



Early Learning

Letters, Numbers, and Shapes

Learning Lapbook

From the
"I Can Do
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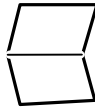
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Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically



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

Accordion Fold-This fold is like making a paper fan. Fold on the first line so that title is on top. Turn over and fold on next line so that title is on top again. Turn over again and fold again on the next line so that title is on top. Continue until all folds are done.

Cover Labels-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of just a blank space. They will be labeled “cover label.”

So where do the mini-booklets 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 once again 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.

Lapbook Assembly Choices

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

We recommend using Zip Dry Glue.

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!

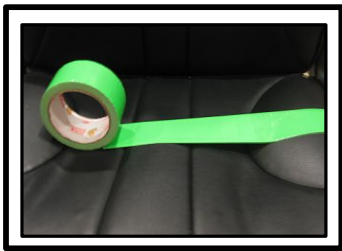
How Long Does it Take to Complete the Lapbook?

Doing a study guide page and mini-booklet a day, a 3-folder lapbook takes about one month to complete. However, you can expand the study portion and make it last as long as you like! That's the beauty of homeschooling! Do it YOUR way!

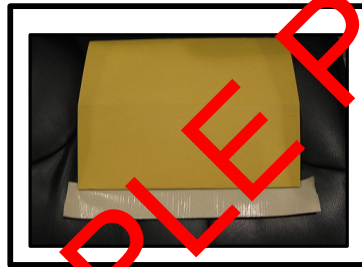
Can I store all of my lapbooks in ONE location?

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 keeps 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)



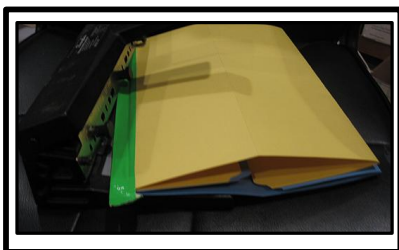
Roll out enough duct tape to go across the folders lengthwise.



Put duct tape sticky side up. Place binded edge of lapbook on the duct tape (no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch!).



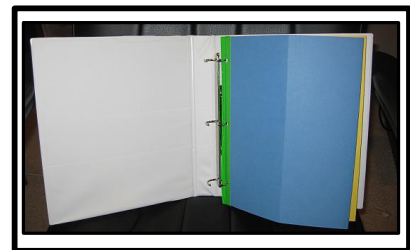
Then stick duct tape to the other side again about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. There will need to be enough tape to hole punch.



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



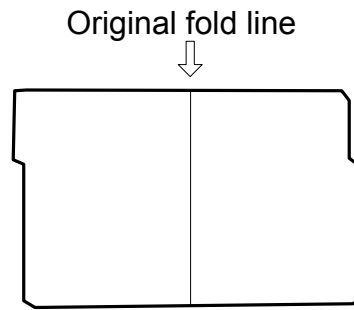
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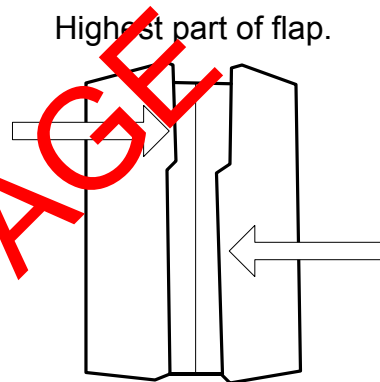
Store folders in 3-ring binder.

Folding a Lapbook Base

Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.



For each folder, fold the left and right sides inward toward the original line to create two flaps. Crease so that the highest part of each flap is touching the original line. It is important not to let the two flaps overlap. *You may want to take a ruler and run it down each crease to make it sharper.*



Glue your folders together by putting glue (or you may staple) on the inside of the flaps. Then press the newly glued flaps together with your hands until they get a good strong hold to each other. Follow this step to add as many folders as you need for your project. Most of our lapbooks have either 2 or 3 folders.

