-kind drawing. You can erase a mistake you don't like, too. Then start again!

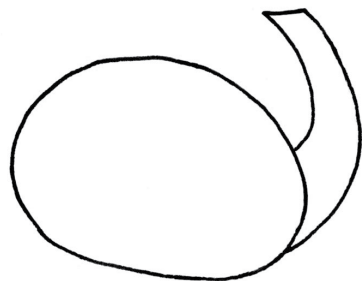
Stay loose. Relax your body before you begin. Hold your pencil lightly. Don't rest your wrist on the table. Instead, move your whole arm as you draw. This will help you make smooth lines. Press lightly on the paper when you draw or erase.

Drawing is fun! The most important thing about drawing is to have fun. Be creative. They don't have to look exactly like the pictures in this book. Try changing the size of the scales. You can also use markers, crayons, colored pencils, or watercolors to bring your sea creatures to life.

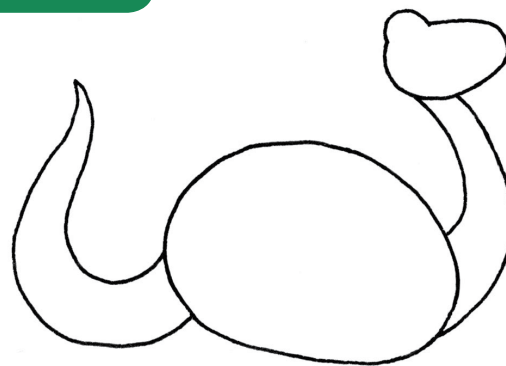


Dragon

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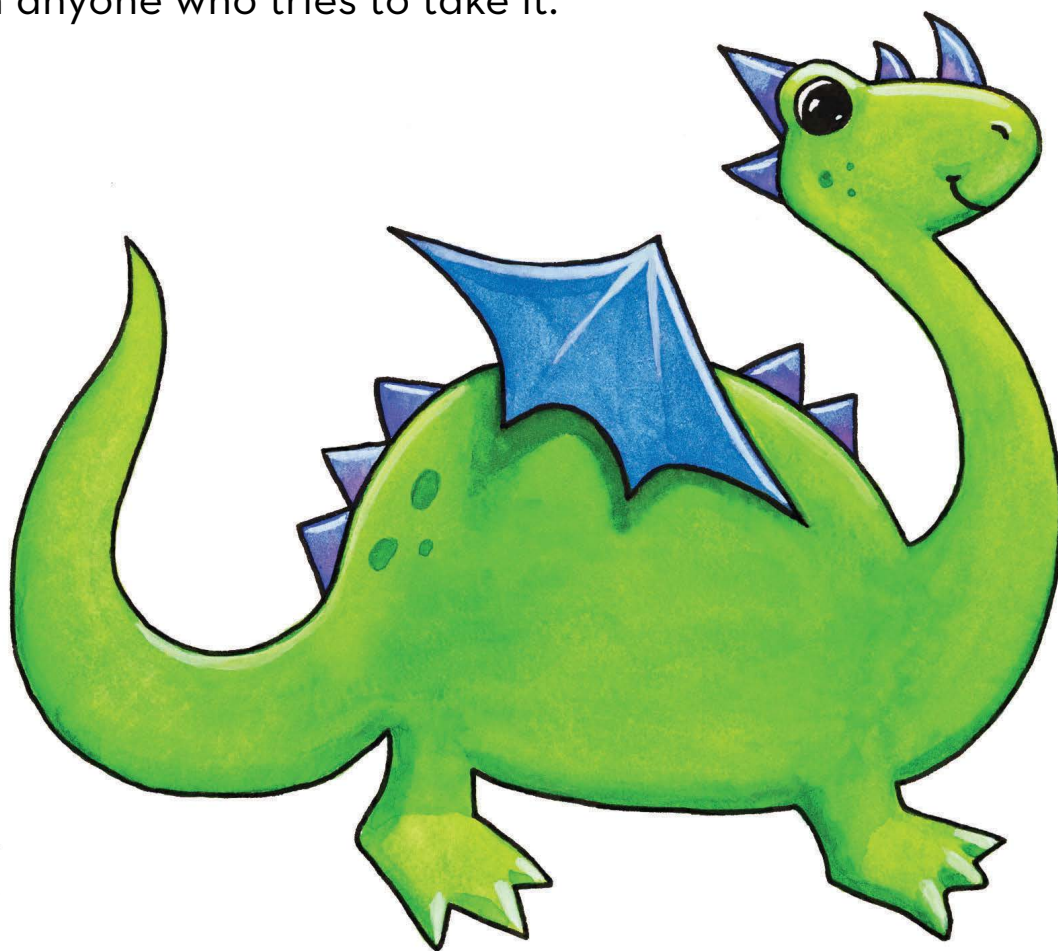
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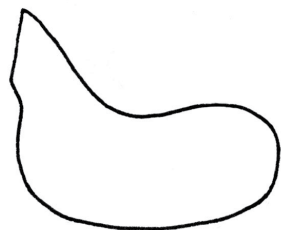


A dragon has wings and a forked tongue. It might have scales on its body, too. A dragon guards its treasure and breathes fire on anyone who tries to take it.

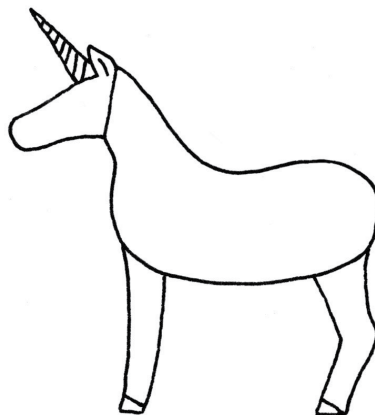


Unicorn

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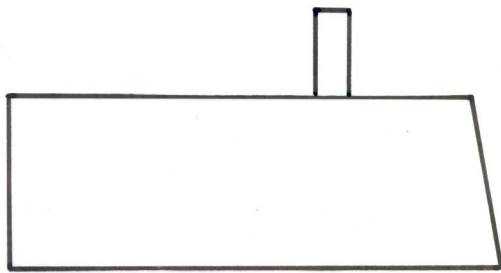


A unicorn is a beautiful, white, horse-like creature. It is best known for the horn on its head. A unicorn has **cloven hooves**. Male unicorns have beards.

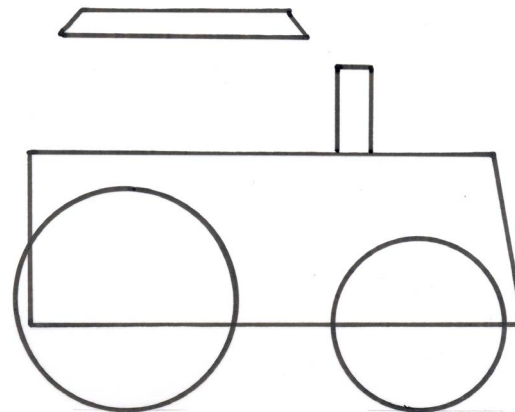


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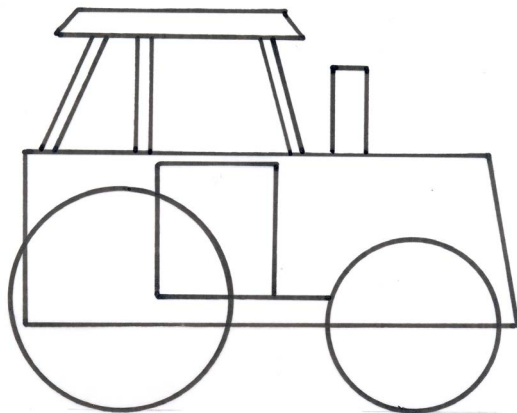
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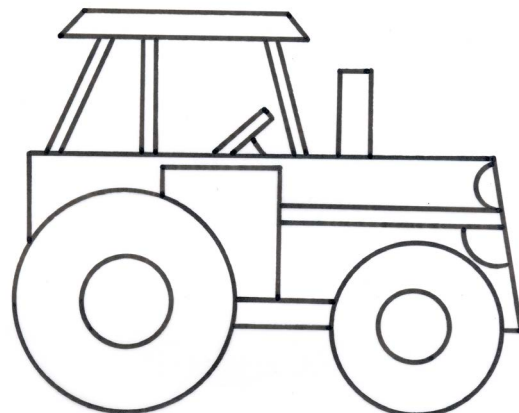
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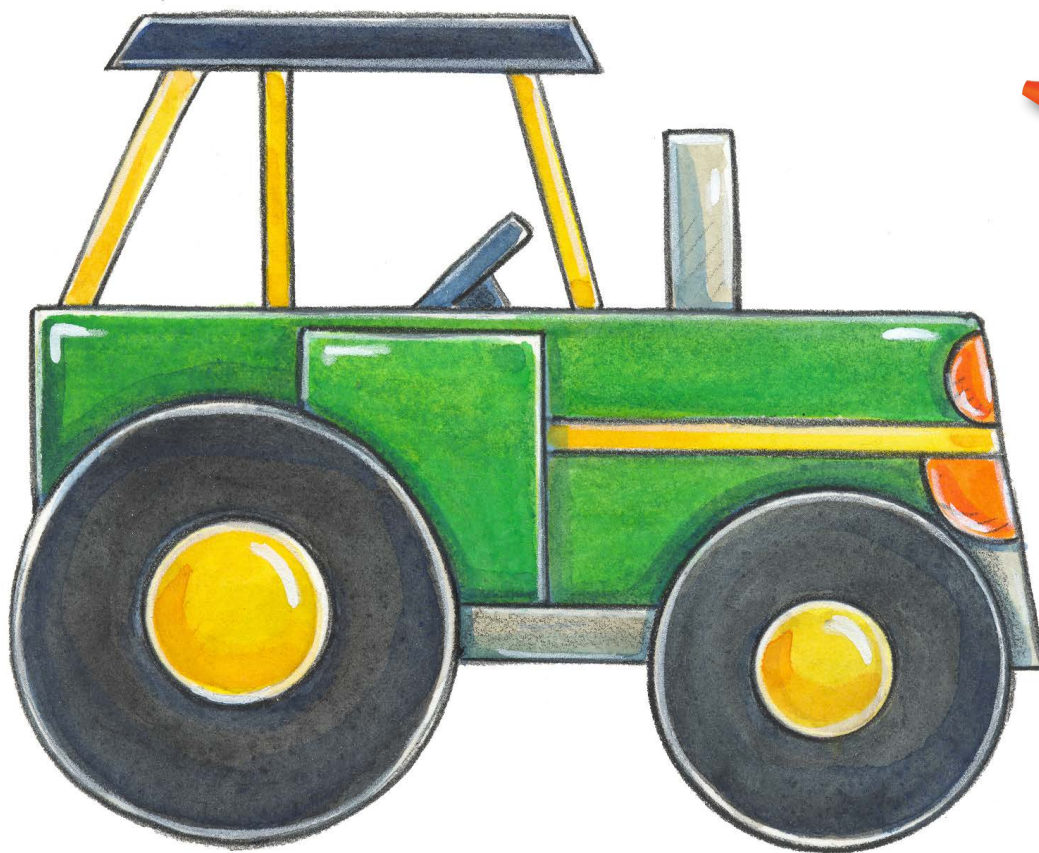
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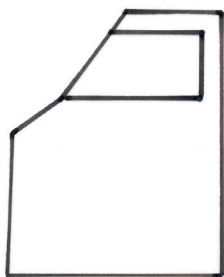


