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**Rippin' Through The Year  
Monthly Seasonal Shape Book**

**Materials For The APPLE:**

- Hole punch if you're going to hang them.
- Red, green and brown construction paper (later I use black construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.)
- Glue stick
- Black marker for their name.
- Yarn if you're going to hang them.
- Crayons if you want them to add details
- Masters

**Directions for the APPLE:**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. On the bigger pieces like the apple, I have them tear OFF the big chunks.
5. When the children get their stem torn on the apple, have them unfold it, and then rip down the center fold.
6. I purposely make the initial stem bigger, because if I made it the correct size to begin with, they would invariably rip it too small.
7. They can glue one of the stems to the front of the apple and one to the back so they fit together.
8. This gives the apple stem more support, if you plan to hole punch the apple stem and hang from the ceiling.
9. Or simply discard this piece if you are going to glue the apple to a piece of 9x12 sheet of construction paper and later put these pages in a Keepsake Book.
10. Have the children glue their stem to the top of the apple and their leaf to the side of the stem.
11. Have the children write their name on the apple or on the sheet of paper.
12. I like to have my students add a few details to their apples with crayons. i.e. a vein on the leaf with a green crayon.
13. I'm also known for little stitching lines on my drawings. This is a great pre-writing practice skill for my students as well.
14. It also is a great accent for their art work and gives it the "finishing touch". So I have them add a few dashes in the same color as their pieces.
15. I like to write their names on the leaf and suspend the apples from the ceiling.
16. I later glue the apples on a piece of black construction paper and file them away for their Keepsake Book.

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**Materials For The PUMPKIN**

- Hole punch
- Orange, green and (later I use purple construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.)
- Glue stick
- Black marker for their name.
- Yarn
- Masters
- Crayons for details

**Directions for the Pumpkin:**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. Have them tear OFF the big chunks when they are ripping out the pumpkin.
5. After they have torn their stem, have the children glue their stem to the top of the middle of their pumpkin.
6. Have the children write their name on the back of their pumpkin, or if you are gluing it to a sheet of paper, have them write it on the back.
7. I like to punch a hole in the stem, and suspend their pumpkins from the ceiling.
8. I later glue the pumpkins on a piece of purple construction paper and file away for their Keepsake Book.
9. You'll have to rip off a tip of their stem to have it fit in their book, but I like it long for hanging.
10. Some of your students will want to draw a Jack-O-Lantern face on their pumpkin. I do enough Halloween "stuff" that I like to keep this activity for our study of pumpkins, so I tell and SHOW them that I only want them to add ORANGE and GREEN details to their pumpkin to make it LOOK LIKE A PUMPKIN; and again reiterate NO faces on their pumpkins.

**Materials For TheACORN**

- Hole punch if you're going to hang them.
- Light and dark brown construction paper (later I use yellow construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.)
- Glue stick
- Black marker for their name or crayons
- Yarn if you're going to hang them.
- Masters
- Crayons for details if you want the children to add criss-cross lines to the top of their acorn.
- **Optional:** Gold or Copper glitter glue to add criss-cross lines to the top of their acorn.

**Directions for the Acorn:**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. Have them tear OFF the big chunks.
5. After they have finished tearing, have the children glue their top, to the bottom of their acorn.
6. Have the children write their name on the back of their acorn, or if you are gluing it to a sheet of paper, have them write it on the back.
7. I like to add a bit of pizzazz by making a criss-cross pattern with glitter glue on the top of their acorn with gold or copper colored glitter.
8. I like to punch a hole in the stem, and suspend their acorns from the ceiling.
9. I later glue the acorns on a piece of yellow construction paper and file away for their Keepsake Book.

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**Materials For The TREE**

- Hole punch if you'll be hanging the trees.
- Green and (later I use blue construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.)
- Glue stick
- Black crayon for their name.
- Yarn if you'll be hanging the trees.
- Masters

**Directions for the tree.**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. Have them tear OFF the big chunks when they are ripping out the tree.
5. After they have torn their trunk, have the children glue their trunk to the bottom of the middle of their tree.
6. Have the children write their name on the back of their tree or if you are gluing it to a sheet of paper, have them write it on the back.
7. I like to punch a hole in the top, and suspend their trees from the ceiling.
8. I later glue the trees on a piece of blue construction paper and file away for their Keepsake Book.
9. If you want, you can give them a ¼ inch strip of red construction paper, or several strips of multi colored construction paper and have them rip and tear ornaments to glue on their tree + add a yellow square to the top for a star.
10. Another Idea, if you are gluing their tree to a piece of construction paper, is to give them 1 ½ inch strips of construction paper and have them tear "gifts" to put UNDER the tree as well as decorate their tree with the smaller strips.
11. My students have enjoyed doing all 3 activities. It just depends on how much time I want to put into the activity.

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**Materials For The SNOWMAN**

- Hole punch if you'll be hanging the snowman
- Construction Paper: White, black, and turquoise, purple, light pink, & dark blue for the scarf ( I give my students a choice) + some strips of red, orange, and blue for facial features (later I use hot pink construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.)
- Glue stick
- Crayon for their name.
- Yarn if you'll be hanging them.
- Masters

**Directions for the snowman.**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. Have them tear OFF the big chunks.
5. After they have torn their pieces, have the children glue their hat on top of the circle.
6. Following the lines, I have them rip the ends of the scarf and then glue it to the bottom of the circle.
7. Give them ¼ inch wide strips of red (mouth) blue (eyes), orange (carrot nose) for them to rip and tear pieces for facial features.
8. They can also make a band for a hat out of a torn strip of another color if you'd like.
9. Have the children write their name on the back of their snowman.
10. If you are gluing it to a sheet of paper, have them write it on the back.
11. I like to punch a hole in the top, and suspend their snowmen back-to-back from the ceiling.
12. I later glue them on a piece of hot pink construction paper and file them away for their Keepsake Book.

