Let's make an illuminated letter!

Illuminated manuscripts are precious books that are written and illustrated by hand. Illuminated means “shiny,” and artists sometimes used real gold and silver to decorate the pages and make the patterns shiny and bright. Let’s use foil to create a special page of our own.

**Materials**
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Foil
- Glue

**Illuminated Letter**

1. Use a pencil and a ruler to measure a rectangle that is 7 inches tall and 5 inches wide on a piece of cardboard. Cut out the rectangle.

2. Roll out a piece of foil. Using your pencil, lightly outline the first letter of your name as a block letter. Make sure not to press down too hard!

3. Carefully cut out the foil letter, and glue it to the middle of your cardboard rectangle.

4. Add a border by cutting out smaller foil shapes and gluing them around the edges of the rectangle.

5. Cut out some designs in the foil and glue them onto your page to decorate it.

6. Gently use your pencil to make patterns in the foil on the page.