There are many kinds of tractors. They come in several colors. Tractors can be green, black, red, or blue. Tractors often have small front wheels and big back wheels.

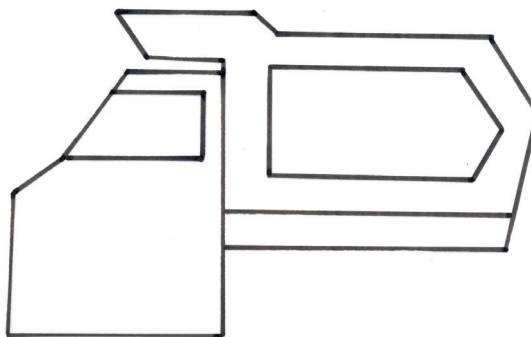


Dump Truck

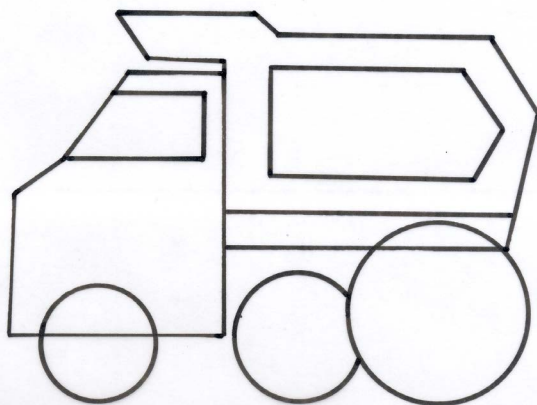
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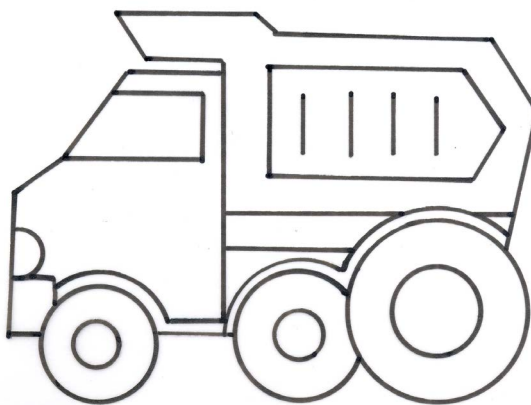
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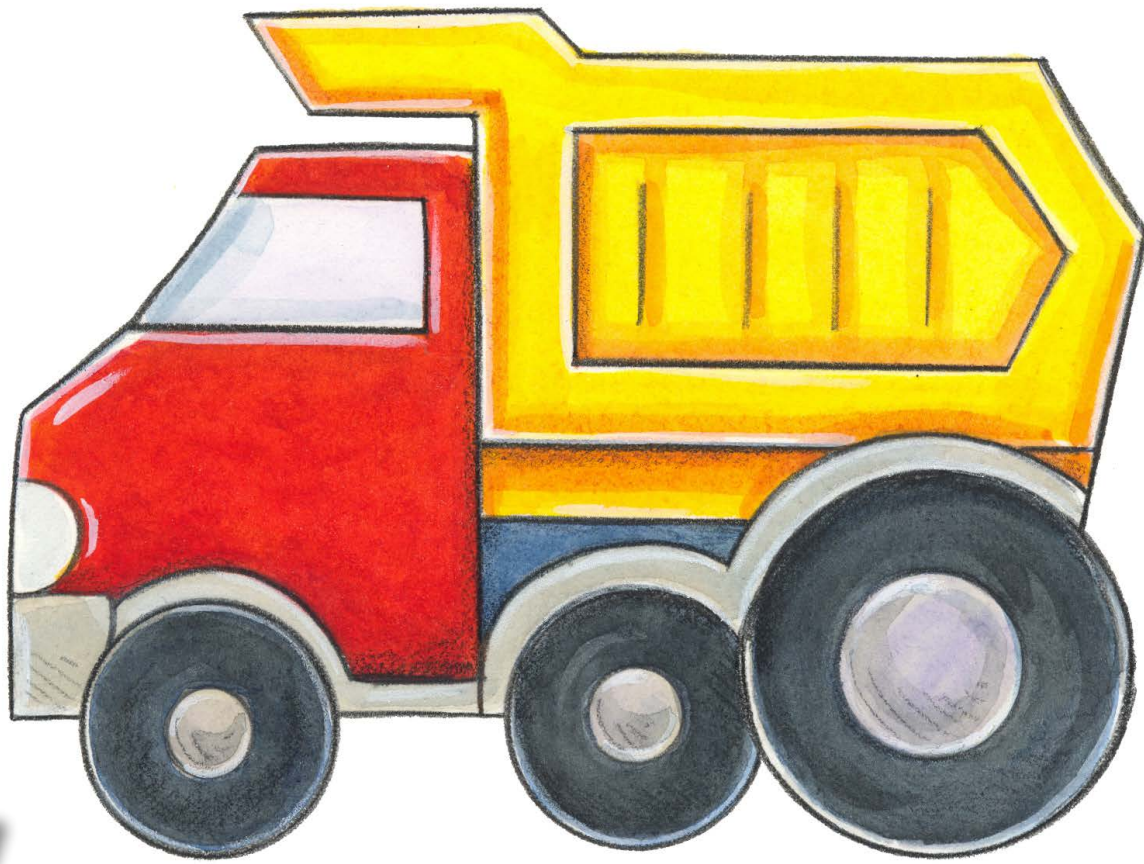
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A dump truck has an empty bucket on its back. This large bucket can carry heavy loads. The bucket tilts back to dump the load.



Building a Birdhouse

Helping birds is easy. You can build a birdhouse with materials from around the house. Turning old materials into something new is called repurposing. You will help birds with your new creation. You will also be helping the environment by using

repurposed materials. The carton you will use is being reused. You can use a rag or a piece of old fabric for the cloth. You can also use repurposed items to decorate your birdhouse.

Gather your materials. Then find a flat surface to work on. Cover the area with newspaper to help keep it clean. As you work, make sure you ask an adult for help when you need it. Let's get started!

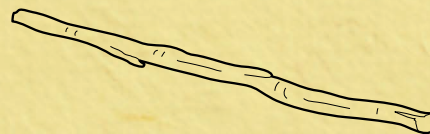
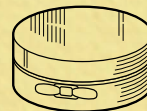
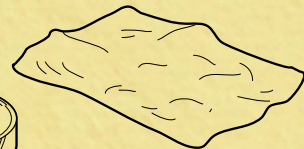
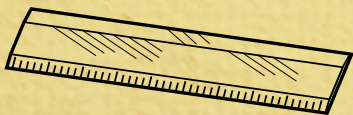
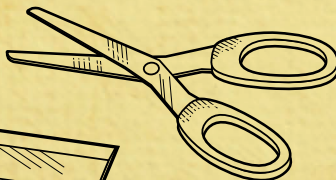
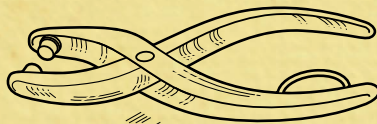
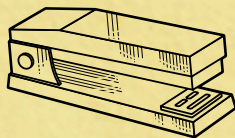
REPURPOSING

Using old materials makes it so you do not need to buy new things. It also means you do not need to throw away as much. When we throw things away, it takes work to make them into usable objects again. And many things cannot be remade. These objects are put into **landfills**. The sites are bad for the environment.

