Illustrating a Children’s Book: Teaching Artist, Katie Yamasaki*

Tutorial 3 of 3 - approx. 12 minutes

Collage, Finishing Your Art & Bookbinding

1. (00:08) - Collage, Creating Colored Textured Paper
2. (00:53) - Collage, Trace Image Components onto Collage Materials
3. (01:47) - Collage, Staying Organized & Assembling the Illustration
4. (05:38) - Creating the Cover, Exploring Text/Font
5. (06:38) - Creating the Cover, Create Composition (see pg. 2 below)
6. (07:26) - Book Binding
   a. Stapling: The Simplest Method
   b. Accordion
   c. Sewing

Additional Bookbinding Methods

- How to Make a Concertina Book
- How to Make a Pop up Book
- How to Make a Spiral Bound Book

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Considering the Cover, Create Composition

Print out the following diagram for your students to sketch their ideas. Encourage them to experiment with more than one concept. Remind them that the cover should include:

1. Title
2. Name of the Author and Illustrator
3. An illustration that gives a clue to what’s inside

(A) 1 MINUTE

(B) 1 MINUTE

(C) 5 MINUTES