

# How to Make a “My Hero” Family Storybook

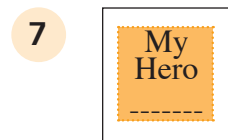
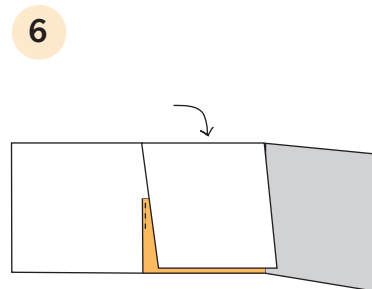
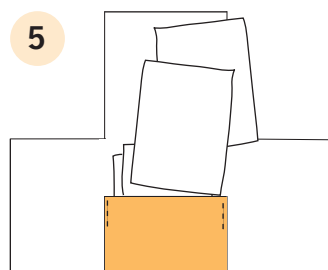
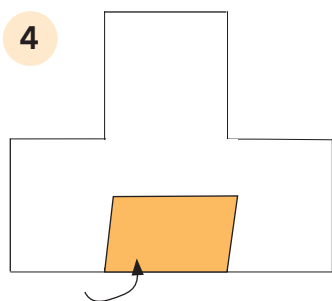
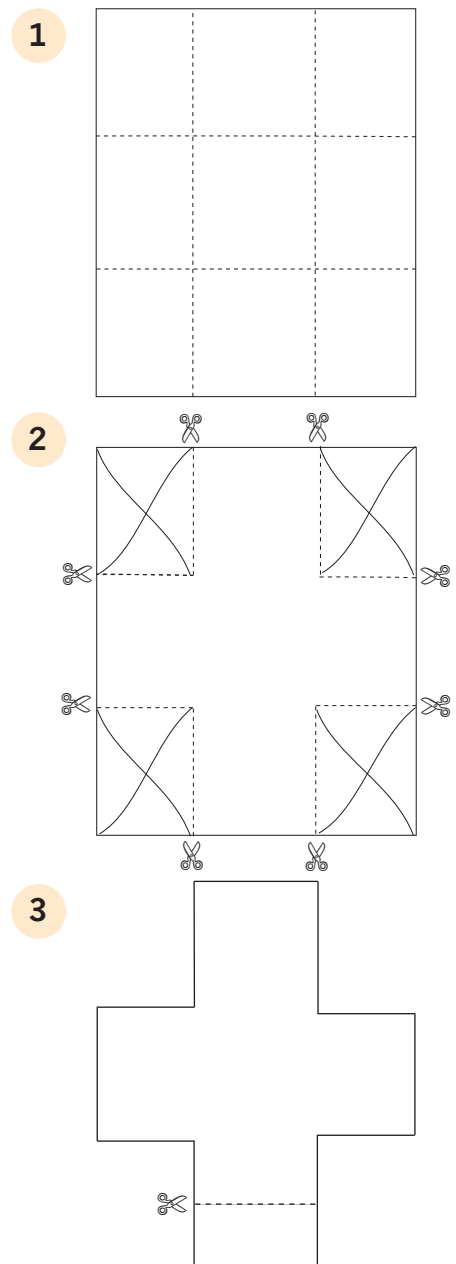
Tell the story of a personal hero with this folded book.  
A hidden pocket holds the special qualities of your hero.

**Make the Book:** You will need a large sheet of paper,\* scissors, a stapler, and writing and coloring materials.

1. Divide the sheet of paper roughly into thirds—vertically and horizontally—and fold on the marks vertically, making sharp creases. Then open the sheet up and fold on the marks horizontally, again making sharp creases. Open the sheet and you will find it divided into nine rectangles.
2. Cut out the four corner pieces. Put them aside for now.
3. Cut off half of the bottom flap.
4. Fold the remaining half of the bottom flap up at the crease and staple or tape it to the paper, so that it forms a pocket.
5. The four corner pieces go into this pocket. Trim them to fit.
6. Fold the flaps over the pocket, starting with the top flap, then the right flap, then the left flap.
7. Write the name of your story on the cover.

**Write the Story:** The foldout format of this book offers the opportunity to write a different element of your story on each flap. Who? What? When? Where? The cards in the pocket hold additional information—facts, thoughts, pictures—about your “hero.” Don’t forget to include a page “About the Authors.”

**Share Your Story:** Post pictures of your completed My Hero book on the Smithsonian Heritage Programming Facebook page.



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