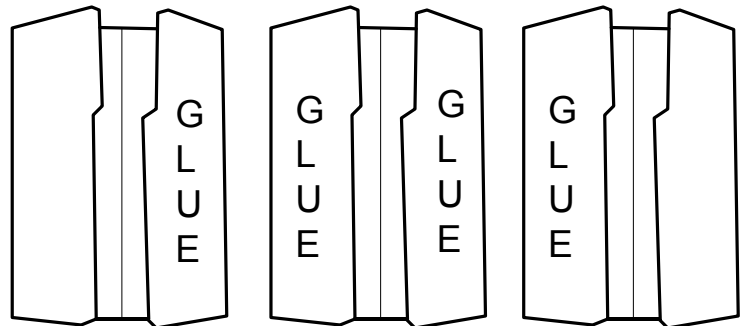
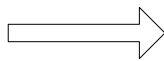
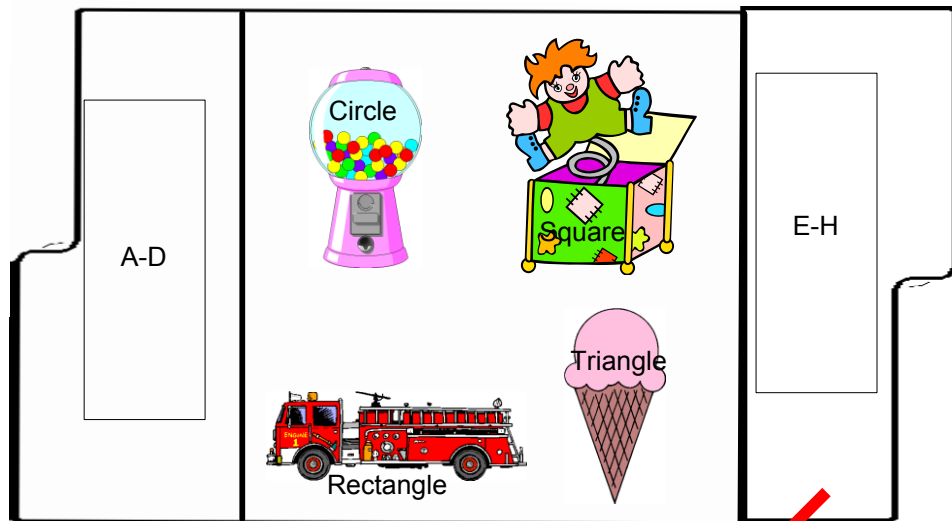


