



New Hampshire artist and writer, Tomie dePaola created memorable characters and stories through his powerful illustrations, by using clean lines and strong gestures. With over 270 books to his name after decades of publishing, Tomie was truly one of the most beloved children's literature figures of our day. His stories honor the creativity and imagination children bring to every part of our lives.

For more information about this artwork click [here](#).

Tomie dePaola, *The Art Angel*, 2005. Acrylic on watercolor paper, 7 1/8 x 7 1/8 in.

Activity: Create Your Own Mini Book

Materials:

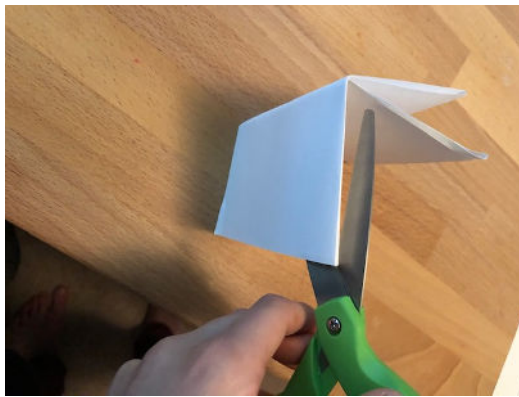
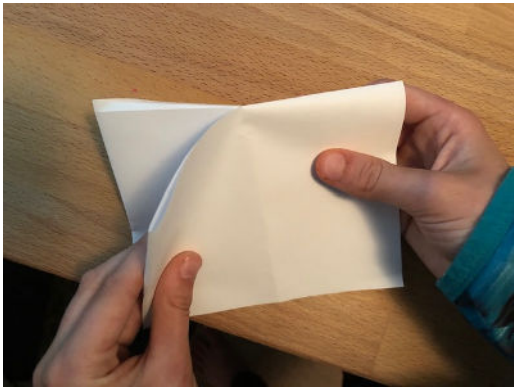
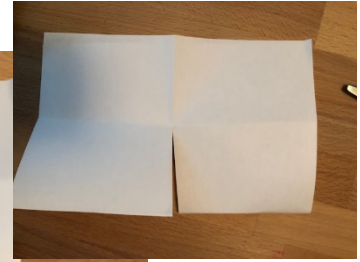
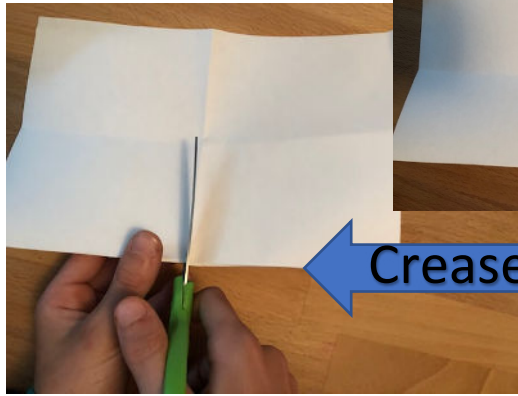
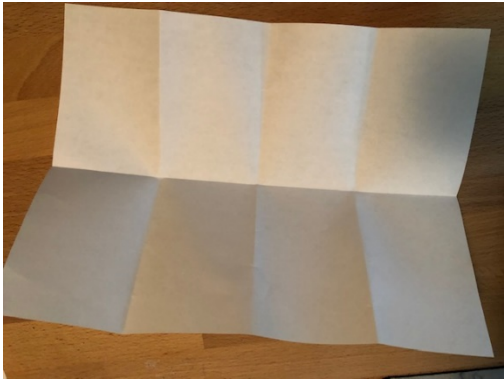
- Computer paper
- Scissors
- Writing utensils (pencils, crayons etc.)

Directions:

- Fold paper in half horizontally. Be sure to press down to make a strong crease.
- Turn paper vertically and press down on crease. Fold vertically again and press down on creases.
 - Take your time with the folds and get the paper to evenly line up as best you can.
- Open paper and then fold in half like a hamburger.
- Cutting on the crease side, make a cut the height of **one** rectangle.
- Fold in half again twice.
- You now have a book with some pages still connected in a few spots. Not cutting the spine, cut all other areas that pages are connected.
 - You can leave as is or add staples along the spine.
- Leave front and back pages for the book cover and back.
- Have fun filling in your book!

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