

Illuminated Letter

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

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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.

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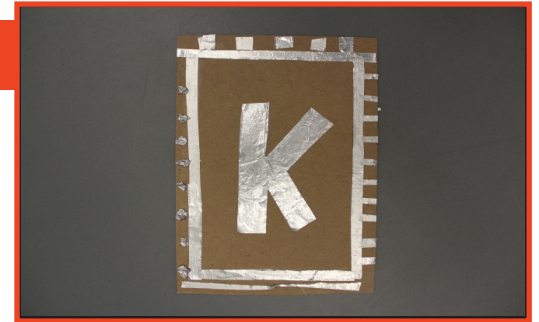
Roll out a piece of foil. Using your pencil, lightly outline the first letter of your name as a block letter. Make sure not to press down too hard!

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

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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.