MATERIALS

- ☐ Half-gallon milk carton
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Hole punch
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Roll of masking tape
- ☐ Cloth or rag
- ☐ Brown shoe polish

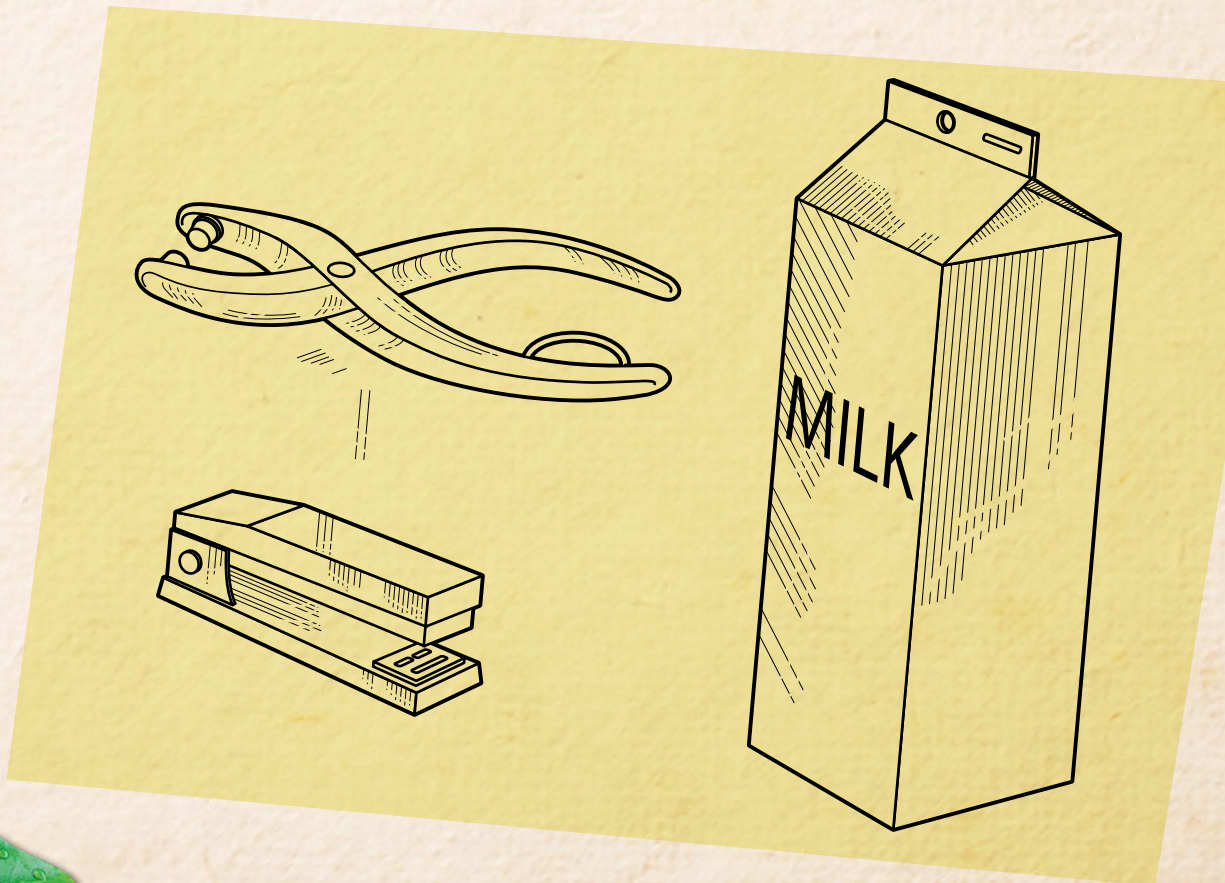
- ☐ Decorating materials, such as buttons, sticks, stickers, or pipe cleaners
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ 7-inch (18 cm) stick
- ☐ 1 foot (30 cm) of **twine**
- ☐ Handful of twigs, pine needles, bark, or grass



INSTRUCTIONS

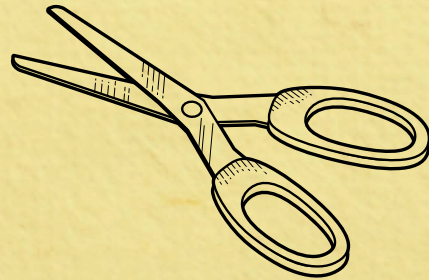
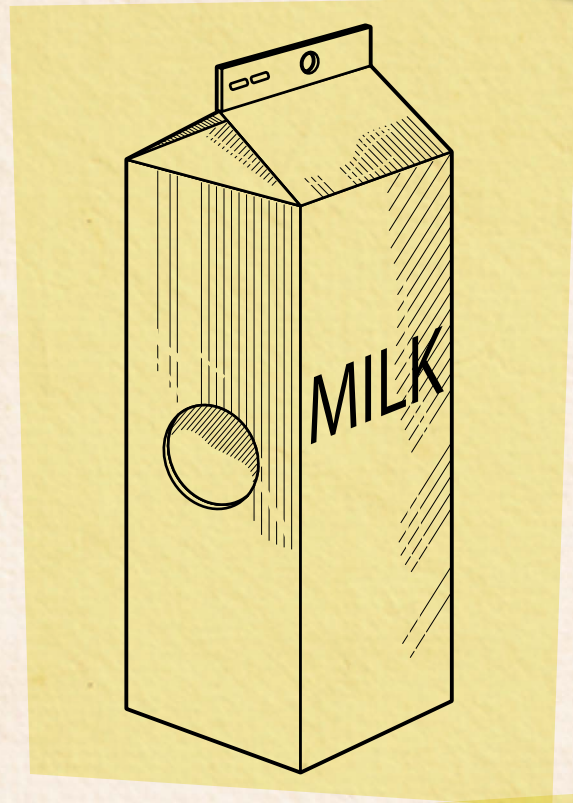
STEP 1: Empty the carton. Rinse it out with water. Once it is dry, close the top flap. Staple it shut.

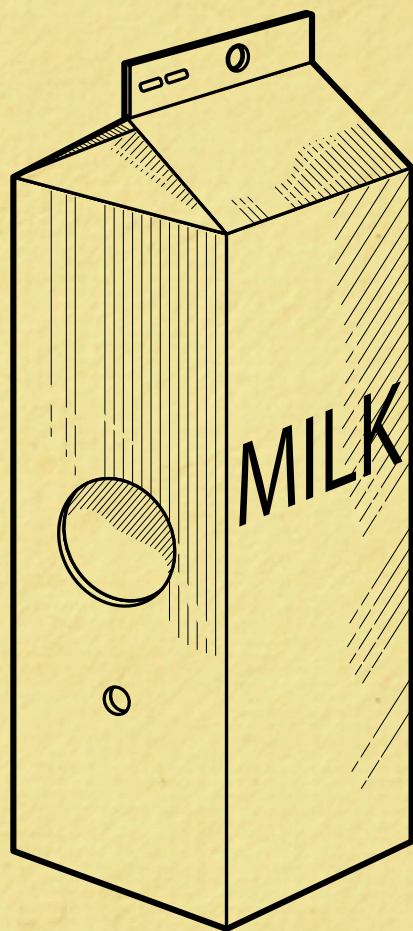
STEP 2: Take the hole punch. Make a hole in the center of the top flap.



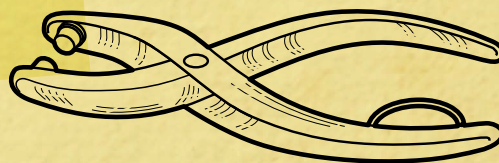
STEP 3: Turn the carton 90 degrees. The top of the carton should make an upside down Y shape.

STEP 4: Take your scissors. Cut a circular entrance into this side of the carton. Make sure the hole is the right size for the bird you researched. A good size for many birds is 1.5 inches (3.8 cm). The bottom of the opening should be about 4 inches (10 cm) from the bottom of the carton. Use your ruler to check.

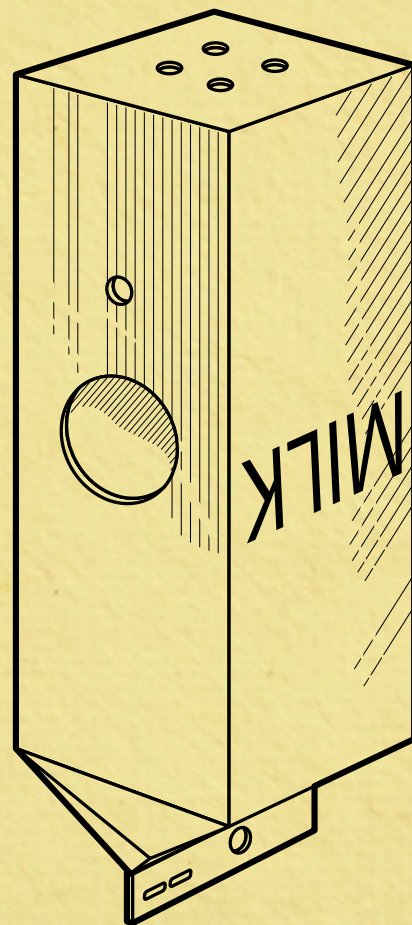
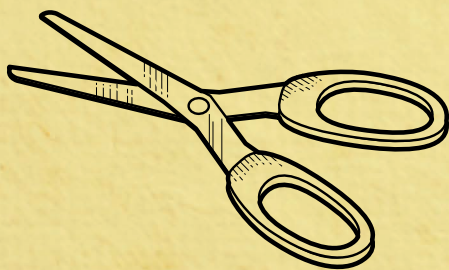




