

Making your first photobook

Aims: to use found photographs to tell a story, and to understand the term photobook

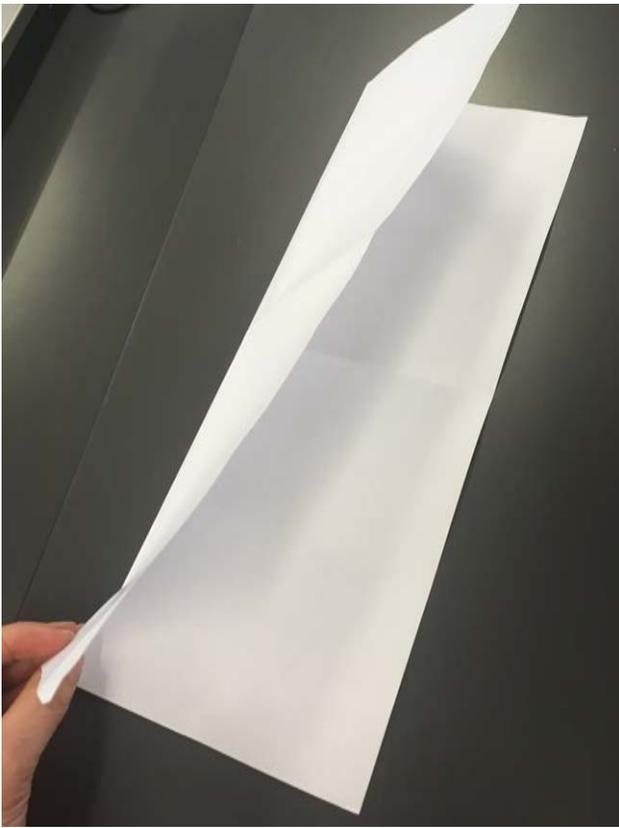
## Materials

You will need:

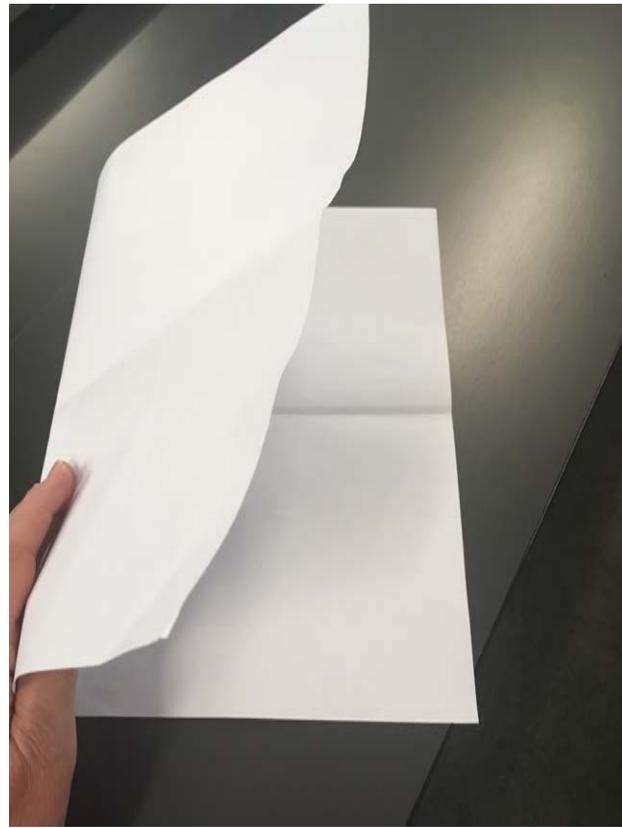
- ✓ One sheet of plain A3 paper
- ✓ Some old magazines, newspapers – anything with photos in, on fairly thin paper
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Ruler and pencil

Fold your piece of A3 paper to make a small book, following the instructions on the next two slides.