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**Materials For The HEART**

- Hole punch if you'll be hanging the HEARTS
- Construction Paper: Hot Pink and Light Pink or Lavender (later I use white construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.)
- Glue stick
- Crayon for their name.
- Yarn if you'll be hanging them.
- Masters

**Directions for the heart.**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. I cut a tiny slit either in the beginning of the V-part of the heart to get them started, or at the end tip. It really helps!
5. Have them tear OFF the big chunks.
6. After they have torn their pieces, have the children glue their little heart to the middle of their big heart.
7. Have the children write their name on the back of their heart.
8. If you are gluing the heart to a sheet of paper, have them write their name on the back of that paper.
9. I like to punch a hole in the V, tie with a loop of yarn and suspend them back-to-back from the ceiling.
10. I later glue them on a piece of white construction paper and file them away for their Keepsake Book.

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**Materials For The KITE:**

- Hole punch if you'll be hanging the KITES
- I like to use yellow construction paper with orange bow ties. (Later I use powder blue construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.) If you're going to hang them, let your students choose their color. It looks nice to have a variety of colored kites hanging from the ceiling.
- I also let them have multi-colored bow ties instead of just one color then too.
- Glue stick
- Crayon for their name.
- Yarn if you'll be hanging them.
- If you'll be hanging them, children need to rip & tear 4 bow ties.
- Masters

**Directions for the kite.**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. Have them tear OFF the big chunks.
5. Have the children write their name on the back of their kite.
6. If you are gluing the kite to a sheet of paper, have them write their name on the back of that paper.
7. I like to punch a hole in the top, tie with a loop of yarn and suspend them from the ceiling.
8. I punch a hole in the bottom as well and tie another long string of yarn.
9. The children put glue on one of their bow ties and put the yarn in the center, and then they lay another bow tie on top and press down.
10. They do this so they have 2 bow ties hanging down.
11. I later glue their kites on a piece of light blue construction paper and file them away for their Keepsake Book.

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### **Materials For The BUTTERFLY**

- Hole punch if you'll be hanging the butterflies
- A variety of colors, I give my students a choice. Personally, since I haven't used these colors in the Keepsake Book yet, I like lime green wings and a royal blue thorax. Later I use orange construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.
- Glue stick
- Crayons for their name & details.
- Yarn if you'll be hanging them.
- Masters

### **Directions for the butterfly.**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. I cut a tiny slit in the beginning to get them started. It really helps!
5. Have them tear OFF the big chunks.
6. After they have torn their pieces, have the children glue their long piece "thorax" on top of their butterfly's "wings". Have them put the glue on the wings and press the body part down.
7. I also give my students the option of ripping a 1 inch strip of paper to add "squares" to their butterfly's wings.
8. If you're doing the lime green wings, hot pink, yellow and purple strips look great as 3 multi-colored squares on each wing. It's a great review of *symmetry*.
9. Have the children write their name on the back of their butterfly.
10. They'll also want to add eyes.
11. I like to punch a hole in the "head", tie with a loop of yarn and suspend them back-to-back from the ceiling.
12. I later glue them on a piece of orange construction paper and file them away for their Keepsake Book.
13. I have to glue the butterfly flying sideways to fit him on the page, a bit shows on the bottom, but I make my cover a tad bigger to allow for this.

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**Materials For The Ladybug**

- Hole punch if you'll be hanging the Love Bug
- Black, Red & White Construction Paper (Later I use lime green construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.)
- Glue stick
- Crayons for their name and details
- Yarn if you'll be hanging them.
- Masters

**Directions for the Lady Love Bug:**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. Have them tear OFF the big chunks.
5. After they have torn their pieces, have the children glue the "head" of their bug to the red wings, and the hearts to either side of the wings.
6. I also give them an 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch strip of white paper to rip off two pieces for eyes to glue on to the top of the head.
7. Have the children write their name on the back of their ladybug.
8. If you are gluing it to a sheet of paper, have them write it on the back of that paper.
9. I like to punch a hole in the top, and suspend their bugs back-to-back from the ceiling.
10. I later glue them on a piece of lime green construction paper and file them away for their Keepsake Book.

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**Materials For The Watermelon**

- Black, Red, Green & White Construction Paper (I use royal blue construction paper for their Keepsake Book page.) Hot pink and lime green instead of red and green also looks sharp too.
- Glue stick
- Crayons for their name and details
- Masters

**Directions for the Watermelon:**

1. Remind children to keep their paper FOLDED.
2. Remind them to take their time.
3. Demonstrate how you rip and tear on the black line and move your fingers as you go.
4. Have them tear OFF the big chunks.
5. For an easier start, give them a little slit first.
6. After they have torn their pieces, have the children glue the white piece to the red piece and that piece to the green piece.
7. I also give them a 1/4<sup>th</sup> inch strip of black paper to rip off pieces for seeds to glue on the white part of their watermelon.
8. I pass out the blue construction paper and have the children glue their melon to the center of the paper for their Keepsake Book which is now done!