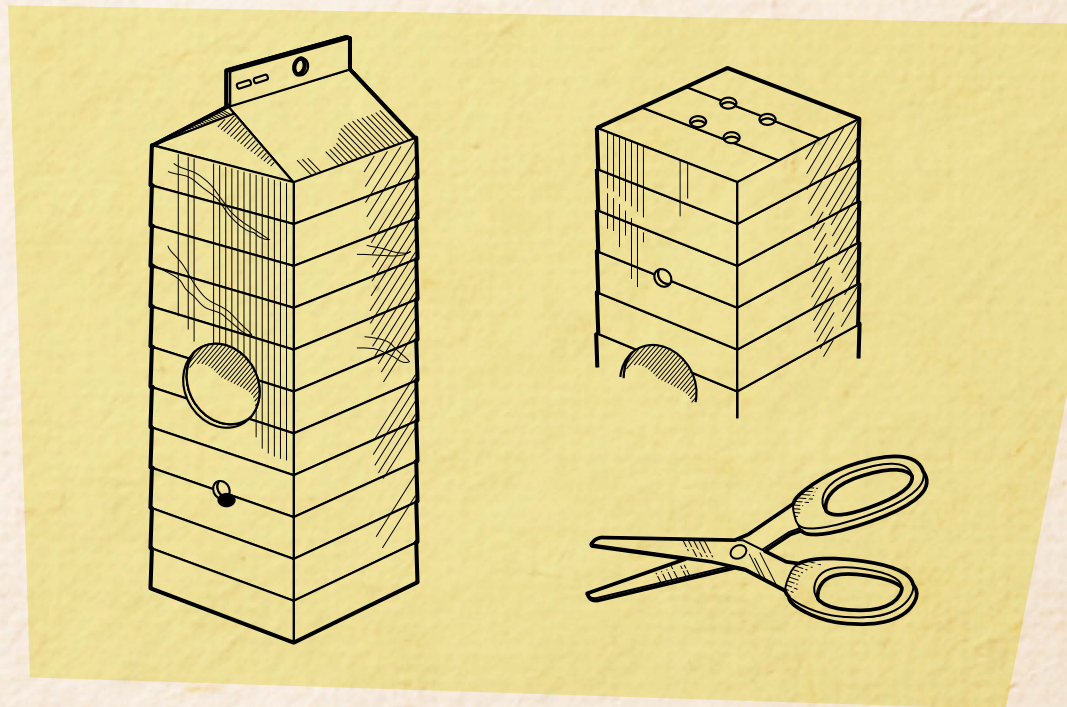
STEP 5: Use the hole punch to make a hole .5 inches (1.3 cm) below the opening. On the opposite side of the carton, make another hole. You will need to use the scissors for the second hole. Make sure the holes line up. The holes should be big enough for the stick to fit through.



STEP 6: Turn the carton upside down. Use the scissors to make four small holes in the bottom of the carton. These will keep water from collecting in the bottom of the birdhouse. Rain that falls into the carton will drain out of the holes.



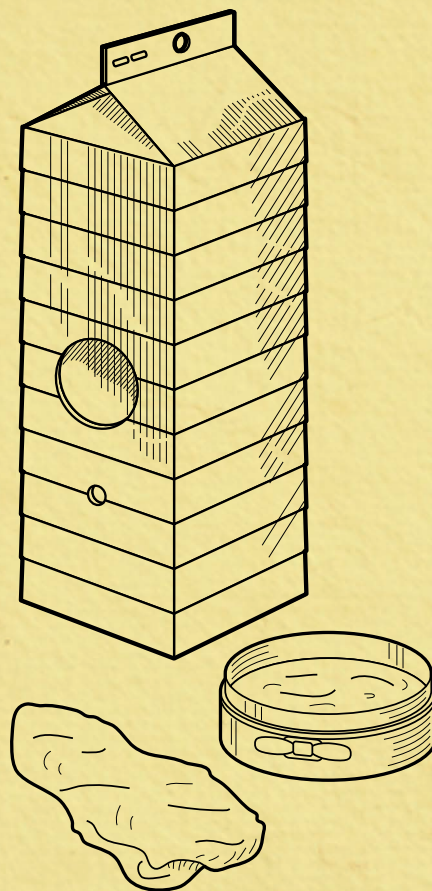
STEP 7: Now it is time to decorate the birdhouse! Cover the carton with strips of masking tape. Place the strips side by side. The strips can overlap. When you get to the big opening, wrap the ends of the tape around the edges. After the carton is covered, use scissors to poke through the smaller holes.



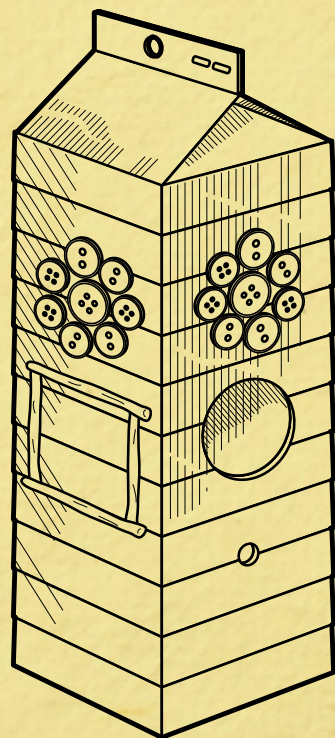
STEP 8: Take the cloth. Use it to rub shoe polish over the tape. Let the carton dry. The tape and shoe polish will help the carton last longer. They will also make the birdhouse look more like a home.

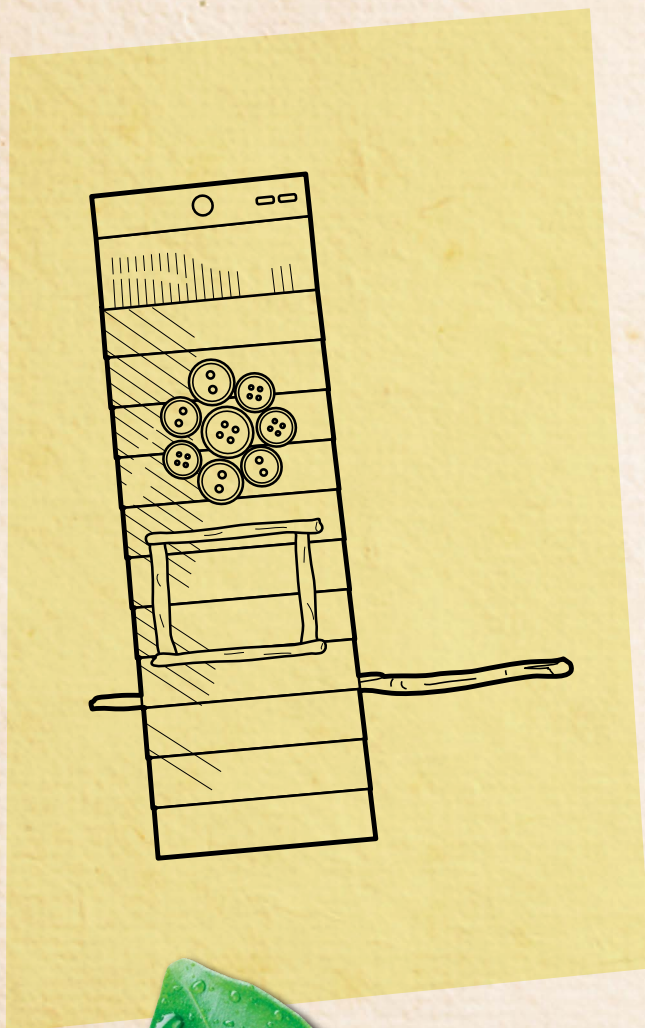
GETTING CREATIVE

If you do not have brown shoe polish, you can use other materials to decorate your birdhouse. Try using strips of duct tape. It comes in many colors and patterns. You can also add shiny decorations. These attract birds.



STEP 9: Use your other materials to decorate more. Add buttons to make flowers on the carton. Or use sticks to make windows. You may need to use glue.





STEP 10: Insert the stick into the hole below the opening of the carton. Feed the stick through to the other hole. The birds will use the stick as a **perch**.

NO YARD? NO PROBLEM!

Some houses or apartments do not have yards. Or you might not have trees in your yard. Have an adult place a plant hook on a deck or outside a window. Then hang your birdhouse from the hook.

KEEPING BIRDS SAFE

Try to hang your birdhouse at least 5 feet (1.5 m) off the ground. This helps keep other animals away. Birds must watch out for cats, possums, and squirrels.

STEP 11: Find twigs, pine needles, bark, or grass from the area.

Place them in the bottom of the birdhouse. These items can help birds start their nests.

STEP 12: Find a place outside to hang your birdhouse. Pick a spot you can easily see. Take the twine. Cut off a piece.

Make sure it will be long enough.

Thread the twine through the hole in the top of your birdhouse.

With an adult's help, use the twine to hang the birdhouse.

STEP 13: Birds use birdhouses to raise their young. Birds do not like to use the same nest more than once. After birds are finished nesting in your birdhouse, you can build a new birdhouse.



Building a Neighborhood Library

Do you love books? Do you enjoy making things? Or do you want to help the environment? Then this is the project for you!

Read through all the steps before starting your project. Gather your materials. Use as many recycled items as possible. Find old scrap pieces of wood. Reuse nails. Use leftover paint from other projects. Then, find a flat surface to work on. An old table or workbench works well. Ask an adult for help when you need it. Let's get started!

WHERE TO PUT YOUR LIBRARY

Before you start making your library, think about where you might put it. You can set it on your porch. You can put it on a small table in your yard. Maybe a neighborhood park or school has a good spot. Make sure you get permission before you put your library in a public place.