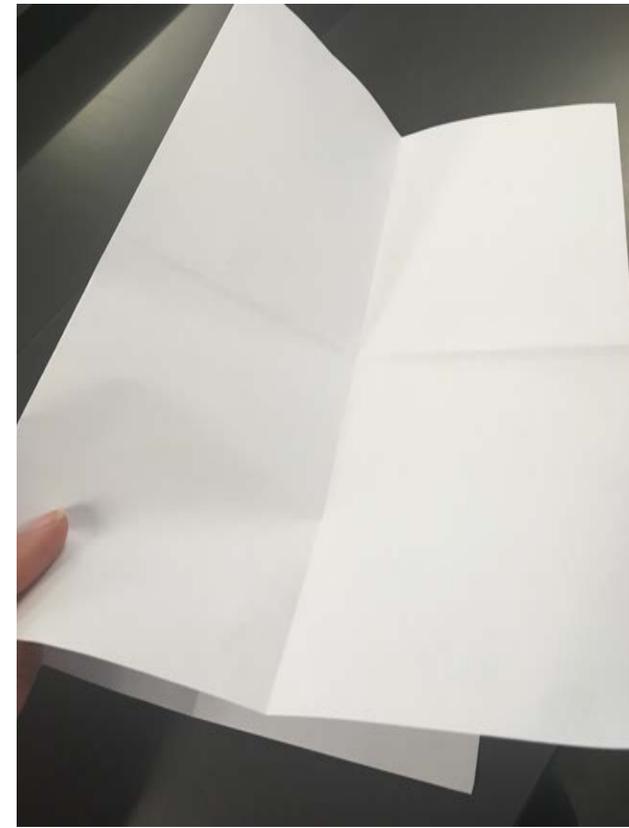
Take time to do this, carefully matching the corners so that all pages are equal.



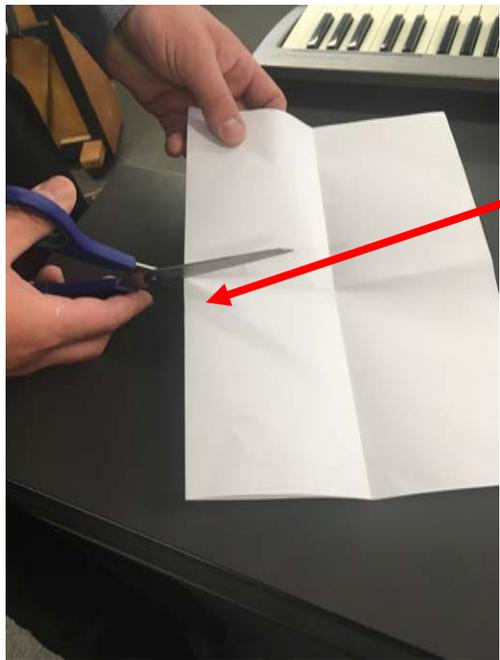
1. Fold paper in half lengthways



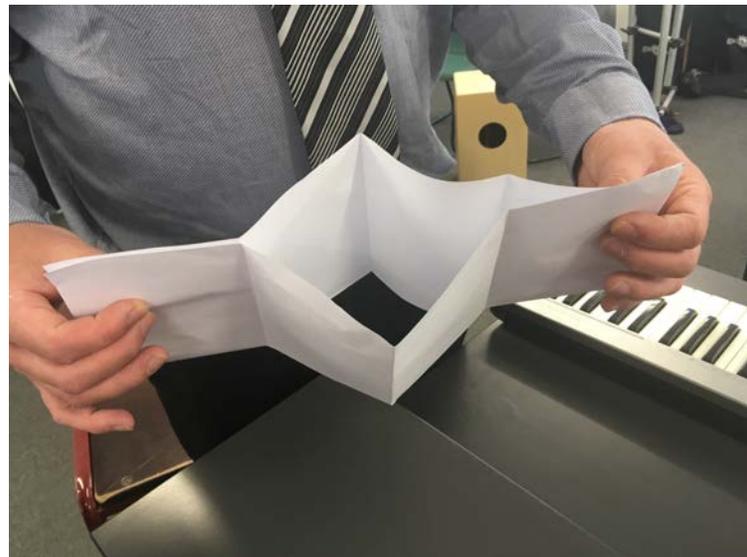
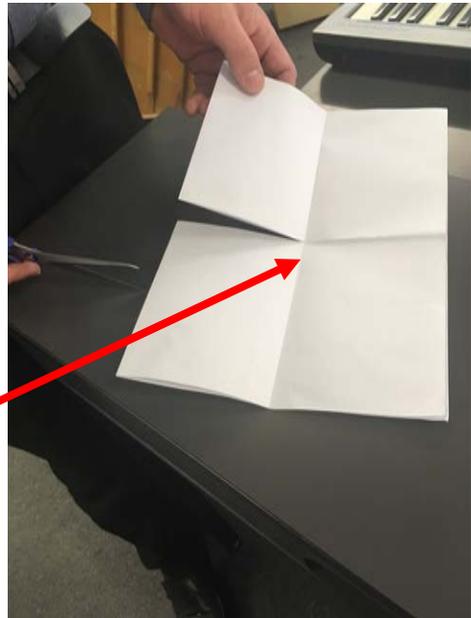
2. Fold paper in half width ways



