



## MAKE YOUR OWN FLIP BOOK ANIMATION



Join Discover Story Builder Valentine for a lively retelling of *Anansi and the Farmer* – an African folktale full of cunning, creativity and a very cheeky spider.

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Then, have a go at making your own flip book animation...

### TO GET STARTED, YOU WILL NEED:

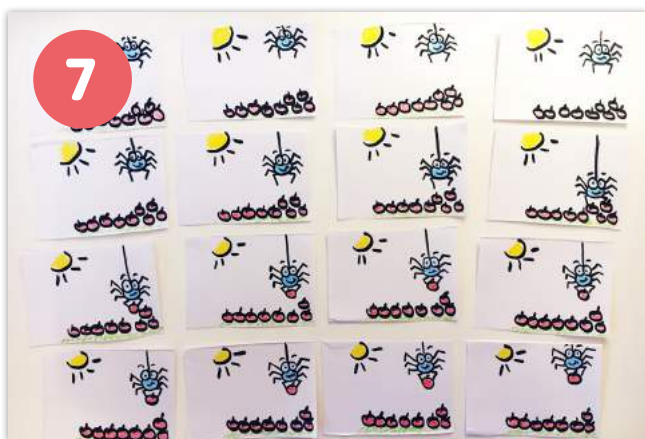
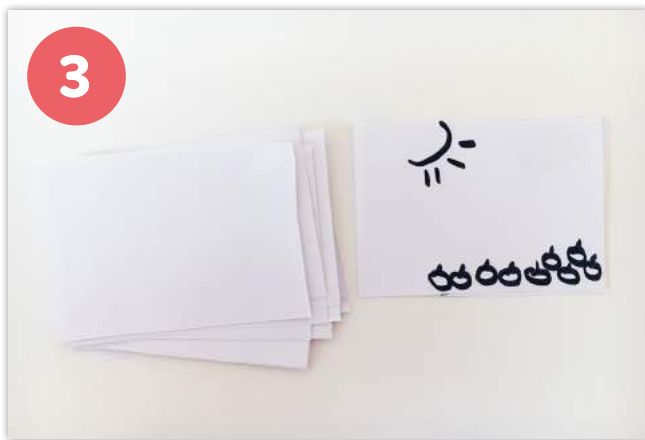
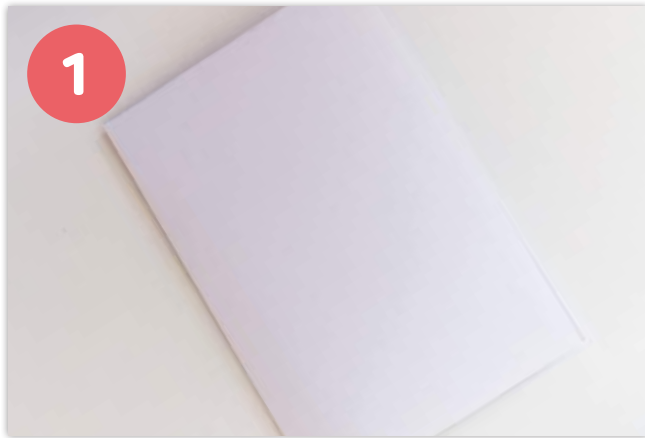
A4 white paper

A pen and coloured pencils

Scissors

A paper clip or a stapler

## INSTRUCTIONS:



1. Fold two pieces of A4 paper in half three times.
2. Unfold the paper and using the fold marks, cut the two pieces of paper into a total of 16 smaller rectangles.
- 3&4. Draw your first page. Decide which parts of your drawing you will want animate and which parts will stay the same. For example, you may want your background to be consistent throughout the book and one object or character to move.
5. Using your first page as a guide, draw the following page. Trace on the parts which will stay the same and start moving your object or character slightly. You could use a window to trace if you can't see through the paper. It will make it easier.
6. Using the same technique, create the remaining pages. Move your objects and characters slightly each time.
7. If you want, you can add colour when all your pages are ready.
8. Stack all your pages and assemble your flip book with a paper clip or staples. Flip through the pages and watch your animation come to life.

**You can add more pages and carry on the story.**

Illustrators often use sketchbooks to gather their thoughts and to find inspiration. Use a separate piece of A4 white paper to write down and draw all your ideas. The questions below will guide your thinking.

### Draw your ideas:

What will my background look like?



What will my character look like?



Which objects will I have in the picture?



Which colours will I use?



### Write down your ideas:

What happens in my flip book animation?

First, .....

Then, .....

Finally, .....

Give your flip book animation a title:

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