MATERIALS

- 4 pieces of 5-inch (13 cm) thick
plywood cut to 10 x 10 inches
(25 x 25 cm)

- ☐
- Wood glue

- ☐
- Pencil

- 20 1.5-inch (3.8 cm) nails

- ☐ Hammer

- ☐ 2 pieces of .5-inch (1.3 cm) thick plywood cut to 10 x 11 inches (25 x 28 cm)

- ☐ Ruler

- ☐ 2 hinges

- ☐ 4 to 6 .5-inch (1.3 cm) nails

- ☐ Sandpaper

- ☐ Old rag or cloth

- ☐ Drop cloth or newspaper

- ☐ Paint

- ☐ Stir stick

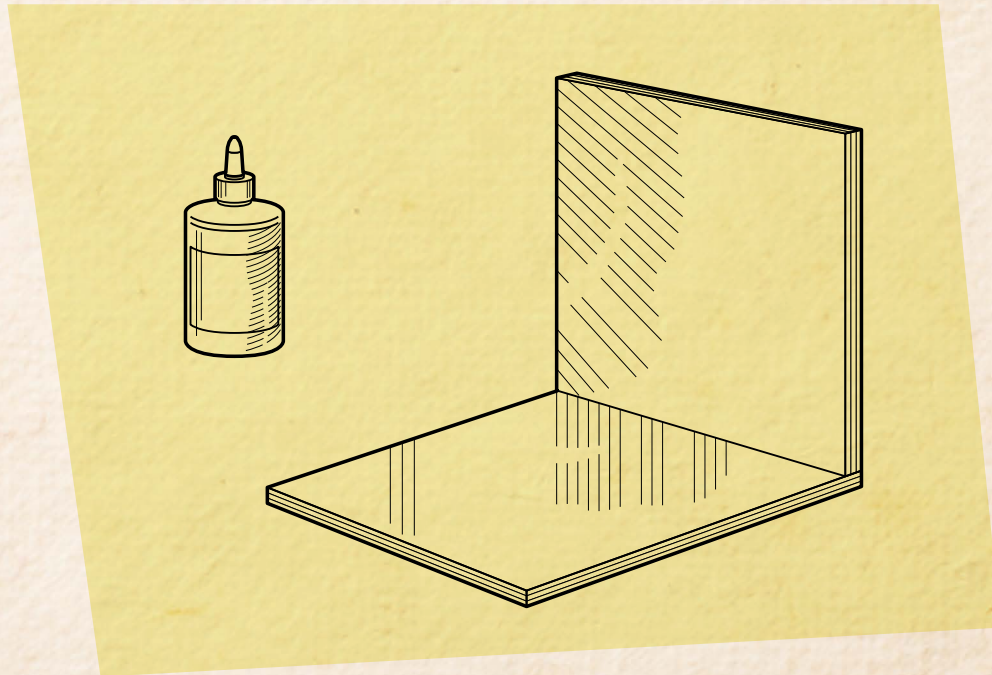
- ☐ Paintbrush

- Hook and eye set

- ☐ Varnish or sealant

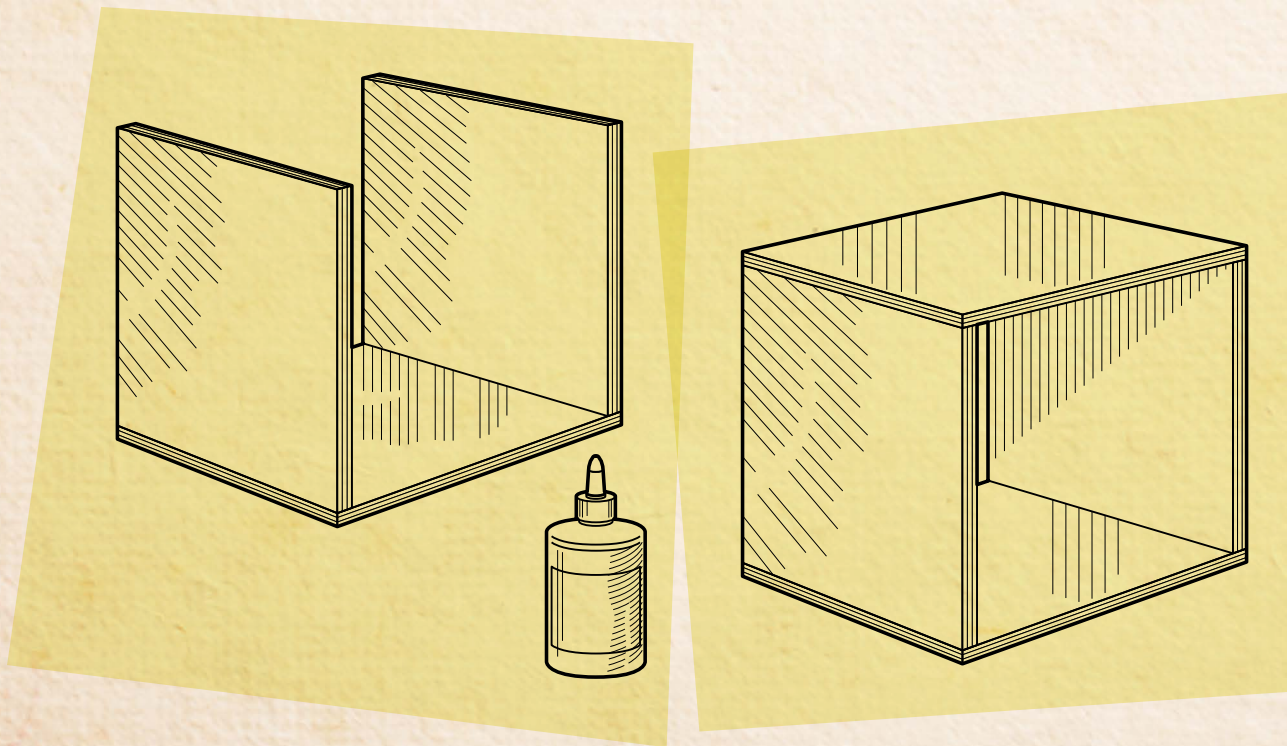


STEP 1: Take two pieces of 10-inch (25 cm) square plywood. Stand one upright and lay one down. Add a thin line of wood glue down one edge of the upright piece. Be careful not to use so much that it drips. Press the glued edge down onto the plywood that is lying down. The upright piece should stand along the edge of the piece lying down. Together, they should form an L shape.



STEP 2: Add glue to an edge of a third piece of 10-inch (25 cm) square plywood. Press the glued edge onto the other side of the L. Now you will have a U shape. Let the glue dry.

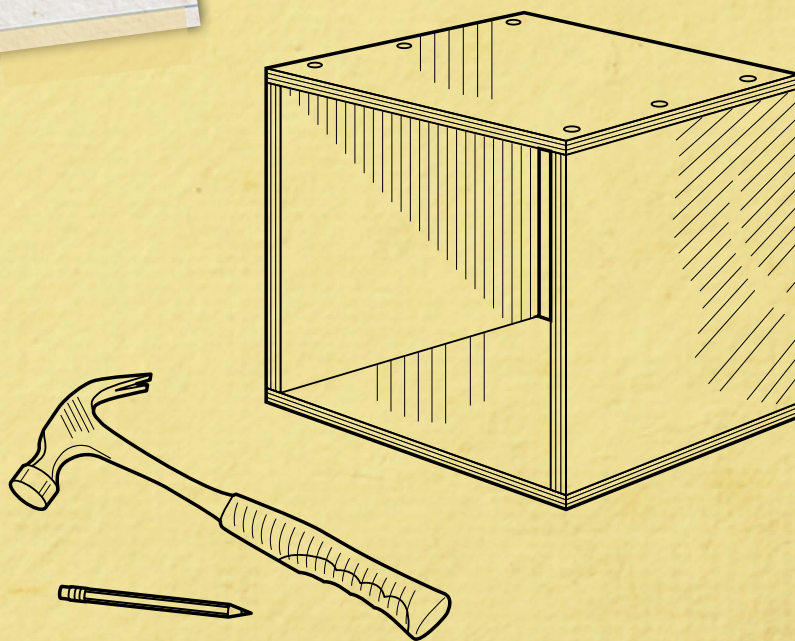
STEP 3: Add glue along the top edges of your U shape. Press the fourth piece of 10-inch (25 cm) square plywood to the glued edges. This will create a box shape. Let the glue dry.



HAMMER TIME

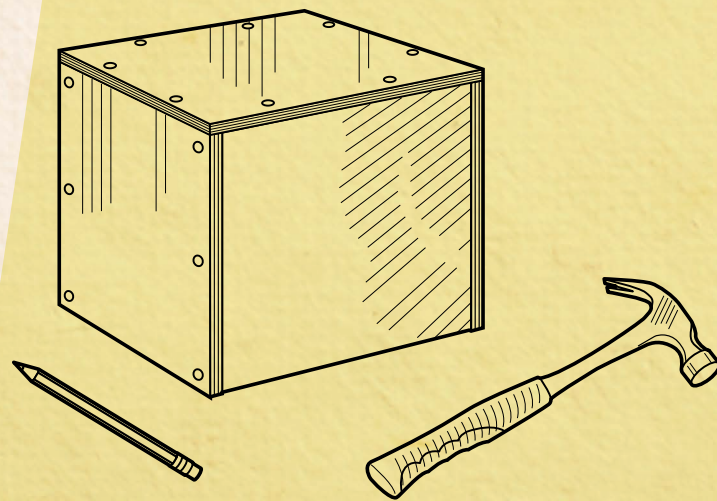
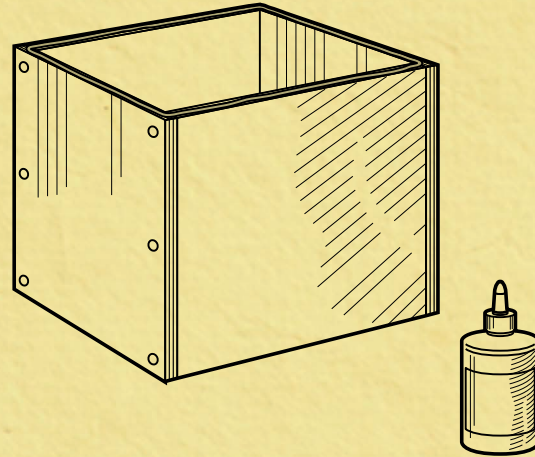
Hammering nails can be tricky. You might need an adult's help. Practice using a hammer with scrap wood and nails. Hold it where you feel most in control. Place the nail straight with your other hand. Line up the hammer over the nail. Start tapping on the head of the nail.

STEP 4: Use nails to make the joints stronger. Stand the box on one side. Take the pencil. Mark three spots along each edge. Carefully hammer a nail into each spot. Do this on each side. You will hammer in 12 1.5-inch (3.8 cm) nails total.