3. And half again width ways

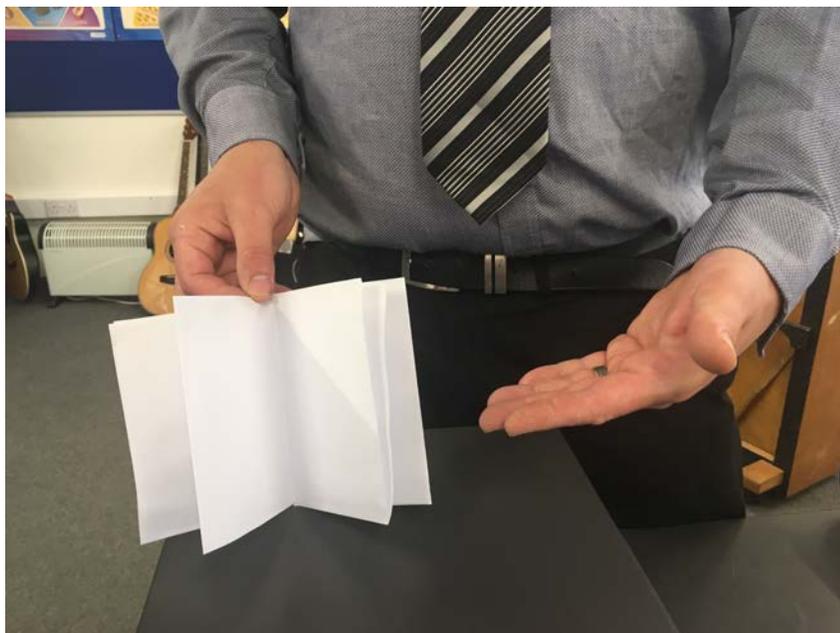
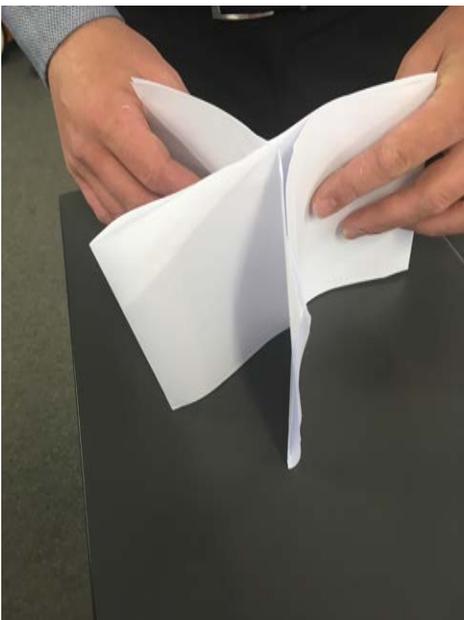


4. With paper folded in half widthways and the fold towards you, cut to the next crease



5. Open out like this

6. Push edges inwards to create a star shape



7. Ta-dah!  
Fold it neatly so you have a book

## Making a story board

Leave the front cover blank for now, this will be your title. Also leave the back cover blank.

On the other six pages, with your ruler draw a line all the way across an inch from the bottom of the page. This is going to be where you write your story.

For your story, you can either make up your own, or use one you already know: like a nursery rhyme, fable, Christmas song, or a poem that you like.

Decide how to split your story into six equal parts, and in the section you've made at the bottom of each page, write out your story.

## Illustrate your story

Now for the fun part!

You are going to find photographs in those magazines you've found, to tell your story!

Try to find ones that will fit on the page, or you might want to put more than one small image on a page if it helps you to tell the story. If you want to, you can take a larger picture and spread it across the fold onto two pages.

The pictures you choose will illustrate your story.

Carefully cut them out, and glue them into place.

## Finishing it off with the important bits

On the front cover you will need a title and your name. Leave space to mix up some photos. For this, choose small pieces of photos that you have found, cut them up and stick them together to make a collage. The end result will be the cover – the bit that people see first, so make it interesting.

What you do with the back cover is up to you – will you decorate it, put some information about yourself or your story, or leave it blank?