

Crafty Ideas: **Shaped Books**

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Shaped books of lullabies and animal stories

Children love to make shaped books to display the poems they have written, and to read them too.

You will need:

- Assorted card
- Plain paper
- Scissors
- A stapler
- Paints, crayons and felt pens

Use

Shaped books are quick to make and easy to link to a wide variety of themes. These could include animals, transport, buildings, ourselves, oceans, plants and flowers, and space... the sky's the limit!

Make

- Staple together three or four sheets of plain paper to form a landscape or portrait book (depending upon the shape that you are going to draw).
- If stronger covers are required, use card for the front and back.
- Draw the required shape, and ask children to illustrate and colour it OR Help the children to draw individual shapes to make their own books.
- Make sure that the shape fills the paper. Remove the excess, cutting all pages at once.
- To create the books, either ask children to write poems or rhyming words inside and decorate the pages, OR photocopy a poem and ask children to cut it out, stick it into their book and add illustrations.

Display

Shaped books can be attached to the walls but are best displayed on a table top so that children are free to investigate them.

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