

# 8-PANEL MINI-BOOK FOLDING GUIDE



A printable guide for easy minibooks

## Materials You'll Need:

- One sheet of paper (8.5" x 11" recommended)
- Scissors
- Pens, markers, crayons for decorating

Let's get started on your mini-book adventure! This guide will show you how to transform a single sheet of paper into an 8-panel book, ideal for stories, comics, or special projects. This activity is brought to you by [earlylearningwithlori.com](http://earlylearningwithlori.com)

Happy folding!

## Step-by-Step Folding Instructions

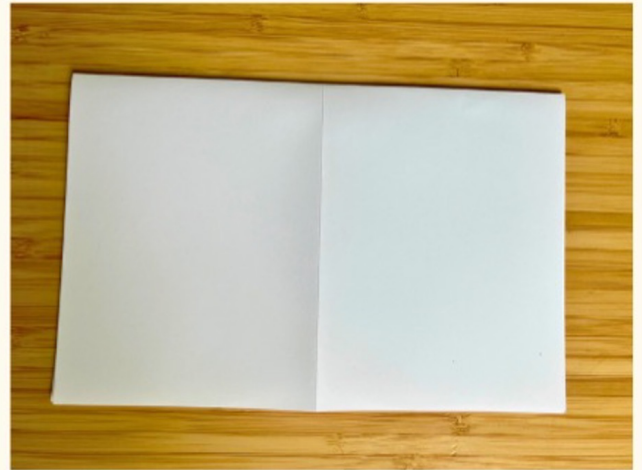
### Step 1:

Fold your paper in half the long way (like a hot dog). Crease it well, then unfold.



### Step 2:

Now fold the paper in half the short way (like a hamburger). Crease it well, then leave it folded.



### Step 3:

Take the folded edge and fold it down to meet the open edge—this makes a "mini hot dog." Crease well.



### Step 4:

Open up all the folds. You should now see 8 rectangles—4 on top and 4 on the bottom.



## Cutting and Assembling

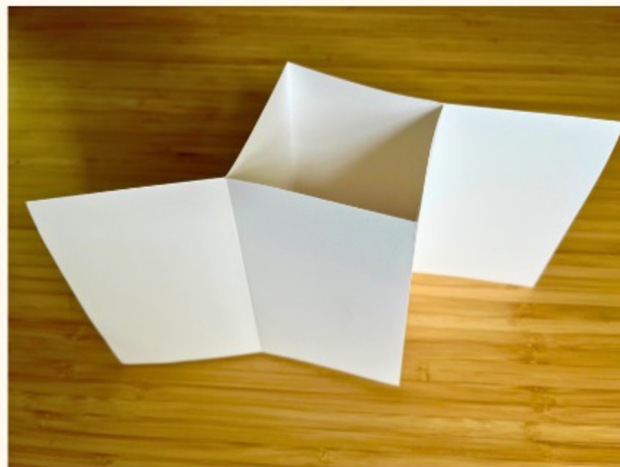
### Step 5:

Fold the paper in half widthwise (hamburger style) to prepare for cutting. Cut along the center fold from the folded edge to the crease in the middle of the page. This creates a slit.



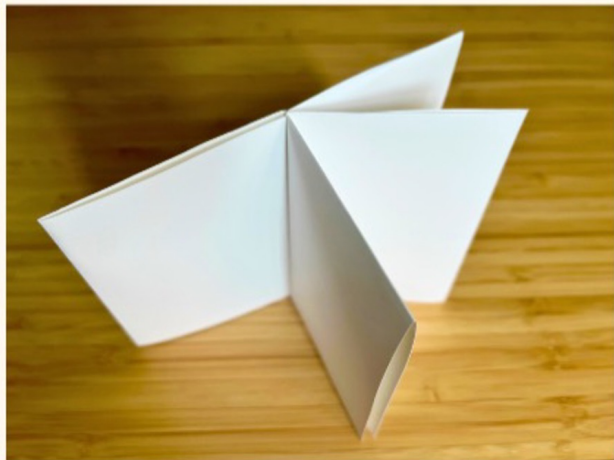
### Step 6:

Unfold the paper, then refold it hot dog style. Hold both ends and gently push inward—the slit will pop open into a diamond shape. Keep pushing until it folds into a small booklet.



### Step 7:

Fold the mini-book flat and crease the edges to make neat pages.



Your mini-book is ready!



## Tips & Tricks

- Experiment with Paper Sizes: Try using larger paper to create different sized mini-books.
- Decorate Creatively: Use markers, colored pencils, or stickers to make your mini-book unique!
- Practice Makes Perfect: Don't worry if your first attempt isn't perfect. Keep practicing, and you'll become a mini-book master in no time!

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