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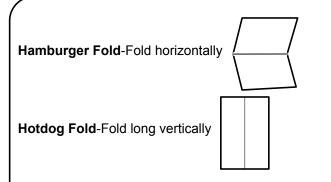
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## Things to Know



Folds-Labeled with a small line to show where the fold is and the words "hamburger fold" or "hotdog fold."

**Dotted Lines**-These are the cutting lines

Cover Labels-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of use a blank space. They will be called "cover label."

### So where do the minimo klets go?

A shape-coded and labeled KEY is included. This key shows you where all of the mini-booklets go in each folder. Keep this page handy! You'll also see at the top of the mini-booklet pages another graphic that shows <u>once again</u> where to place the booklet in each folder. So there are TWO ways to see where to place the booklet. We made it easy! You won't get lost.

### How do I we the look with the lapbook?

This lapbook covers the **50 states of the United States**. It consists of six folders. The top of each mini-booklet page lists the page in the book that it correlates with. Before beginning the lapbook, look through the mini-booklets to be which ones need information from the book. It will be helpful to have these in mind as you are reading.

### **Lapbook Assembly Choices**

(see photos are how to fold and glue your folders together)

Choice #1 -Do not glue your folders together until you have completely finished all three folders. It is easier to work with one folder instead of two or three glued together.

Choice #2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as they work on it. It helps with keeping up with which folder you are supposed to be working in. The choices are completely up to you and your child!

#### **How It All Goes Together**

#### What you need to get started

- \*Cantering the Country book
- \*A printed copy of Cantering the Country lapbook 1 by A Journey Through Learning
- \*6 colored file folders
- \*Scissors
- \*Glue
- \*Hole puncher
- \*Brads
- \*Stapler

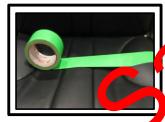
#### To make the storage system (optional)

- \*Duct tape (preferably at least two different colors but not necessary)
- \*One 3-ring binder

### Can I store all of the lapbooks I create from Cantering in Country in one location?

Yes! A Journey Through Learning has come up with a way that you can store all of your lapbooks from your books in ONE convenient location. A 3-ring binder serves as a great place to keep your lapbooks. This method of storage not only teeps your lapbooks from getting lost but also keeps them neat and readily available to show to dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When they are not being shown off, just place the binder on your bookshelf! On the next page, we have given you step-by-step directions (with pictures) of how to create a storage binder.

### How to make a storage system for your lapbook(s)



Roll out enough that tape to go across the folders lengthwise.



Put duct tape sticky side up. Place binded edge of lapbook on the duct tape (no more than 1/4 inch!).



Then stick duct tape to the other side again about ¼ inch. There will need to be enough tape to hole punch.



Stick duct tape into hole puncher but be careful not to punch holes in your folders.



It will look like this.



Store folders in 3-ring binder.

# How to fold and connect the folders for your lapbook.



1. Gather the number of folders required for your particular lapbook



2. Open up each folder and flatten it out.



3. Take the right side and fold it all the way over until the tab is just before the middle crease in the folder Do not overlap this crease with the tab.



4. Fold the left hand-side over just to the crease but not overlapping it. Your folder now has two flaps. We life to run a ruler down each fold make the fold neater and flatter to steps 3 and 4 to the remaining folders.



5 Take two of the folders and apply a generous amount of give to their flaps.



6. Bring the flaps together and press so they stick together.



7. Do steps 5 and 6 to your remaining folders (if any).

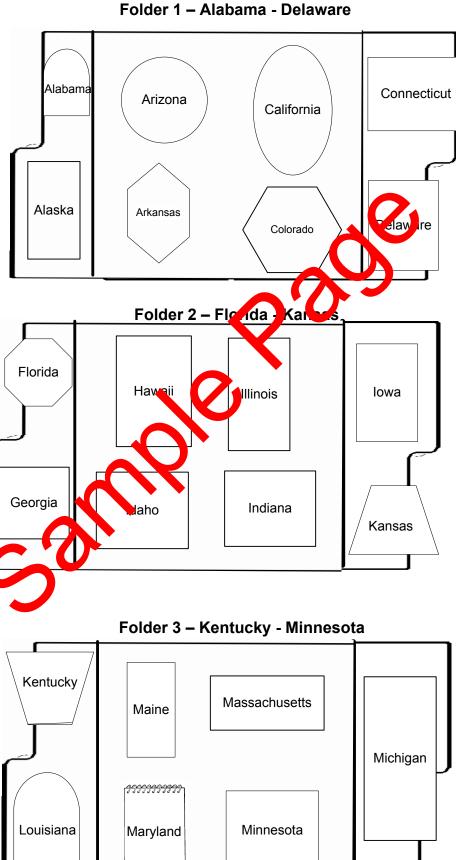


8. The patterns for all the mini-booklets are provided. Just cut out, construct, and glue them into your lapbook. Refer to the color-coded placement page or the actual mini-booklet page for placement of each mini-booklet.

