

# The “My Clubhouse” Book

If you could create your own clubhouse what would it look like? What would be in it? Comic books? Rocketships? Your pets? Princesses and dragons? Share the story of your clubhouse in this special 3-D book.

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

1. Keeping the sheet of paper horizontal, fold it in half so the top long side folds down to meet the other long side. Crease.
2. Open the sheet up and fold the right short side to meet the other short side. Crease.
3. Fold the top edge back to meet the folded edge. Crease.
4. Flip, and do the same on the other side. Crease.
5. Keeping the two flaps away from the folded edge, use the scissors to cut on the line in the middle made by the crease from step 1. Stop where the line meets the flaps.
6. Open up the sheet and you will find the slit in the middle.
7. Fold the sheet down on the fold made in step 1. This structure will stand. Draw your clubhouse on the two middle panels.
8. Cut away portions of the top of the clubhouse to form a roof. Add windows, doors, trees, etc. as you wish. Turn it around and use the two middle panels on the other side too. You can also decorate the inside of the clubhouse by unfolding and drawing on the inside four panels. What will you put inside your clubhouse?
9. Flatten the book to close it. Fold the side panels in and close all the pages shut. Write the title of your book on the cover.

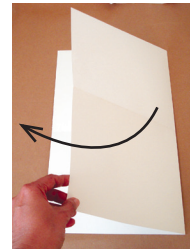
**Write the Story:** On the blank pages write about your clubhouse.

**Share Your Story:** Post pictures of your “My Clubhouse” book on the Smithsonian Heritage Programming Facebook page.

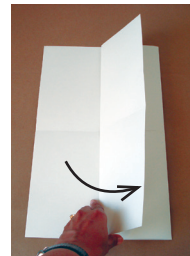
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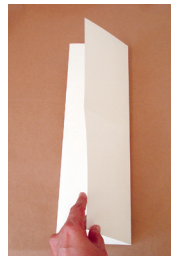
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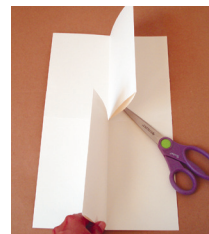
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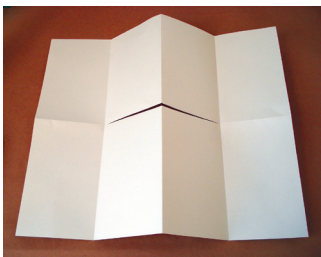
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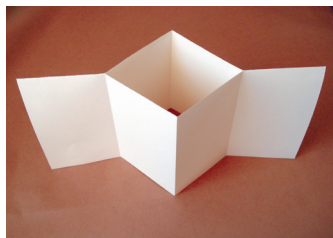
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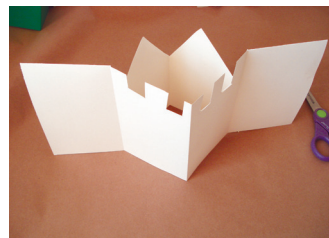
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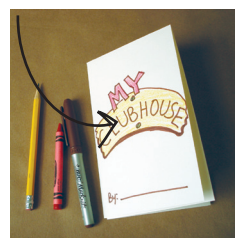
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\* We recommend 14" x 17" or a similar size paper.