

Art From the Heart

Memory Flip Book

A flip book is the beginning to an action movie. It is used by animators to think of ideas for film sequences. We can make a flip book of our own to give smiles to a friend. A flip book begins with a simple action, and then shows the action as it moves through the book. Flip books are usually small; but can be any size.

Materials and Supplies

Paper, tape, stapler or small business spring clip
markers, pencil, crayons

Think of a shared memory with the person receiving the gift. Imagine something that might make them smile or that involved something special you have done together.

Name some activities you have shared (examples: a walk in the snow or autumn leaves, tossing a ball, going to the beach.)

Select one activity for your flip book. A different flip book can be made for each memory.

Plan how many pages you might need to show this activity from beginning to end. Place a small number at the bottom of each page that you plan to be in the book. Think of a cover for your flip book.

What might it be? _____

Name the title of your book _____

Create a cover with a title. This could be construction paper, or you can illustrate it on white paper.

Perhaps you will want a back cover too.

Assemble the numbered pages and front and back covers in order. Staple, tape or clip the left edge, as in a book binding. * (Another option is to punch two holes at the left edge of the book and tie together with yarn.)

Begin at the left hand side of the first page of your book, and draw the beginning of the action.

On the next page, draw the next part of the action. What would come next in the action?

Continue your drawings on each page until you reach the end or your small memory story. By the end of the pages, the last action will be placed at the right side of the last paper. Your story will move from left to right, and can move from bottom to top, or top to bottom. You are the inventor of the flip book movie. Sometimes the movie may not run from the left to right on each page. The illustrator decides this.

You have created a movie of a special memory for your friend. What a wonderful gift!