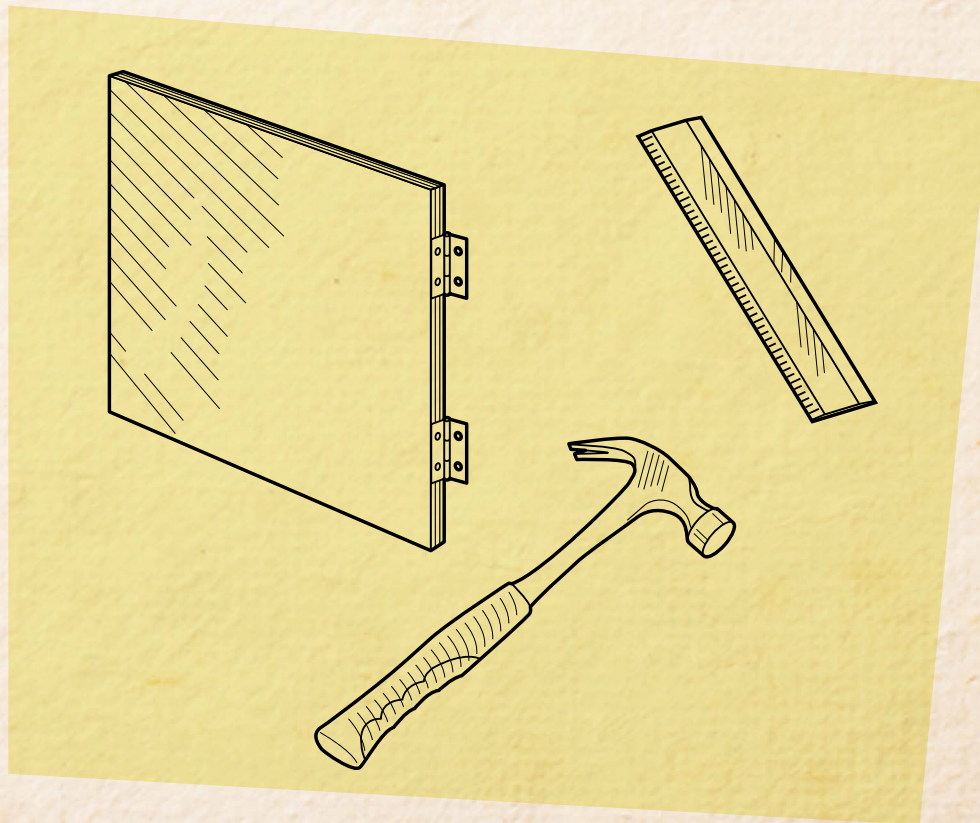


STEP 5: Lay down the box so that one of the open sides is facing up. Put glue around all four edges. Line up one of the 10- by 11-inch (25 by 28 cm) pieces of plywood with the edges of your box. Lay it down and press. Let the glue dry.

STEP 6: Mark eight spots evenly around the four edges. Carefully hammer a 1.5-inch (3.8 cm) nail into each spot.

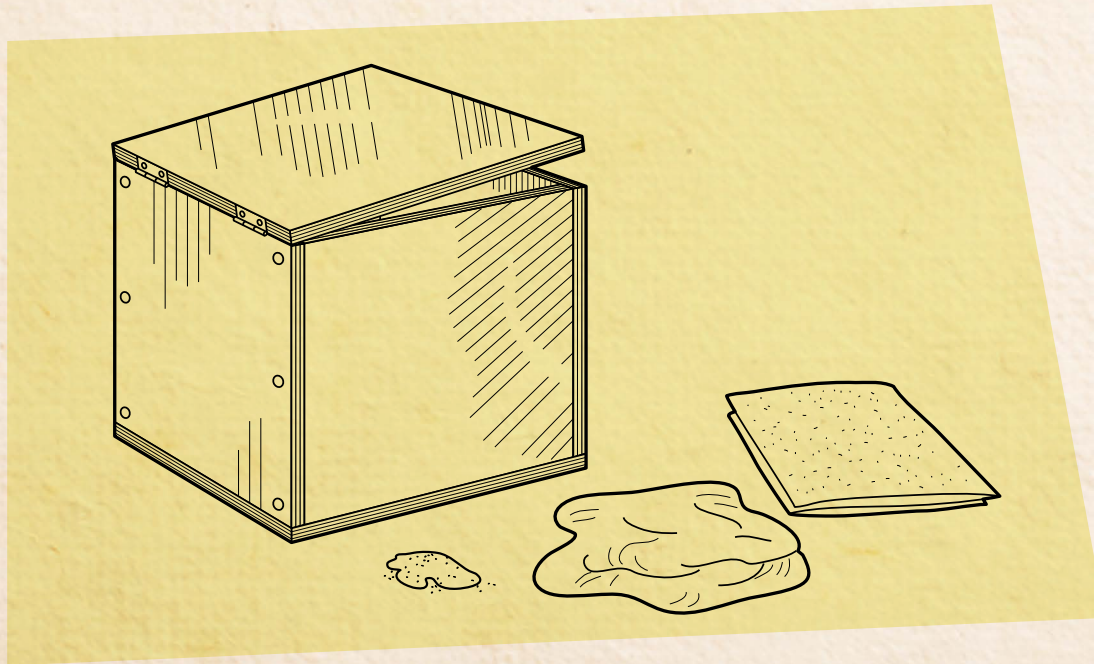


STEP 7: Have an adult help you hold the last piece of wood upright on its 11-inch (28 cm) edge. Place a hinge along the right edge 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the top. Hold the hinge in place and tap .5-inch (1.3 cm) nails into the holes. It might take two or three nails. Add another hinge along the same edge 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the bottom. Nail the second hinge into place.



STEP 8: Make sure the open side of the box is facing up. Place the piece of plywood with hinges on top of the box. Have an adult help you hold the door in place. The open halves of the hinges will fasten to the edge of the box. Hold each hinge in place. Tap .5-inch (1.3 cm) nails into the holes.

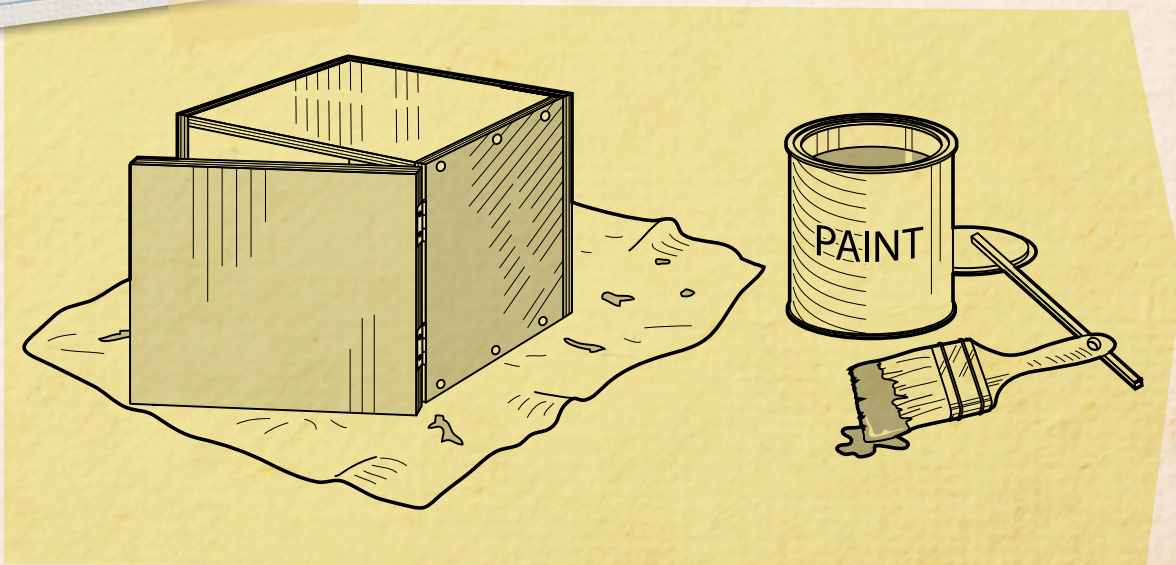
STEP 9: Use sandpaper to sand your library. Sand the inside and outside. This will make the library smooth. Wipe off the dust with a rag or cloth.



MAKE IT YOUR OWN

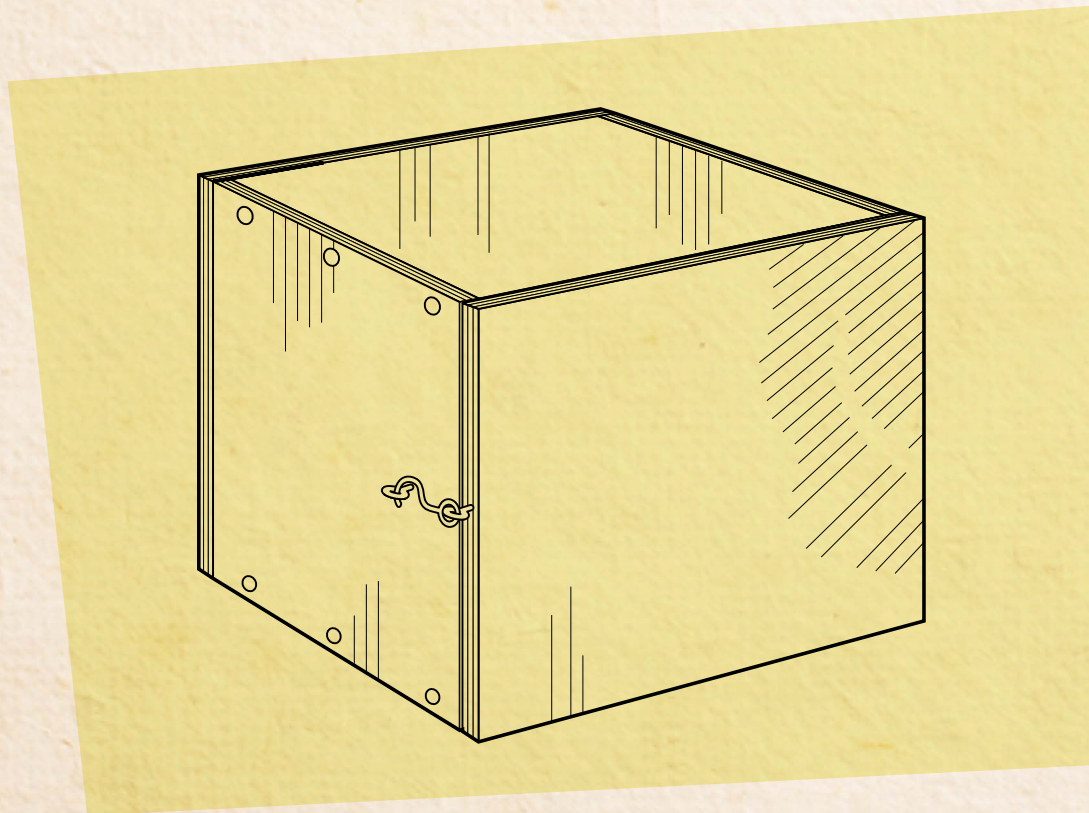
Time to get creative! You can paint a picture or a scene on the sides of your library. You could paint a favorite animal or superhero. Or you could glue on other recycled materials to dress it up. Twigs, sticks, stickers, bottle caps, mirrors—there are so many choices!

