

How to Make a “Music Memories” Family Storybook

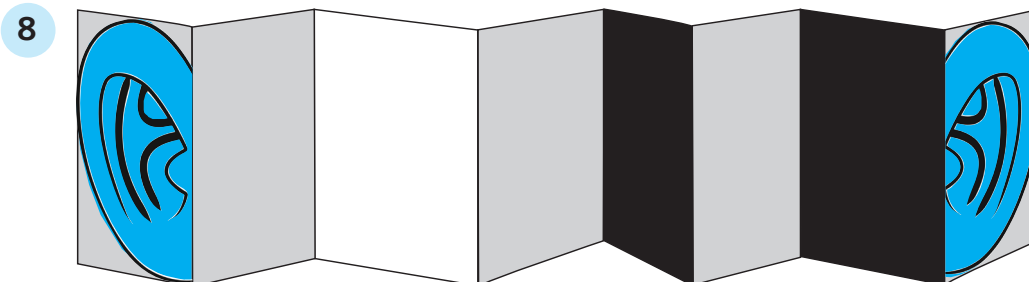
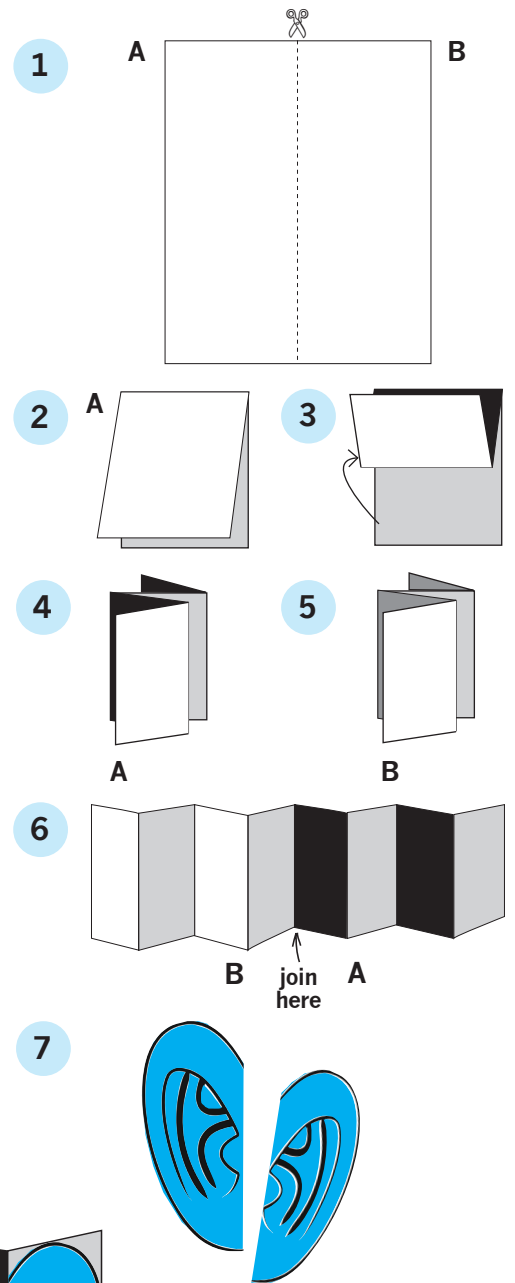
Share a “music memory” with your kids. Remember when your grandma used to sing that special lullaby, or when you sat at the piano with your uncle while he played? Create a storybook together describing that memory.

Make the Book: You will need a large sheet of paper,* a printout of the ear images on white or colored paper (page 2, 3, or 4, depending on your paper size), scissors, glue stick, adhesive tape, and writing and coloring materials.

1. Fold the sheet of paper in half vertically. Cut on the fold to make two pieces (A and B).
2. Fold one piece of paper (A) in half horizontally.
3. Bring the bottom edge up to the folded edge. Crease.
4. Flip, and do the same on the other side. Crease.
5. Follow steps two, three, and four with piece B.
6. Join pieces A and B using tape, and you’ve made a book!
7. Make the cover by gluing ears on the front and back panels. First, cut out a set of ears from your ear printout, or draw your own.
8. Glue the right ear to the front cover of your book and the left ear to the back cover of your book so that the book (like your memory) is contained between your ears.

Write the Story: Use the inside pages to write and illustrate your story. You may want to include words or notes to songs. Decorate the ears with elements from your story too—with words, pictures, or even things that jingle! Don’t forget to include a page “About the Authors.”

Share Your Story: Post pictures of your completed Music Memories book on the Smithsonian Heritage Programming Facebook page.



* We recommend 12” x 17” or a similar size paper.





