

FUN ACTIVITY TO DO AT HOME WITH AN OLD BOOK...

Secret Book Safe

Make a secret place to hide your stuff. You can put money, secret messages, keys, or treasures in the secret compartment. When you close the book and put it on your bookshelf, no one will know it's a safe - except you!

Materials:

An old hardcover book
Ruler
Pencil
Hobby knife or carpet cutter
White glue



Instructions:

1. Find a hardcover book that no one wants. It should have at least 200 pages.
2. Open the book to the first page.
3. Take the ruler and pencil and mark 1 inch from all four side of the page. Connect the lines to make a rectangle.
4. Using the scissors or carpet cutter and ruler (with adult supervision), cut out the shape you just drew, leaving the 1 inch border.
5. Repeat steps 3 & 4 with the remaining pages until the middle sections have been cut out. Be patient - this may take awhile. Try to cut a few pages at a time. When you're done you should have a rectangle shaped empty space inside the book.
6. Brush whit glue along the four walls that line the empty space. You may want to do the same with the outer edges of the pages to make them solid.
7. Allow glue to dry. Several coats of glue may be applied one at a time with drying time in between applications.