# Photos of lapbook

First three folders

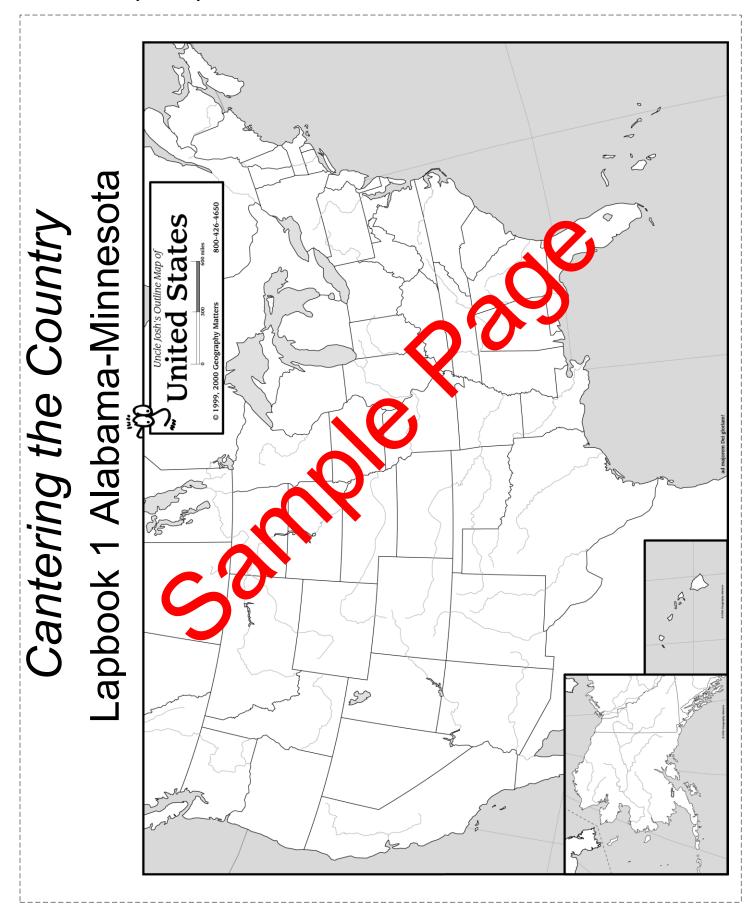




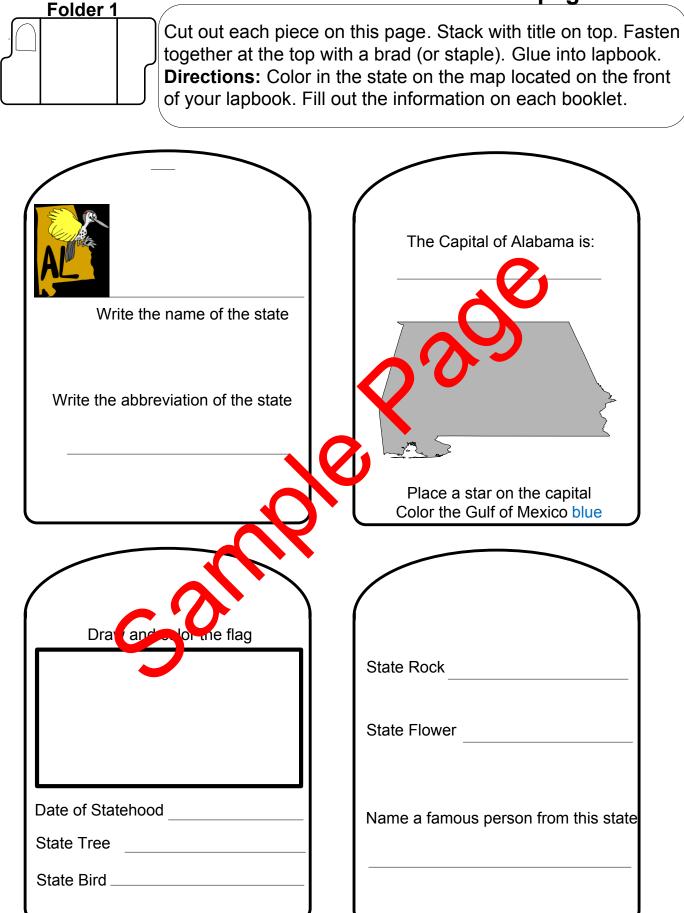
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### **Complete the Scene**

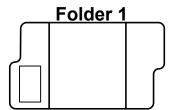
Cut out the scene on the dotted line and glue it to the front of your closed lapbook. Color in the state as you study it.



# Alabama page 21 - 25



# Alaska page 26 - 31



Cut out the booklet as one piece. Accordion fold with title on top. Glue into lapbook.

**Directions:** Color in the state on the map located on the front of your lapbook. Fill out the information on each booklet.