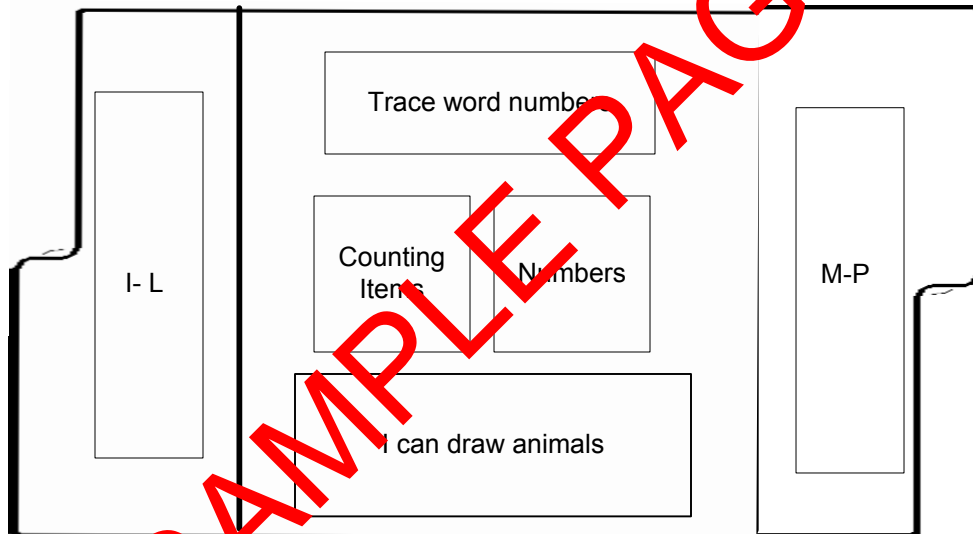
Photo of a completed lapbook base



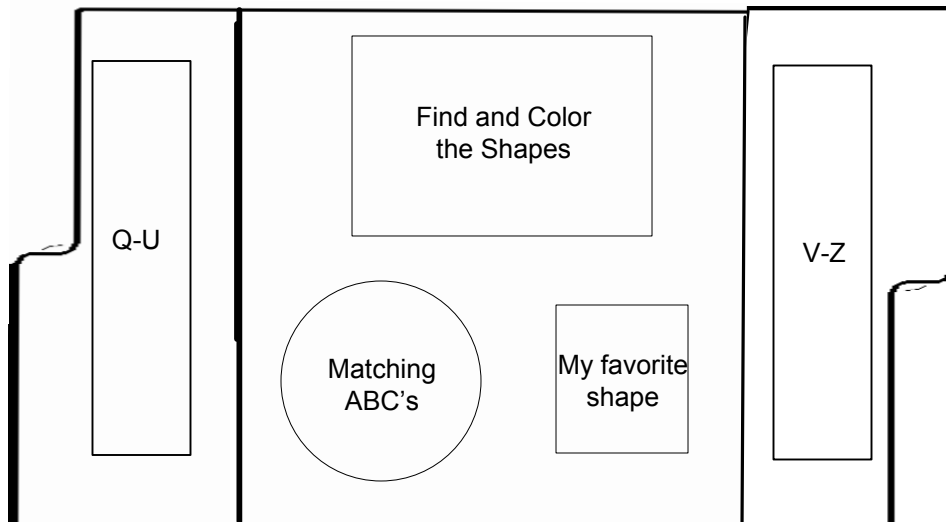
Folder 1



Folder 2



Folder 3

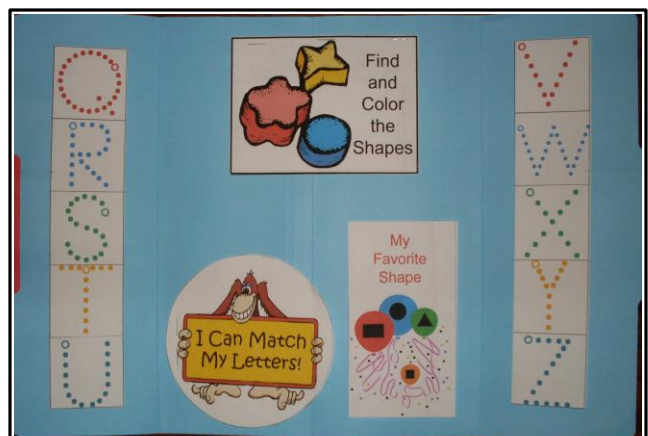
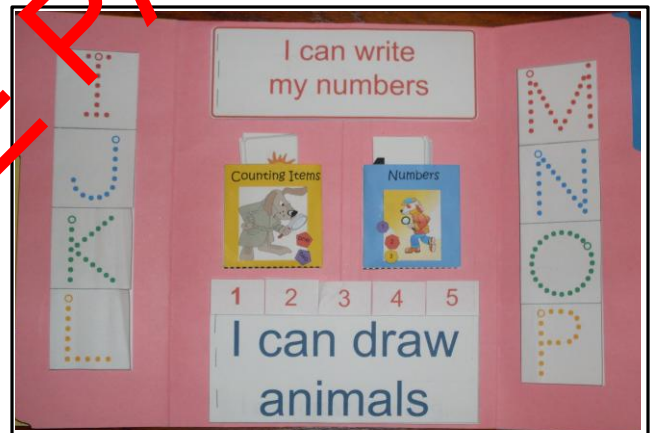


Letters, Numbers and Shapes Lapbook

Now your preschooler can do a lapbook just like older brother or sister! This lapbook provides fun and colorful practice for several basic preschool skills that are important to master before starting Kindergarten!

