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Make a Tiny Book with Jane Glynn

What you will need:

- Scissors
- Scraps of card (cereal packets etc)
- Colours like paints, crayons or inks
- Masking tape
- A4 paper
- Glue

First:

- Cut a long strip from a piece of A4 paper. (The one in the picture is 3cm but you can make it a little smaller or a little bigger.)
- Fold the strip back and forth like a fan. You will need to end up with an even number of rectangles all the same size. (If you end up with an odd number or a smaller rectangle at the end just cut it shorter until you have your even number of rectangles!)

Next:

- Draw, write or colour your strip each rectangle will be one page of the book.
 Make sure the first and last 'page' are pointing slightly upwards the back of these will be stuck to your cover.
- Only decorate the front of the paper.
- You could create a tiny story, a book of flowers or your favourite characters or colours – or anything you like!

After that:

- Turn the book strip over so that you can't see your decorations.
- Spread glue over the back of each page except for the first and the last.
- Fold it carefully into a closed fan shape so that it becomes a book.

Finally:

- Take three pieces of thin card, two the size of the pages of the book and one
 the same size as the spine. (The spine card will be very narrow make sure it
 is exactly the same as your book's edge!)
- Stick the spine card onto a piece of sticky tape and stick both the cover pieces on either side with a tiny gap between each.
- Fold the tape over the cardboard to hold the spine and covers in place. (If you like you could then decorate the whole cover with tape.)
- Put glue on the back of both the first and last pages of the book and stick it into the cover so that it fits snugly.

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Afterwards:

- You might like to make a paper dust jacket for your book.
- You could add some end papers.
- You could try making an even smaller book. (Don't worry about the card cover for this just use tape!)

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