Make Your Own Books

You can make fantastic books from just single sheets of paper. Here are four ideas, ranging from simple to complex for pupils from Foundation to KS4.

Basic folding for all books

1. In the landscape position fold paper in half.
2. Fold in half again.
3. Open this fold.
4. With the fold at the top fold downwards in half.
5. Open the sheet.
6. You have eight rectangles.

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Make a SIX-PAGE BOOK: My Friends and Family
Using A4 paper follow the instructions for the basic folding on p.1.

1. Fold the open sheet in half to A5. On the folded edge draw a line to the middle crease.

2. Open the whole sheet.

3. Fold in half lengthways.

4. Push the left and right edges inwards. A box will appear in the middle.

5. Push to a cross.

6. Fold down to a six-page book.

7. Teaching simple scissor-cutting skills: children hold the paper with the fold touching their tummies. Help them cut the pencil-drawn line.

CONTENT IDEA
On each of the six pages, children can draw and caption a friend or member of their family.