Table of Contents

- Circle
- Square
- Rectangle
- Triangle
- Letters of the Alphabet
- I Can Write my Numbers
- Matching Numbers to Items
- I Can Draw Animals
- Find and Color the Shapes
- I Can Match Letters
- My Favorite Shape



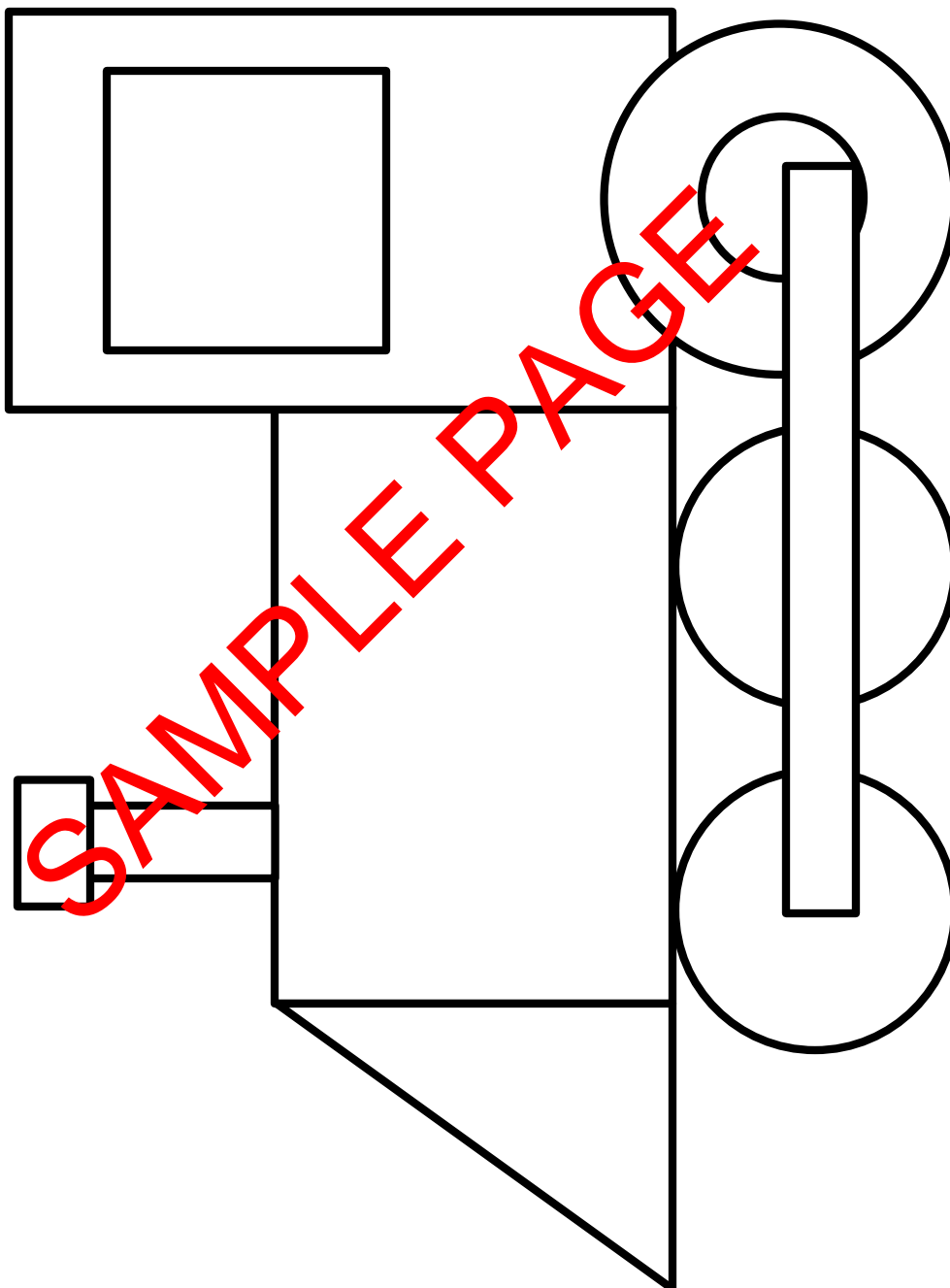
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Complete the picture.

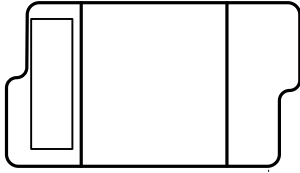
Color the different shapes found on the train.

Cut out picture on the dotted lines. Then glue to the front cover of your lapbook.

Letters, Numbers and Shapes



Folder 1



Hotdog fold

Cut out as one piece. Fold in half on line. Cut on dotted lines to make tabs. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Trace each letter.