STEP 10: Set your library on a drop cloth or sheets of newspaper. Mix the paint with a stir stick. Use the paintbrush to paint the library. You can paint the outside and the inside. You can also paint with more than one color. But rinse off the brush between using each color. Let the paint dry. Then, add a second coat.



STEP 11: Mark a spot halfway down the edge of the door. Make sure it is the edge without hinges. Screw the hook into place.

STEP 12: Use the hook to pull the door closed. Twist the eye into place on the wall. Make sure the hook can reach it. Latch the hook into the eye.



STEP 13: Your library is almost finished. You'll want to protect it from wind, rain, and snow. You can do this with varnish or

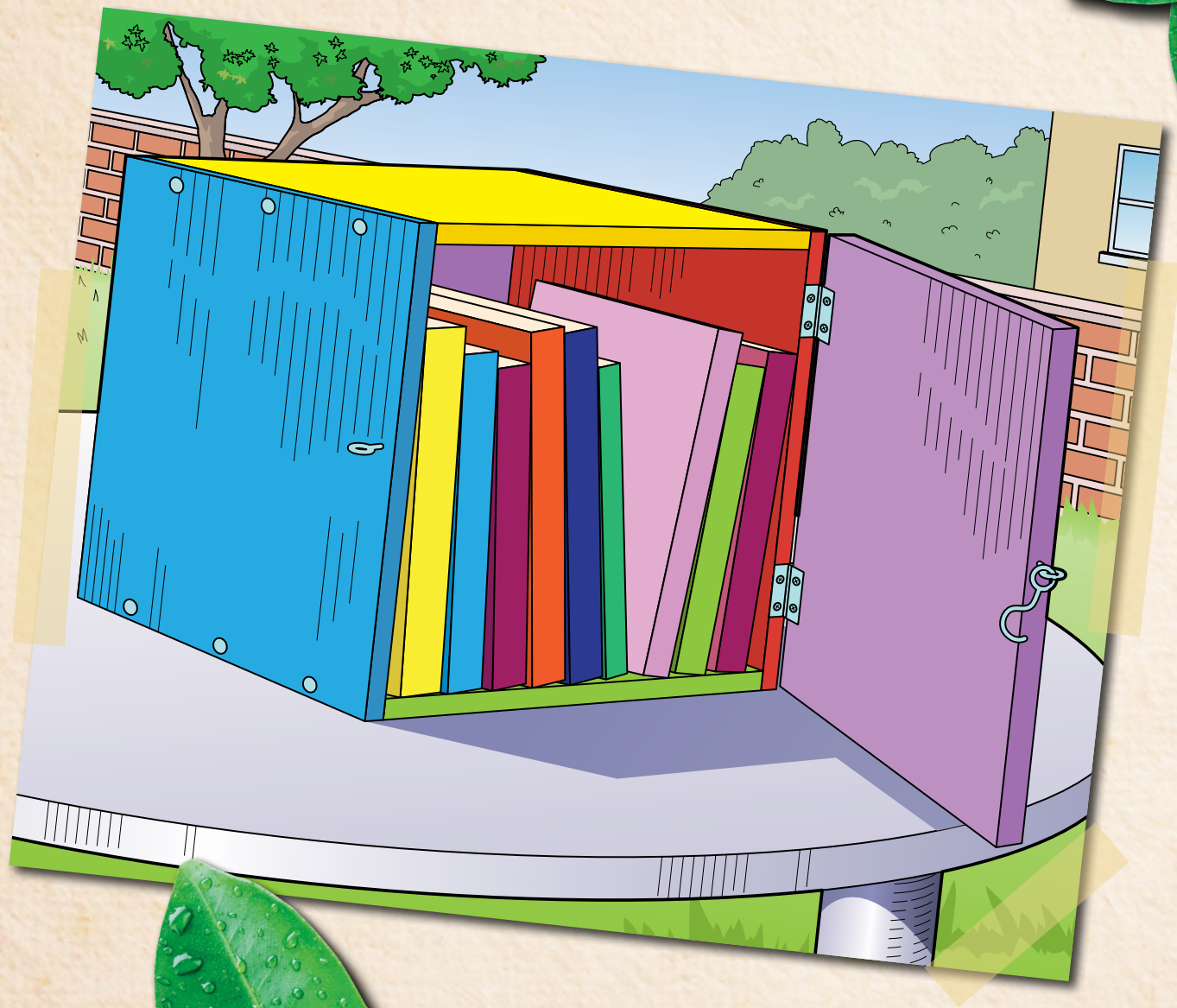
sealer. Use the paintbrush to seal all sides of your library. Let it dry. Paint a second coat of sealant. This will keep your library looking great.

STEP 14: Place your library in a place for your neighborhood to enjoy.

STOCKING UP

Search for books to fill your library. Do you have any books you no longer read? Ask friends or neighbors for some, too. You could also hold a book drive. Or have a fundraiser, such as a car wash. Use the money you raise to buy books from a thrift store.





Birthday Cake Pop-up Card

Americans buy 3.5 billion birthday cards every year! Handmade cards are **personal**. Pop-up cards are fun to give. They are also easy to make. Treat someone to this birthday surprise!

