

Schoolhouse Book Cover

Supplies:

- A book to cover
- Brown craft paper
- Decorative paper
- Laminating paper
- Tape
- Glue stick
- Stickers
- Pictures



Steps:

	<p>Step 1: Lay out the brown craft paper. Put the open book in the middle, leaving about four fingers' width of paper on each side. Cut the extra paper around the book.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Fold the paper's top and bottom edges over the book's top and bottom. This will make it fit just right. Take the book away and press down on the folds to make them sharp.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Put your book back on the folded paper. Open the book to its last page. Pull the right side of the craft paper over the book's back cover. Slip the cover inside the paper fold.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Now close your book. Pull the left side of the craft paper over the front cover and slip it inside the fold.</p>

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Step 5: Decorate your book cover! Stick on colorful paper, drawings, or stickers. Let your imagination go wild!



Step 6: Take off the decorated book cover and lay it flat. Roll out the laminating paper, clear side down. Place your book cover on it, making sure there's extra laminating paper around all sides. Cut it out, leaving some extra space around.



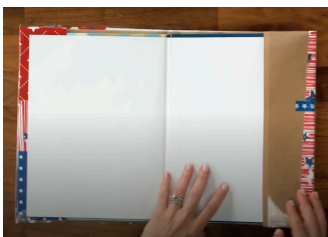
Step 7: Gently peel off the back of the laminating paper. Stick your book cover right in the middle.



Step 8: Fold in the sides of the laminating paper over your cover and press them down.



Step 9: Trim any extra laminating paper off the top and bottom.



Step 10: Finally, slip your book back inside its shiny, protected cover. Great job!

Is it true that kids used to go to school in a house? Yes! When schools first started, many took place in a house, often called a “one-room schoolhouse.” Children of all different ages and grades learned together in one room with one teacher.

Fun Facts:

- The Puritans first settled in America in the 1600s. They came from England seeking religious freedom. The Bible was the main way they learned to read and think.
- In 1635, the first public school in America started. It was called the Boston Latin School. Some of our famous Founding Fathers, like Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock, were students there. The school is still open today!
- During the 1600s, 1700s, and 1800s, American schools used the Bible as a textbook. Many schools started the day with prayer and a Bible reading.

Where did books come from?

- Before there were books, there were scrolls. In the ancient world, scrolls were used to share stories and information.
- People learned how to stack and bind pages together to make them easier to read, which was called a codex.
- In the 1400s, the printing press was invented by Johannes Gutenberg, which made book-making much faster and meant that people could read and learn faster.

Extension Activity:

George Washington said, “In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.” Our Founding Fathers knew how important it was to read and to get a good education. Start a book club with a few friends and track all the books you read together.