

Student Desk-Top Projects: Large Paper

Students in a classroom or students working at home can use 11"x17" or 12"x18" paper for desk-top projects for book reports, poetry, science, government, history, math, and other subjects.

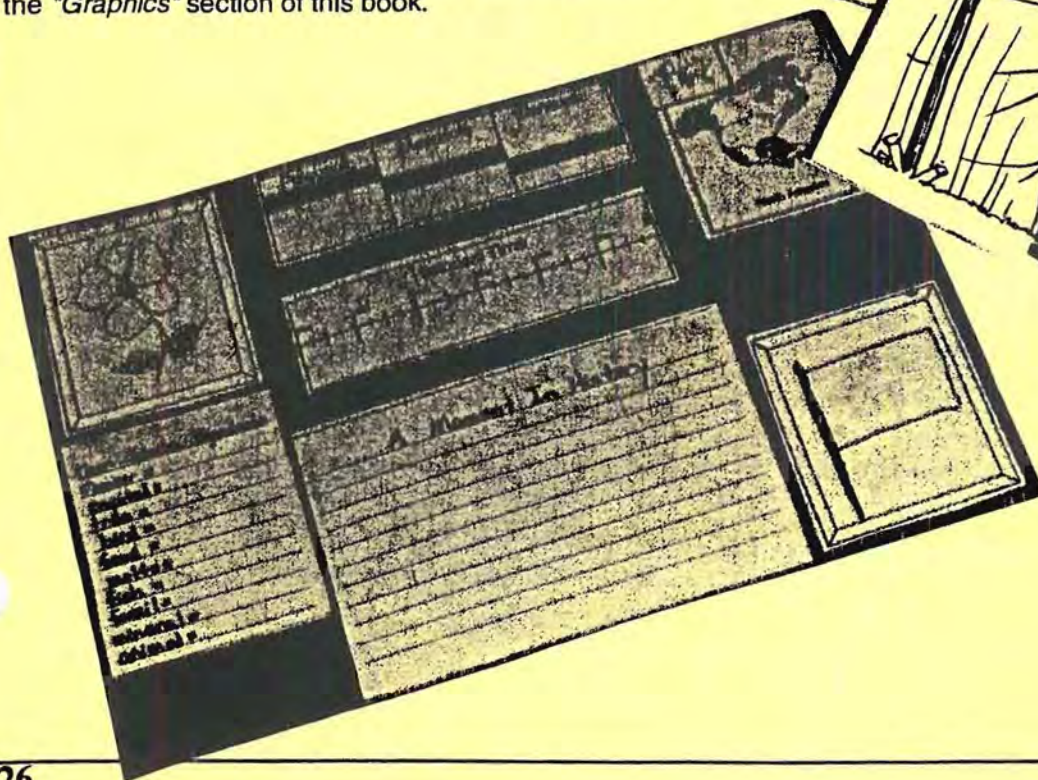
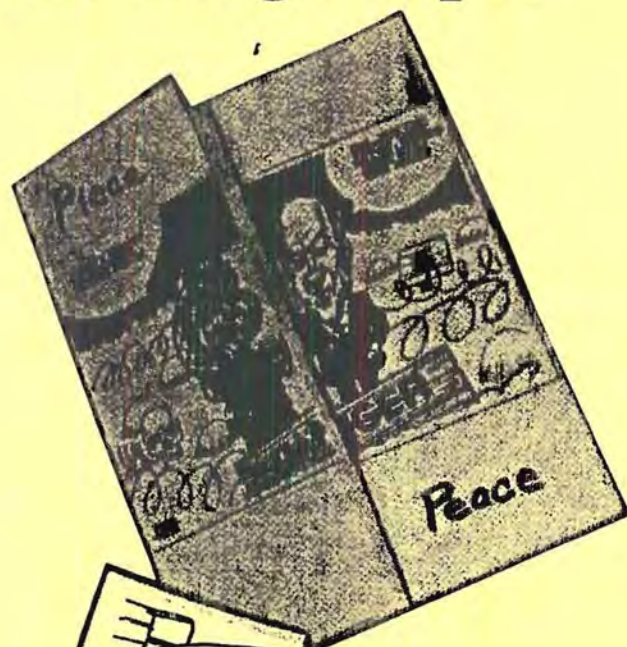
1. Write a title on and glue an illustration across the front of the folded project.

