

A Personal (or Family) "Memory Box"

Students can make a special "Memory Box" in which to keep photos, writing projects and other things they have collected or worked on during this study unit. This is best done early in the study to enable them to keep their things in one place. They can also add to the box special items or keepsakes (cards, letters, etc. from grandparents, aunts or uncles, godparents) that they have at home.

Materials Needed: (for each student—you may send a list home to have each child bring materials, but certain items like glue, trimmings would be provided in class.)

9" x 12" x 2" cardboard gift box

9 ½" x 13" piece of poster board (2 per student)

24" x 16" piece of fabric (construction paper or wallpaper could also be used)

tacky glue sequins, trimmings (ric-rack, gold or red cord, etc.)

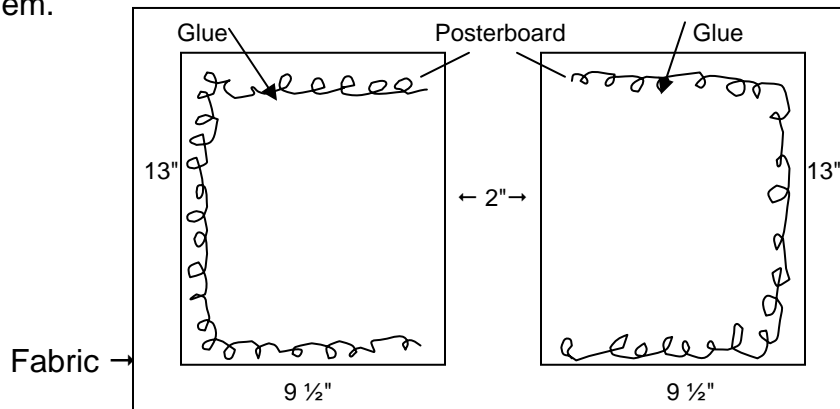
A copy of the title "My Memories Book" (Teacher can Xerox on sturdy paper or students may wish to make their own title page)

(3) 12" x 2" strips of white construction paper

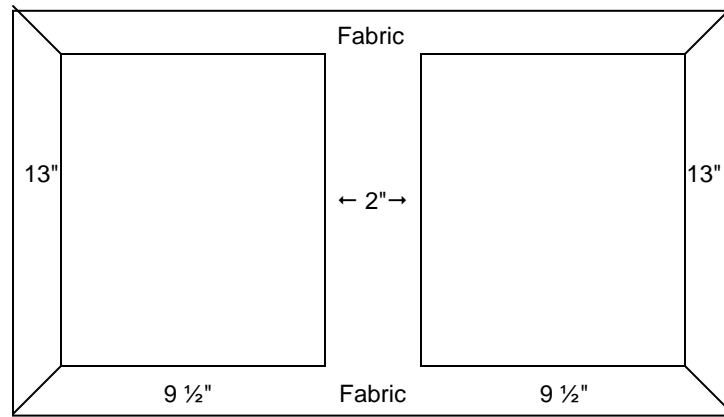
newspapers to cover the tables or desks

Instructions:

1. Lay out the fabric *wrong side up* (wallpaper or cover-material as shown in illustration)
2. Position the posterboard pieces as shown, with a 2" space between them.



3. Glue with tacky glue where shown. Do NOT glue the other side...it will show through.
4. Fold in the edges of the fabric. Make them fit snugly to the posterboard. Miter the corners.



5. Assemble the gift box to fit together. Cut the top and bottom left corners (on the center) 2" fold.
6. Glue the 2" sides together so that it opens like a book.
7. Glue box inside fabric cover using tacky glue.
8. Draw lines on 2" strips to look like pages
Glue them on to the narrow sides of the box cover.