Behind each tab, draw an item that begins with that letter or cut out and glue a picture from a magazine.

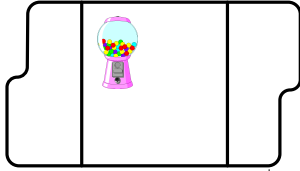
GLUE

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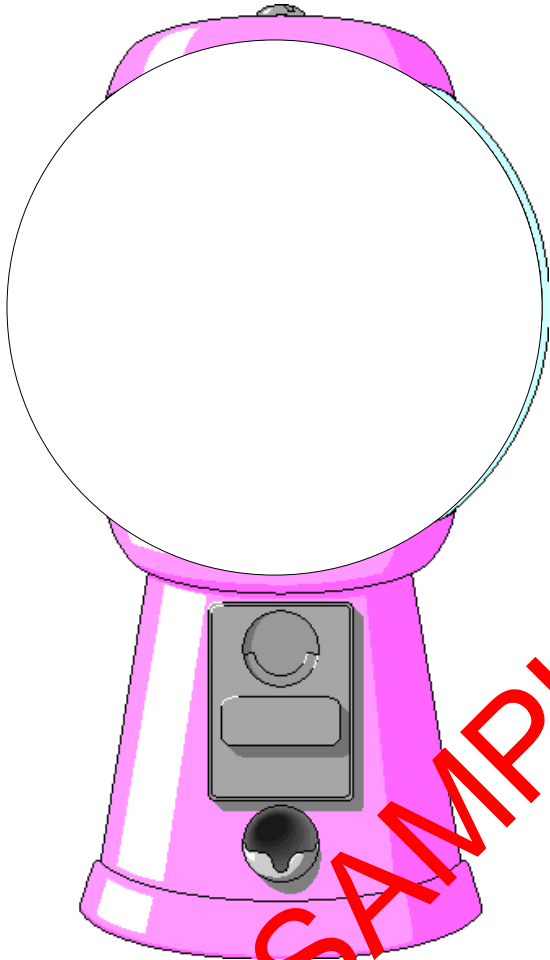
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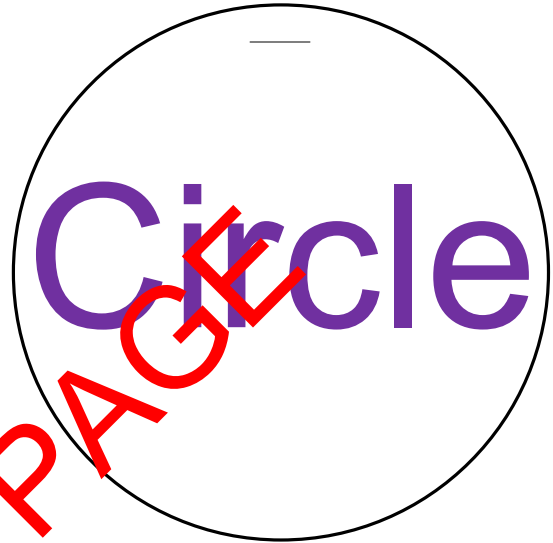
Folder 1



Cut out the gumball machine. Then cut out the title piece. Staple the title piece on the top of the gumball machine.
Directions: Inside, draw round gumballs in the machine.

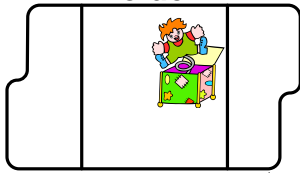


Title piece



SAMPLE PAGE

Folder 1



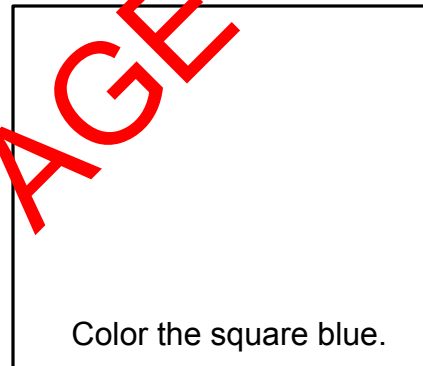
Cut out the Jack-in-the-Box. Cut out each square. Stack the squares with title piece on top. Staple to Jack-in-the-Box. (On top of square) Glue into lapbook.
Directions: Follow directions on the squares.



