



Lionheart Storybook Craft Project

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We have a passion for writing here at Manuscript and we want to ignite that love of the written word in everybody but especially in children. We want to inspire the next generation of story tellers so we have come up with this craft to make their very own storybook and help them get started!

You Will Need

- 5 sheets of A4 paper
- A needle and thread
- Scissors
- Lionheart Markers
- Access to a printer

Project time: 30 minutes (plus time to write stories)

Project level: Easy





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Step 1

Choose a Lionheart character to go on the front cover of your storybook. We picked Arthur as he is the King of the Safari. Place your character on the left hand side of the page and make sure it is in the landscape position. Add different characters onto the remaining pages, shrink them down so there will be room to write around the images and then print the pages. Or you can print out a selection of the characters onto one sheet of paper and then cut them out by hand and glue them onto the pages instead.

Step 2

Take your five sheets of printed A4 paper and pile them together neatly, you want all of the edges to be the same and the images to be in the correct direction. Make sure your front cover is at the bottom of the pile with the printed side face down.



Step 3

Fold the pages in half to give you a book like shape and your cover should now be in the correct place.

Step 4

Give your storybook a title using a Lionheart Marker.





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Step 5

Take your needle and thread it with some cotton. Tie a knot in one end and then open up your book. Starting at the top or bottom along the fold in the middle of your pages carefully insert the needle through all of the sheets of paper and make small stitches all the way along the spine. This will bind your book together. When you get to the other end tie another knot in the cotton to secure the stitches and trim off any excess thread.

Step 6

Now it is time for your children to fill their book with stories! Use the images for inspiration and discuss what each animal is like, where they live and what they like to do. This should give the children a starting point for their tales and you can help them with a few ideas if they get stuck.



Top Tip

Use a pencil and ruler to add lines for your children to write on if they prefer lined paper!