

Creating Handmade books

Texture Word Book



Use materials with interesting textures to make a fun book for your baby or toddler. Use a watercolour pad, cardstock or Bristol board for your book. Leave the first page of your book for the cover. Cut your textured items into squares and glue them into the pages of your book. Print or Print out some text to add to your book; some texture vocabulary words, and a simple title.



Sensory Book



Use sheets of craft foam, but you might also use felt, fabric or thick card. A rainbow of colours looks gorgeous. Next you need to punch a couple of holes in each page, so you'll be able to fasten them together. And then you need to add some interesting sensory materials to each page. Include a range of textures so there are plenty of contrasts for your baby to feel. You can cut your materials into random or geometric shapes, numbers, or the letters of your child's name. Whatever you pick, superglue them on to the pages of the book so they are secure.



How to read with your baby

This is such a lovely book to share with your child. Babies are never too young to read with, but take cues from them to know how long to read for – little and often is great.

Snuggle together and explore the pages of the book. We can introduce the idea of looking at pages in turn, and holding the book the right way round, but relax and let your baby enjoy flipping the book if that's what they like. The main idea is to enjoy time together and introduce the idea that these book things are fun!

Chat together about the things you can see in the book. What colours, shapes and patterns are there? How does each page feel? Remember to not do all the talking yourself, but also pause and listen to what your baby has to say.

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Paper Bag Book



Use 3 paper bags, stack them all on top of each other with the open ends all at the same end and then folded them in half like one giant paper from top to bottom creating a little booklet. To secure them together use a stapler and put 3 staples parallel to the fold down the length of the book. A paper bag book made with 3 bags will create 3 little pockets on the edge of the book for hiding little notes or trinkets inside. Take a sheet of white cardstock and cut it up into 3.5" x 4" rectangles and then staple on bright colored ribbons to the narrow end of the rectangle creating a little pull tab for pages. On the pages glue on pictures, cutouts and/or have your child draw pictures to add.



Photo Album Book

Use a 4x6 plastic photo album (dollar store) and add alphabet letters with words, cut out pictures from magazines/flyers, pictures created by your child or pictures of a favourite outing, people in your child's life, favourite activities or pictures of the steps it took to create/make something (cooking, activity).

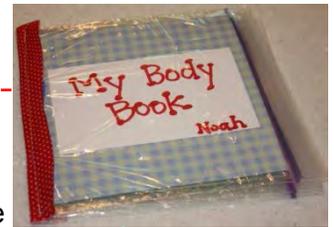


Ziploc Bag Book

Make a BOOK OUT OF...



Place two Ziploc bags on top of each other and use a tiny bit of tape to tape them together. Add each Ziploc individually, taping each as you go. Once you have all five, add a longer piece of tape just to secure. Cut your piece of scrap fabric the same length as the Ziploc bag. Fold it over, pin it, and sew a seam straight down. (Or you can just use duct tape to hold it all together). Now, mount your pictures on a paper cut just shy of 6"x6". Once all your pictures are mounted, slip the pages inside and "zip" them shut and you're done!



I Spy Book



Using a 4x6 plastic photo album have your child help you cut out small pictures of various objects/items then paste them on a index card. On another index card write 'I Spy....' then list the objects that are on the other cards and place them in the album on opposite pages across from one another. Repeat this several times to fill up your album with various I Spy pages.

Felt Book

Cut an 8x10 sheet of felt into 4 equal pieces to use as pages in your book. Cut out various shapes, letters, numbers or objects to cut or sew onto the pages. You can also buy various felt or material objects that you could use for your book. Using a permanent marker add words to your book to label the items or tell what is on each page. Bind your book pages together with yarn by cutting a small hole through the felt and feeding it through each page then tying a knot with a bow to keep them together. You can also sew the pages together.



Flap Books



For the pages of you book use Bristol board, material, felt, cardboard or cardstock. You can glue or sew real photo's, cut out pictures, pieces of material, objects (ex. foam pieces, stickers) and/or permanent markers to write text on the pages. Create flaps to cover the items/pictures with the same types of materials listed above. See various examples provided on this page as well as the below listed websites.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Make-a-Custom-Lift-the-Flap-Book-for-a-Toddler/>

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/10/homemade-lift-flap-book-nick-sharratt.html>

<http://www.dosmallthingswithlove.com/2012/04/diy-felt-flap-picture-book-for-baby.html>

