

Making a Quarto

What you'll need:

Sheet of 8½" x 11" paper
Rubber or woodcut stamps
Ink pad(s)
Pens, pencils, or crayons (optional)
Scissors or plastic knife
Stapler

What to do:

1 Fold the paper top to bottom, and then in half.

TIP: To make sure that the words and pictures face the right way when the quarto is re-folded, lightly number the pages in pencil while the paper is still folded. You can erase the numbers later if you wish.

2 Open the folded paper. Add words and pictures to the pages.

3 Refold the quarto as you did before. Place the quarto on a flat surface so that the longest folded side is to the left. Cut the folded seams on the top edges of the pages (the short side of the book) to open the pages.

4 Staple along the folded edge (the "spine" of the quarto) to bind it. Keep the staples close to the edge so you can easily open your quarto afterwards.

TIP: If you like, you can bind your quarto with ribbon. Punch two holes along the folded edge. Thread a ribbon through both holes and tie the ends together.

Congratulations, you've made your own quarto!