

Envelope Bookmarks

Letters and cards arrive in envelopes of all shapes, sizes and colours. Some can be reused again to post other letters and cards but some can also be made into fun bookmarks for yourself, your family and friends. All sorts of envelopes are good for this. The colourful envelopes are particularly good as the coloured paper can add to the decoration. Keep an eye out for these envelopes around birthdays and Christmas and put them aside for making bookmarks at a later stage.

Below we are using a simple white envelope to make a bookmark. It does not matter if there is text on the front. All you need is one blank corner. This is what you do.

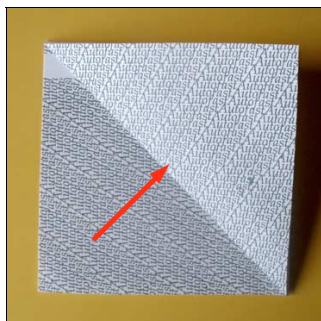
1. Choose an envelope that has a blank corner.



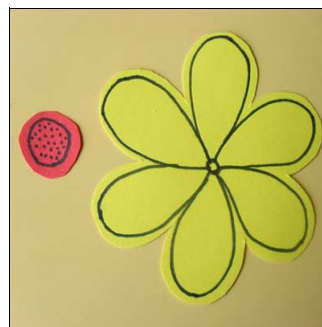
2. Measure in from the corner and cut a 7.5 cm x 7.5 cm square.



3. Fold the open corner to the opposite corner and create a fold.



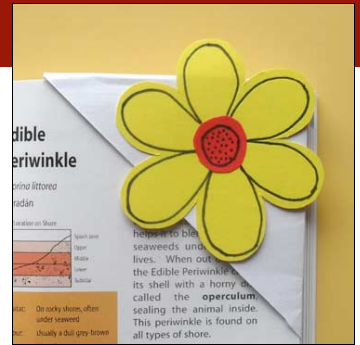
4. Cut along the fold to create a triangular corner pocket.



5. Draw and cut out a flower from a different coloured envelope and a circle for the centre of the flower. Glue both onto the corner pocket.

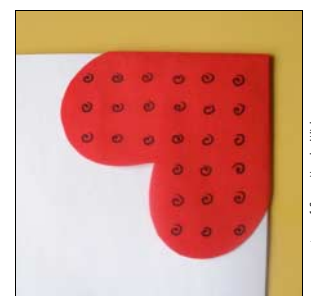
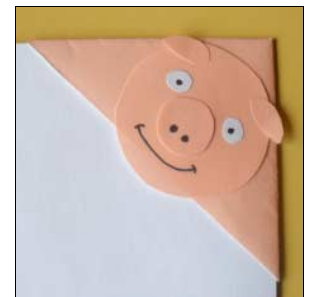


6. Remember to let the glue dry before you use it as a bookmark, otherwise it could glue the pages together!



Other ideas:

Use your imagination to come up with other styles of bookmark. Here we have made a shark, a pig and a heart but there is no end to what you can make. The only thing to consider is that it needs to be relatively flat so that it lies between the pages of a book.



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