

The Inch Prince • Worksheet

1. Match the sentences to the pictures.

1.  2.  3.  4. 

- A. At that moment, a fairy flew by.
- B. "Let's call him Issun-boshi," said Mrs. Ping. "It means one inch boy."
- C. "I wish we had some children," said Mrs. Ping one evening.
- D. Once upon a time, there was a little old man and a little old woman.

2. Match the objects in the top line with how Issy uses them in the line below.

needle bottle top chopsticks pea matchbox shoelace button rice bowl
 oars ball sword scarf bathtub boat bed plate

3. When Issy goes to the big city, almost everyone says "You're teeny" (or weeny, or tiny) – "What can you do?" (or What could you do, or What can he do). Except for..?

- A. The guards
- B. The maid
- C. The cook
- D. The Emperor
- E. The princess
- D. The ogre

4. Number the sentences in story order.

- A. The princess tried to pick the hammer up, but it was too heavy.
- B. The ogre scooped up Issy, and popped him in his mouth.
- C. In seconds, Issy was as big as the princess.
- D. The ogre spat out Issy and ran off.
- E. Issy took his needle-sword, and pricked the ogre's tongue.
- F. A cloud of magical stars shot out of the hammer and swept around Issy.
- G. "Look," said Issy. "The ogre left his hammer behind.

5. Can you put the sentence in order? "too things can small be special."

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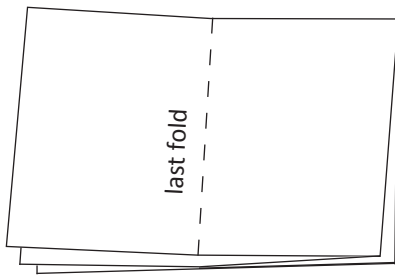
Activity: Try making tiny books for the boy Issy.

You will need:

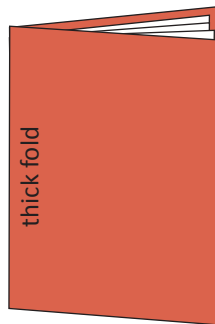
- one piece of white A4 or Letter size paper,
cut in 8 pieces (this will make 8 books)
- bright or patterned paper
- small stapler
- scissors
- fine black pen
- felt-tip pens or pencils
for the illustrations



You may also need glue for step 4.

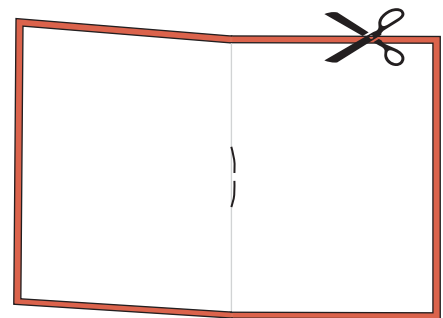


1. Take one of your 8 pieces of white paper. Fold the paper in half, then in half again, then in half again. Unfold the last fold. This will be the middle of your book.

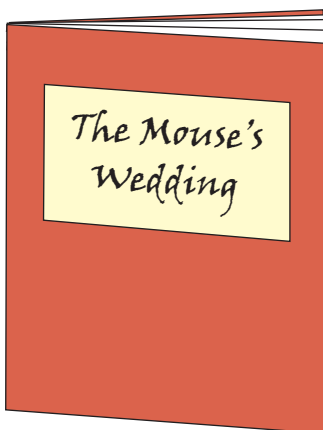


2. Cut a piece of bright or patterned paper, just slightly bigger than your folded paper, and fold it around the folded paper. This will be the book's cover.

You should now have one really thick fold, with the bright or patterned paper on the outside.



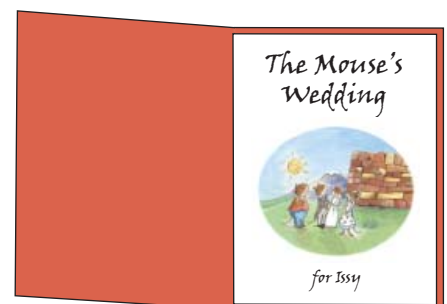
3. Staple through the thick fold so that the ends of the staple are on the inside. Then use the scissors to cut the folded paper at the top and trim the outside edges of the book.



4. Use the fine black pen to write the book's title on the cover. If the paper is too dark to write on, make a tiny label from white paper and stick it on the cover.

- Once See if you can write a story exactly 15 sentences long.
- One day Then you can put one sentence on each page.
- "We must
- "The sun!" he said.
- "Mr Sun, is it true

5. Before you write your story in the book, you might like to write it out first at normal size. You will have 15 pages, so try to plan how much you can fit on each page.



3. Now use the fine black pen to design a title page and write your story in the book. Draw some illustrations too if you like.

Can you make Issy a mini library?