

Many people have written to ask about directions for making the little books that fit the templates offered in this section. Explaining how to make them is tough!!! But, I'm going to try. Let's see if I can talk you through this...I hope you understand hotdog and hamburger folds! (hotdog = lengthwise fold; hamburger = widthwise fold)

- 1) Take a piece of 8 1/2 X 11 (or larger if you want to) and fold it hotdog style. Neatness counts! Get edges even and make good creases.
- 2) Fold the paper in half again from top to bottom.
- 3) Fold it one more time in half from top to bottom.
- 4) Unfold the whole paper and fold hamburger style.
- 5) From the middle of the FOLDED edge, cut or tear the paper straight down the crease until you get to the intersection of the creases.
- 6) Unfold the paper again and fold hotdog style.
- 7) Hold the paper in both hands, one on each end of the hotdog. Slowly push your hands together until the middle tents into a diamond shape. Keep pushing the edges together until all of the edges come together.
- 8) Grab the pages and fold them all in one direction till they form a little book.

This is a book that won't fall apart and doesn't require staples, tape, etc. If you use my templates, each page will have a heading that can be used to guide students through text. Teachers report that the students love these! They can also be used for vocabulary books, poetry books, fact/note gathering, etc.----a million different uses!

Hope you'll enjoy making little books with your students! (See the two templates for books here in the Handouts section.)