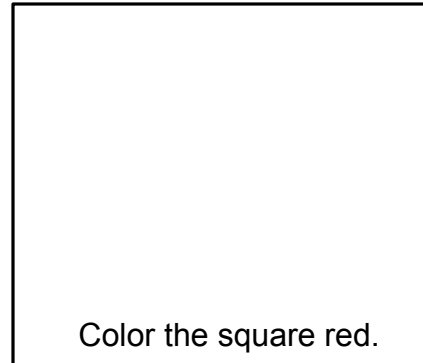
Color the square green

Square

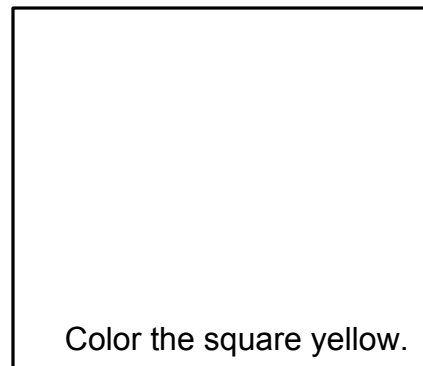
Title piece



Color the square blue.

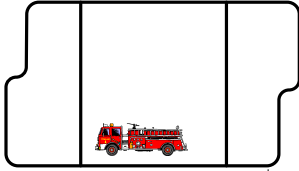


Color the square red.



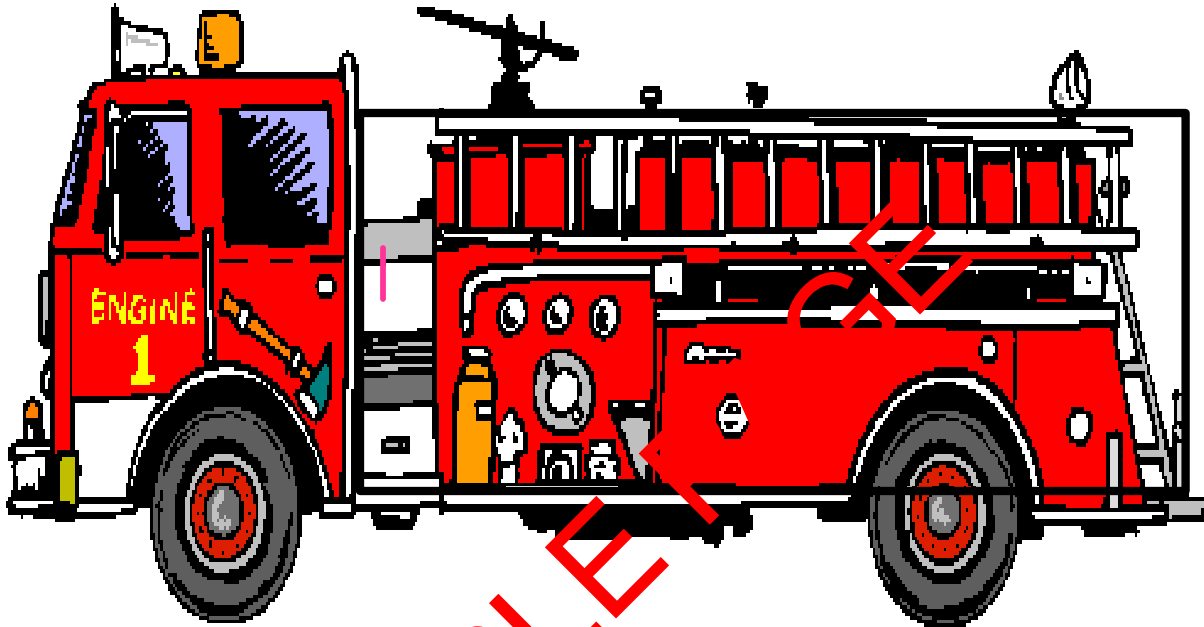
Color the square yellow.

Folder 1



Cut out the fire truck. Cut out the three rectangles. Stack all of the rectangles together with the title piece on top and staple on top of the fire truck inside the square. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Draw the rectangles on each booklet.