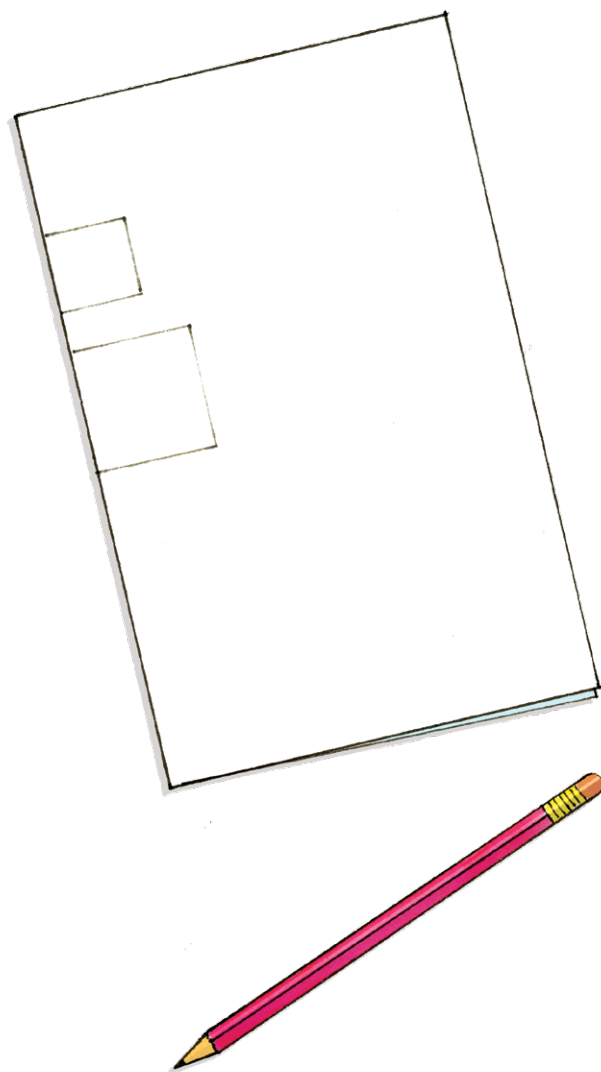
MATERIALS

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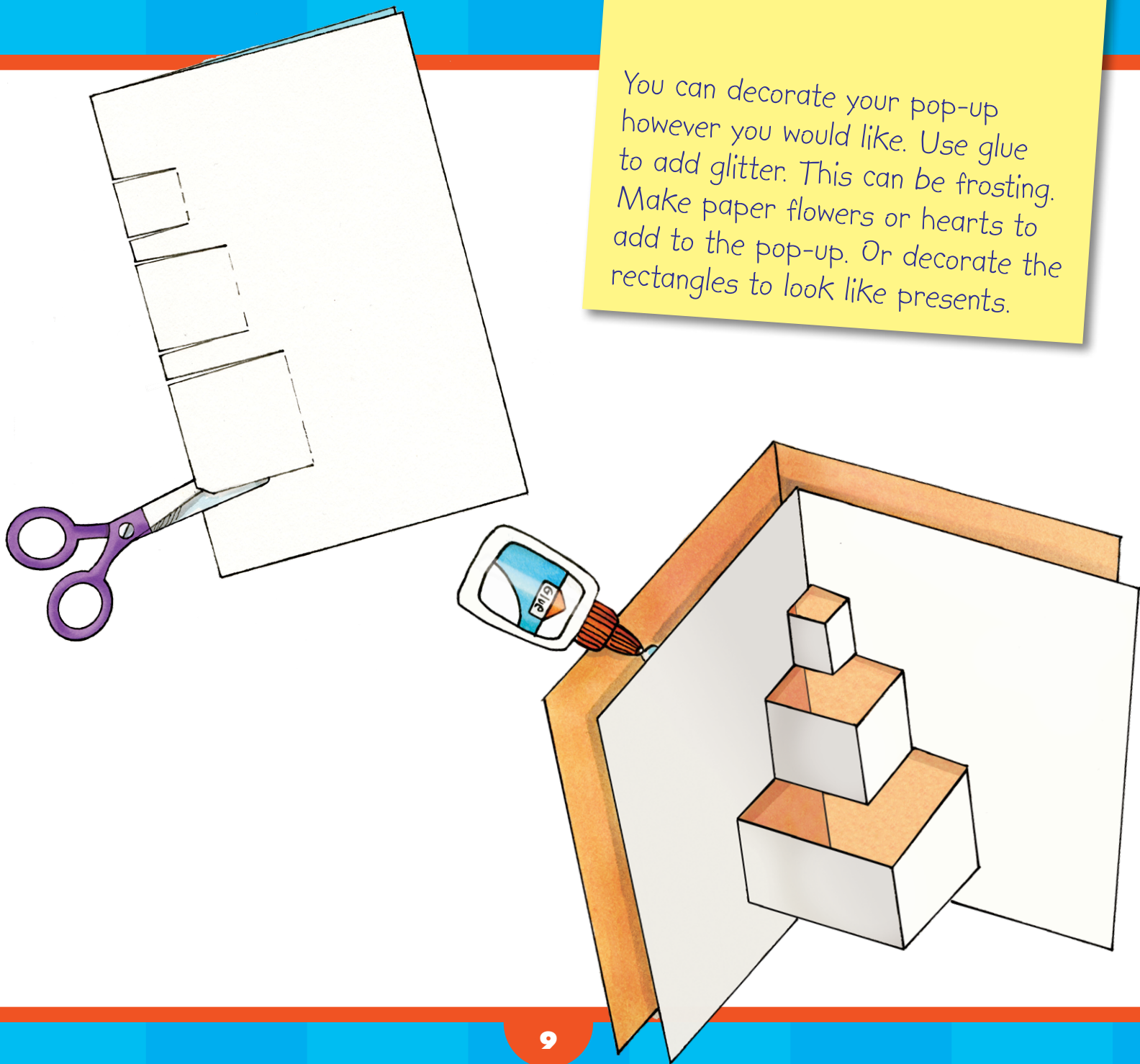
STEPS

- 1.** Take one sheet of white card stock. This will be the inside of the card. Fold the paper in half widthwise. Place the card on a table. The fold should face left. The card will open right to left.
- 2.** Make three rectangles on the folded white card stock. These will be cake layers. With a ruler, measure 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) from the top of the card. Draw three sides of a 1-inch (2.5 cm) by 1-inch (2.5 cm) rectangle with a pencil. The fold will be your fourth side.
- 3.** For the second rectangle, measure .5 inches (1.3 cm) below the first rectangle. Draw a rectangle 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) by 1.5 inches (3.8 cm). The fold will be the fourth side.



4. For the last rectangle, measure .5 inches (1.3 cm) below the second rectangle. Draw a rectangle 2 inches (5.1) by 2 inches (5.1 cm). Again, the fold will be your fourth side.
5. Turn the card so the fold is closest to you. The opening will now be facing away from you. Cut the two **vertical** lines of each rectangle with a scissors. Do not cut the **horizontal** lines. This will make your cake pop-up.
6. Open your card. Push each rectangle forward. Re-fold the card. Crease the sides of the rectangles. The rectangles will be folded inside the card.
7. Fold the colored sheet of paper widthwise. Glue it to the back of the white card. Do not glue down the pop-ups.
8. Take the other sheet of white card stock. Draw candles on it with colored pens. Cut out the candles. Glue the bottom of each candle to the inside of the top of the cake.
9. Add your greeting. **Decorate** the birthday cake and the card with pens.

You can decorate your pop-up however you would like. Use glue to add glitter. This can be frosting. Make paper flowers or hearts to add to the pop-up. Or decorate the rectangles to look like presents.

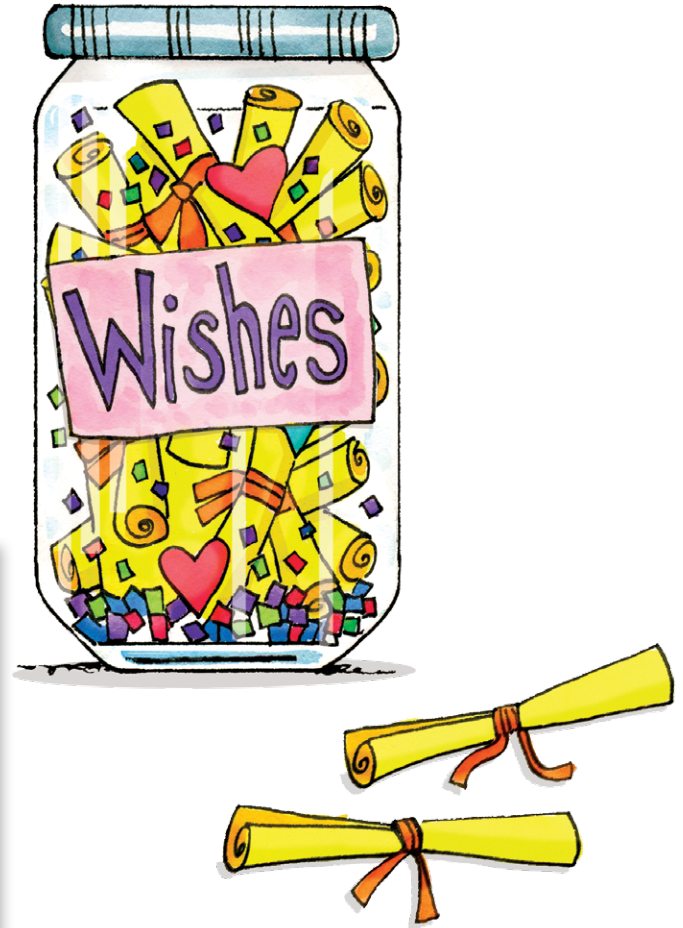


Wish Jar

What did you wish for on your birthday? Did it come true? Here's a fun party craft. It will get guests thinking about what they want. It may also get them thinking about things they can do to reach some of their goals. Sometimes, even wishes need a little help to come true.

MATERIALS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 cup (8 oz.) confetti | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One jelly jar and lid | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-yard fabric ribbon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pad of sticky notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Beads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent markers | <input type="checkbox"/> Masking tape |



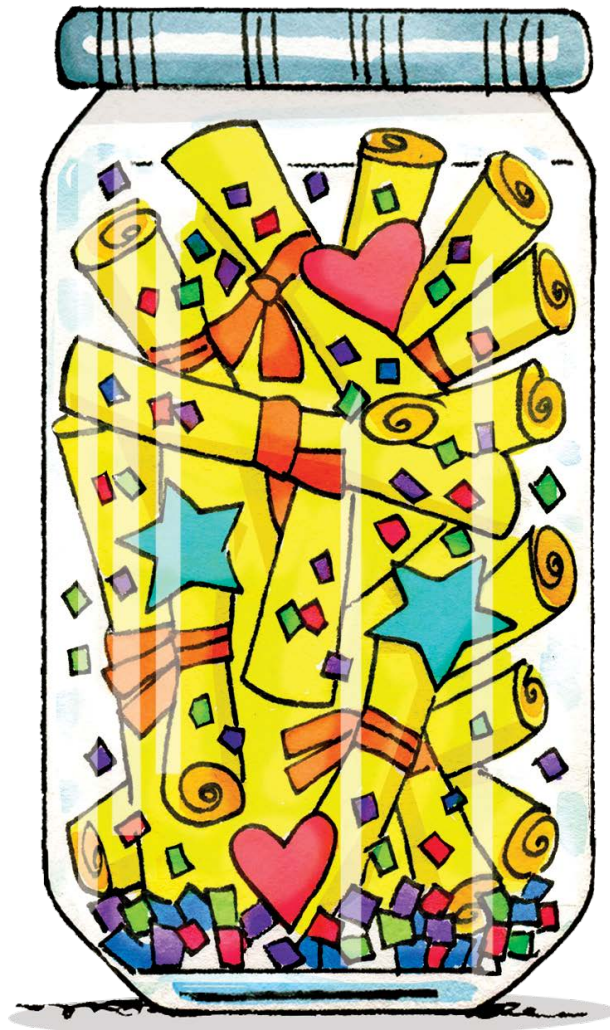
STEPS

1. Pour half the confetti into a jar.
2. Write down a wish on a sticky note using permanent marker. Maybe you want to learn something. Or maybe you want to make a new friend.
3. Pull the sticky note off the pad. Roll it up. Using a scissors, cut off a piece of ribbon. Tie your note up. Then place it in the jar.

This makes a great gift as a friendship jar. Instead of wishes, write down things you like about your friend. You might write "you tell funny jokes" or "you're a great singer." Your friend will love reading each note.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3. Make five to seven wishes.
5. Pour the rest of the confetti into the jar. Add beads. Screw on the lid. Gently shake your jar.
6. Place a strip of masking tape on the outside of the jar. Sign and date it with a marker. Put the wish jar where you will see it.
7. Open the jar on your next birthday. Carefully, take out your wishes. Shake out the confetti before lifting each one from the jar. Unroll your wishes. How many of them came true?



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