



## Directions for The Ziploc Book

The Ziploc Book is easy to make and you can be creative using large or small resealable bags. This format is fun for authors who like to collect, categorize and label such as leaves, flowers, small toys and objects. Because the pages can be switched out and replaced, the binding can be used again and again to fill with new content. Here are a few ideas on how to use the Ziploc Book to increase literacy and study skills:

- Write stories or words with collected objects
- Memorize and study:
  - Math facts
  - Vocabulary words
  - Spelling words
  - Learning a new language
  - Study guides for tests such as historical facts or biology definitions

### You will need:

1. Ziploc or seal-able baggies (about 5-10)
2. Paper (the same number of sheets of paper as bags) - card stock or index cards work best
3. Stapler
4. Tape
5. Pencils/pens/colored pencils and/or markers
6. Scissors – to cut the paper to fit inside the bags
7. Optional: Washi Tape or decorative Duck Tape

### Instructions:

1. Lay the bags on a flat surface. Align the bottom of the bags together.
2. To create a spine for the book, staple the bottom edge of the bags together, about a 1/4 to a 1/2 inch from the bottom edge of the bags. Depending on the size of the bag, 2-4 staples should be sufficient.
3. Paper – Card stock paper or index cards work best for keeping the book's shape and adding small items to the page. For gallon size bags, measure and cut the paper to size – about a 1/4 inch smaller than the bag. Don't forget that the staples will shorten the width of the book. For small Ziploc bags, insert index cards (3X5 or 4X6). After writing and attaching items to the paper, place paper inside the Ziploc and zip it up.

### Optional Steps:

1. Variation – Use decorative card stock for the background, add plain or lined paper for the center of the page for text or added items.
2. Use decorative Duck Tape to thicken and reinforce the spine or add a strip of Washi tape over the staples to create a decorative binding that covers the staples.

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