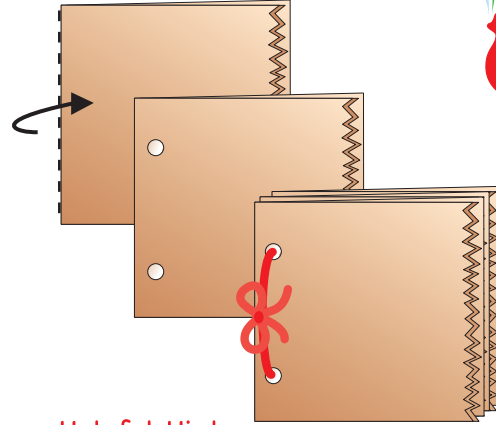
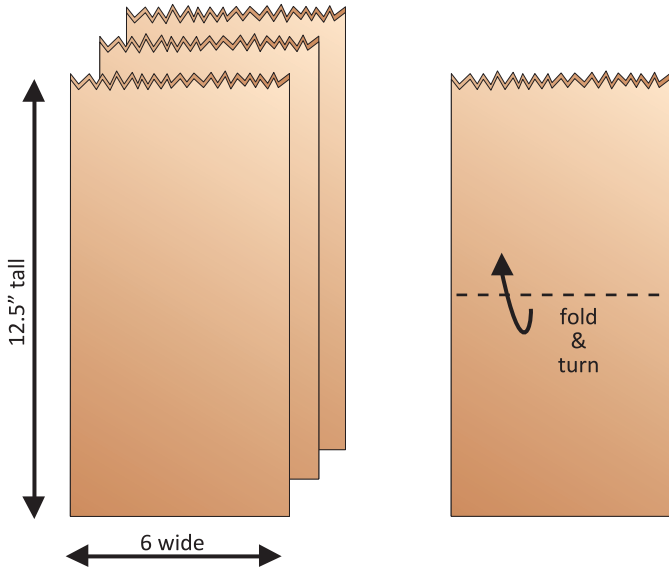


# How to Create Paper Bag Books with Pockets!

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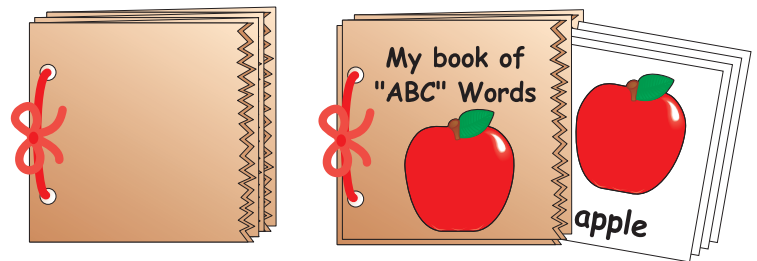
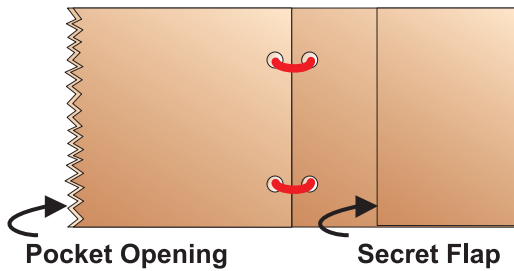


### Helpful Hint:

Punch the first bag and use a pencil to lightly trace the hole placement on the next two bags. Holes will line up easily.

1. Start with 3 brown paper lunch bags. Fold each bag in half and rotate it so the opening faces right. (Sizes may vary).

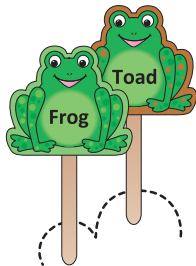
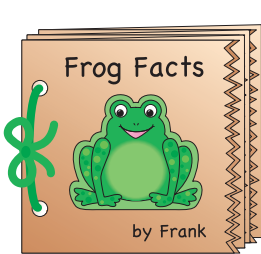
2. Punch 2 holes on the left edge of each bag so the holes line up. Tie together with yarn or raffia. Young children may need assistance with hole punching the bags.



3. Each bag will have one pocket opening and one secret flap (made from the bottom of the bag). It's fun to hide a special drawing or a secret message under the flap. You can glue down the flap if you prefer.

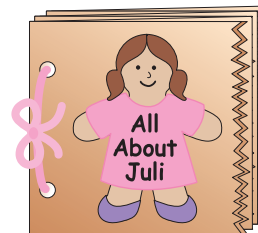
4. Ideas for things to put in the pockets:

- Stick Puppet Storytellers
- Paper Shapes
- A book within a book
- Fact Cards
- Leaf Rubbings
- Word Cards
- Field Notes
- Drawings



### What is your favorite?

- My favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_.
- My favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_.
- My favorite song is \_\_\_\_\_.
- My favorite game is \_\_\_\_\_.
- My favorite story is \_\_\_\_\_.
- My favorite TV show is \_\_\_\_\_.



### Materials

- 3 Lunch Bags
- 1/4" Hole Punch
- Yarn or Raffia
- Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Shapes Etc. Mini Notepads
- Shapes Etc Creative Cut-Outs
- Your Imagination!

### Fun Ideas

- Make leaf rubbings
- Iron leaves between two sheets of waxed paper or laminate
- Store leaves in the pockets
- How many leaves can you identify?