Suggested cover illustrations for primary to advanced projects:

- original student illustrations
- traced illustrations
- coloring book pictures
- photocopied illustrations
- magazine pictures
- newspaper photos
- political cartoons
- current event articles
- maps or diagrams, and more.

2. Half-sheets of paper can be glued onto the middle section of the desk-top project. Half-sheets might include: illustrations, diagrams, paragraphs of basic information, recorded observations, biographies, experiment steps, etc. See examples of half-sheets in the "Graphics" section of this book. Multiple half-sheets can be glued or stapled on top of each other.

3. Quarter-sheets fit along the side panels of the desk-top projects. Multiple quarter-sheets can be glued or stapled on top of each other. See examples of quarter-sheets in the "Graphics" section of this book.



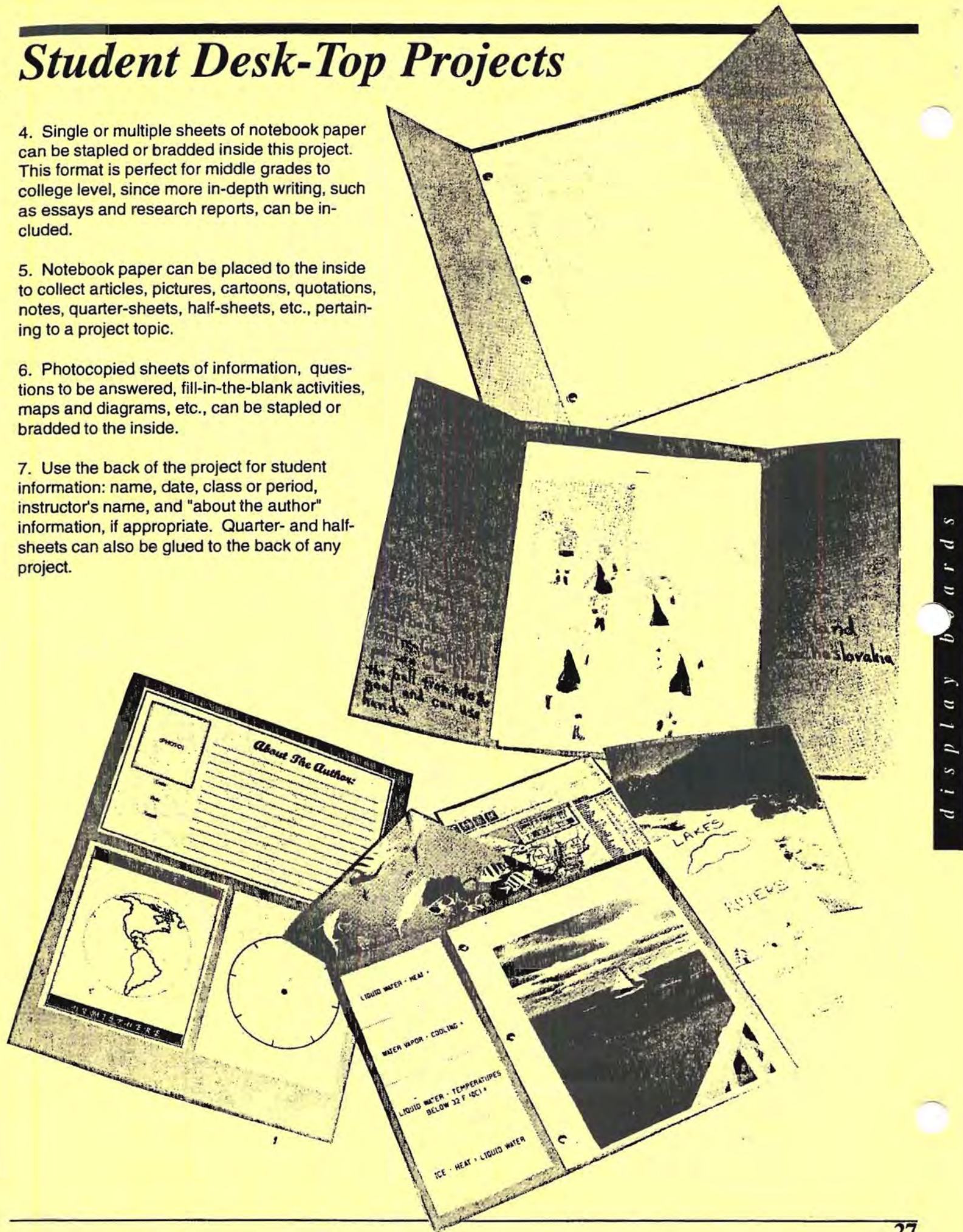
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4. Single or multiple sheets of notebook paper can be stapled or bradded inside this project. This format is perfect for middle grades to college level, since more in-depth writing, such as essays and research reports, can be included.

