

The Family Treasure Storybook

Think of a treasure you have in your family. Is it a photo? A book? A recipe? A story? A song?
Make this fun folded book, and hide the story of that treasure inside it.

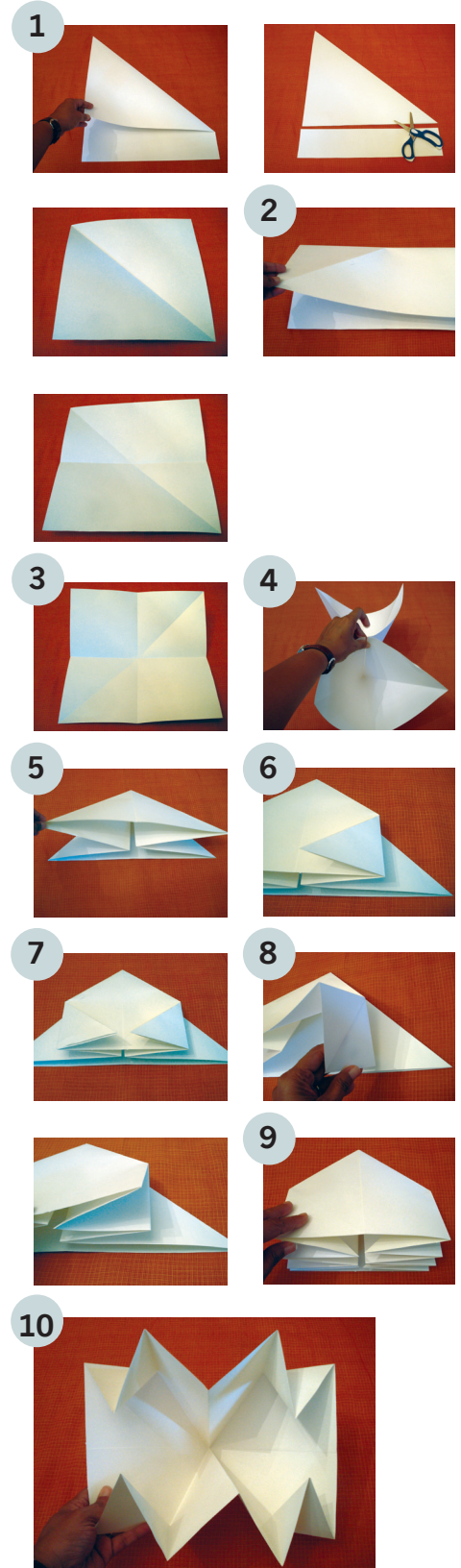
Make the Book: You will need a large sheet of paper,* scissors, and writing and drawing tools.

See the video demonstration and download these instructions at SmithsonianEducation.org/Heritage.

1. Turn the rectangular sheet into a square by folding the top right corner over to meet the left edge. Crease. Cut off the excess paper. Open. You have a square.
2. Now fold the paper in half. Crease. Then open. You will find a diagonal crease and a horizontal crease.
3. Open it and fold along the other diagonal. Crease. Open.
4. Push the sides of the paper in along the horizontal fold. Then flatten it.
5. It will look like a triangle.
6. Fold the right pointed corner of the triangle to the middle.
7. Repeat with the left corner.
8. Unfold the pointed corners and push in the tips to form a square along the creases you just made. Fold it in. Repeat with the other corner.
9. Flip the paper and repeat steps 6, 7, and 8 on the other side.
10. Open up this folded book to reveal a story inside!

Write the Story: Decorate the outside of the book like a house. Write the story of the family treasure inside the book and decorate with pictures. Don't forget to write "The Family Treasure Storybook" on the cover.

Share Your Story: Post pictures of your "Family Treasure Storybook" on the Smithsonian Heritage Programming Facebook page.



* We recommend 14" x 17" or a similar size paper.