

Materials:

- 2-4 Pieces of Cardstock (or file folders)
- 1 Piece of Paper (or cardstock or construction paper for the cover)
- Scissors
- Tape or Glue
- Stick Markers, Crayons, and/or Colored Pencils
- Stickers (optional)

Directions:

First, make the inside of the book.

- With cardstock in portrait position, fold the top edge down to meet the bottom edge and run your fingers along the fold to make a sharp crease.
- With the folded edge on the left, draw a line segment straight out from the folded edge. It should be about half the length of the page.
- Cut along this line.
- Fold up the sides to create two triangles. Press down on the edge to define the crease.
- With the triangles still folded, turn the paper over. The triangles should now be face down.
- Take each triangle and fold it up along the other side. Again, press down on the edge to define the crease.
- Unfold the triangles so your cardstock looks like it did just before you cut along the segment.
- One at a time push the triangles inside the cardstock to form the beak on the inside.
- Draw your chicken or any other creature you like...maybe a shark or an alien.
- Write your chicken story or any other story you prefer.
- Decorate the page.
- Create more pages if you want a thicker book.

Then, make the cover of your book.

- Use a plain piece of cardstock or paper for the cover.
- Fold the cover in half. On the front of the cover, write the title of your book. Draw a picture that gives people a clue about the subject of your story. Write your name and under it write "Author & Illustrator".
- On the back of the cover write "About the Author". Draw a picture of yourself and write a few sentences that describe who you are.

Finally, put it all together!

- Tape the cover to the Pop-Up page. [But If you have more pages attach them first.]
- Have a great time reading your book!