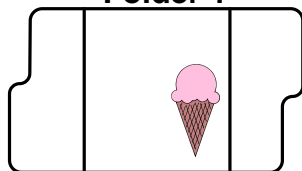
Title piece

Draw 2 rectangles

Draw 3 rectangles

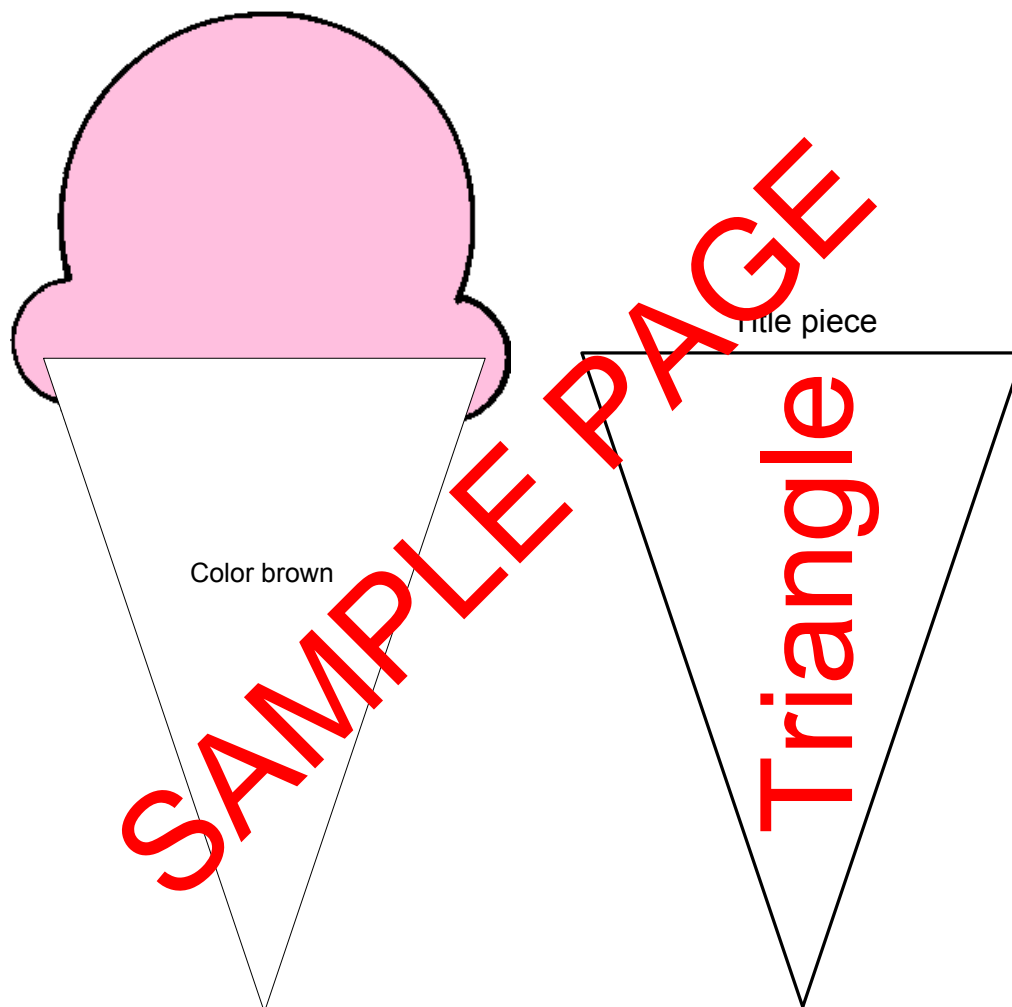
Rectangle

Folder 1

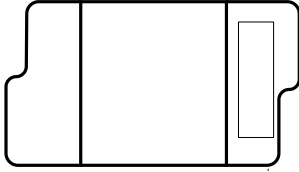


Cut out ice cream cone. Then cut out the title piece. Staple on top of the cone.

Directions: Color the inside cone brown.



Folder 1



Cut out as one piece. Fold in half on line. Cut on dotted lines to make tabs. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Trace each letter. Behind each tab, draw an item that begins with that letter or cut out and glue a picture from a magazine.

Hotdog fold

GLUE

Cut

Cut

Cut