



## Art Activities

This is a magical activity your students are bound to love... and it can easily be modified!



### Make Your Own Monster Book!

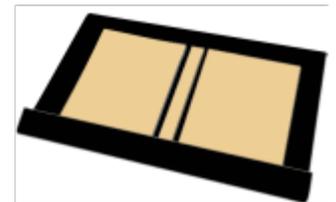
Straight from the pages of the Harry Potter book series, this project is fun and easy! This idea was inspired by a regular book binding tutorial.

Click [here](#) before beginning this project--it will make our condensed tutorial steps easier to follow!

#### Directions:

**Step 1:** Decide how big you'd like your monster book to be. Cut your book board to size, ensuring that the front and back covers are the same size. Be sure to cut out a spine for your book as well. We made sure our spines were 1" wide, and the same length as our cover sheets.

**Step 2:** Place your cover boards and spine on the fabric you selected. Be sure that there is a small gap between the spine and each cover board. Glue the back of the cover boards onto the fabric, then fold and glue the remaining fabric onto the front of the cover boards. (As shown above.)



**Step 3:** Glue the faux fur onto the back of the cover boards. If it overhangs, that's fine! It makes the book look spookier in the end! (Plus, we used the extra fabric to glue on our monsters' teeth in Step 7.)

#### Materials:

- Faux Fur
- Fabric
- Scissors
- Hot Glue
- White Felt
- Red Ribbon
- Googly Eyes
- Construction Paper
- White Paper
- Stapler

**Step 4:** Decide how many pages you want in your book. Fold your (white printer) paper in half and then open it back up. Staple sets of 8 to 9 pages together along the folding line (with a long-armed stapler if you have one). Next, fold your papers back into book form so they are ready for Step 5.

**Step 5:** Cut out a fabric strip that is slightly wider than your spine, but that is the same length. This strip is going to connect your pages to your cover. Glue the back edge of each paper set onto the strip of fabric. We pinched all of our page sets together as tightly as possible and glued them onto the fabric at the same time.

**Step 6:** Glue the edges of the fabric strip onto the inside edges of each book board. Avoid gluing the fabric to the spine. At this point your book should look and feel almost like a real hard-cover book.

**Step 7:** Use construction paper to line the inside of your book. If you'd like, add felt teeth, googly eyes, and a ribbon tongue to make your book look more monster-like. We made our ribbon tongues double as a bookmark.

**Step 8:** Design a monster personality for your book! (For instance, its name, hobbies, powers, etc.) Enjoy!