

A Cool GROWN-UPS Guide

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Books

to helping kids share their story and art with the world

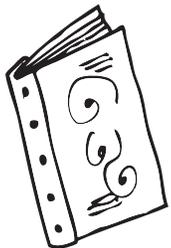
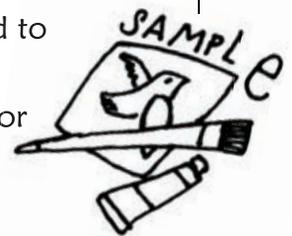
YOU ROCK!

Thanks for everything you do to support kids! You are helping change the world! We're putting together even more resources and curriculum related to this guide. But in the meantime, here's some suggestions to help your kid (or kids) create their books as well as some resources to take it further into an "official" printed book.

GATHERING MATERIALS:

Besides this comprehensive guide, there are a few extra materials you'll need to gather.

- **Art Materials:** to create the final art. I provide suggestions on page 18 for some simple introductory art materials. Most of these can be purchased at your local variety store, office supply or art supply store if you don't already have them in your home or classroom.
- **Handmade Book - Construction Materials:** to create the final completed book, I list all the materials needed on page 26. Again most may already be around your house or classroom or can be purchased at your local variety, office or art supply store. While a heavier paper (like watercolor paper or cardstock) is ideal to make the book more durable, construction paper can also be used which comes in the standard 9x12 size.

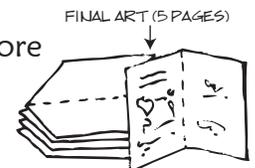


WHERE ASSISTANCE MAY BE NEEDED:

This field guide is geared toward the 4th-7th grade level. Depending on the age of the kid, more or less assistance may be needed throughout the process. The videos on the website are intended to be used alongside the guide.

Some key places to notice:

- **Multiple Copies of the same book:** if your kid would like to create more than one copy of their book, you should make color copies of their final art, PRIOR to trimming.



- **Hole Punch during Step 6 and Constructing the Handmade book:** there are slow, detailed instructions shown in the video, but hole punching along with gluing in final art, may be a place where younger kids may need an extra set of hands.



Taking it FURTHER:

We will be providing more resources for print-on-demand and self-publishing in the future, but if you're tech savvy and would like to start now, take a look at IngramSpark or CreateSpace. The trim size for final art was created to an industry standard 5x8 book size OR you could also put it into a 5.5x8.5 book with a border around the art.

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