5. Notebook paper can be placed to the inside to collect articles, pictures, cartoons, quotations, notes, quarter-sheets, half-sheets, etc., pertaining to a project topic.

6. Photocopied sheets of information, questions to be answered, fill-in-the-blank activities, maps and diagrams, etc., can be stapled or bradded to the inside.

7. Use the back of the project for student information: name, date, class or period, instructor's name, and "about the author" information, if appropriate. Quarter- and half-sheets can also be glued to the back of any project.



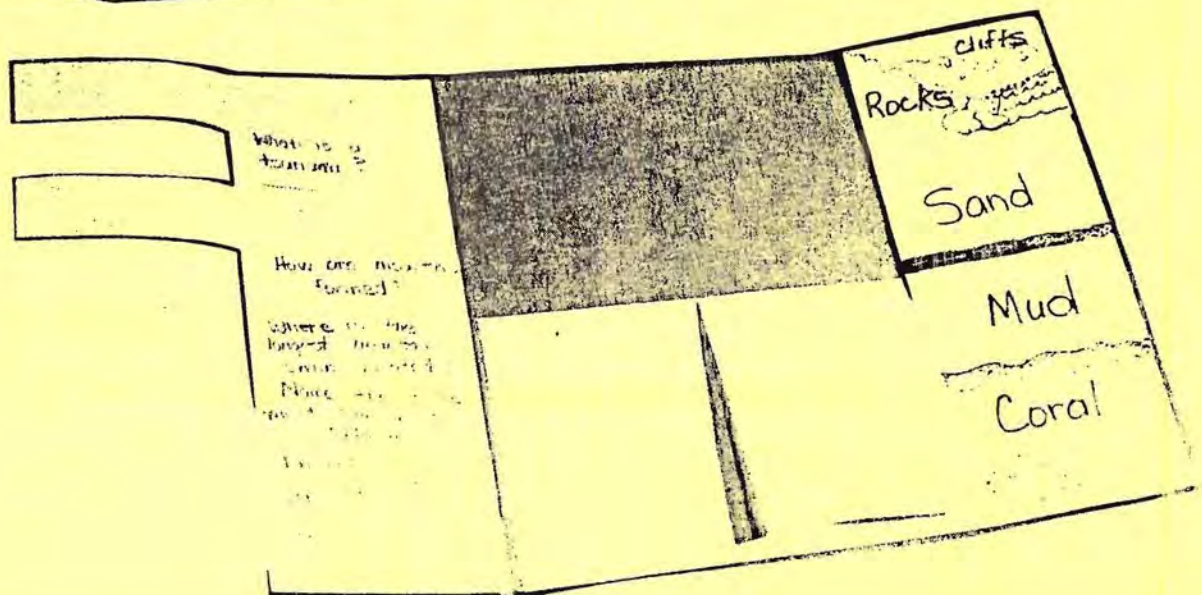
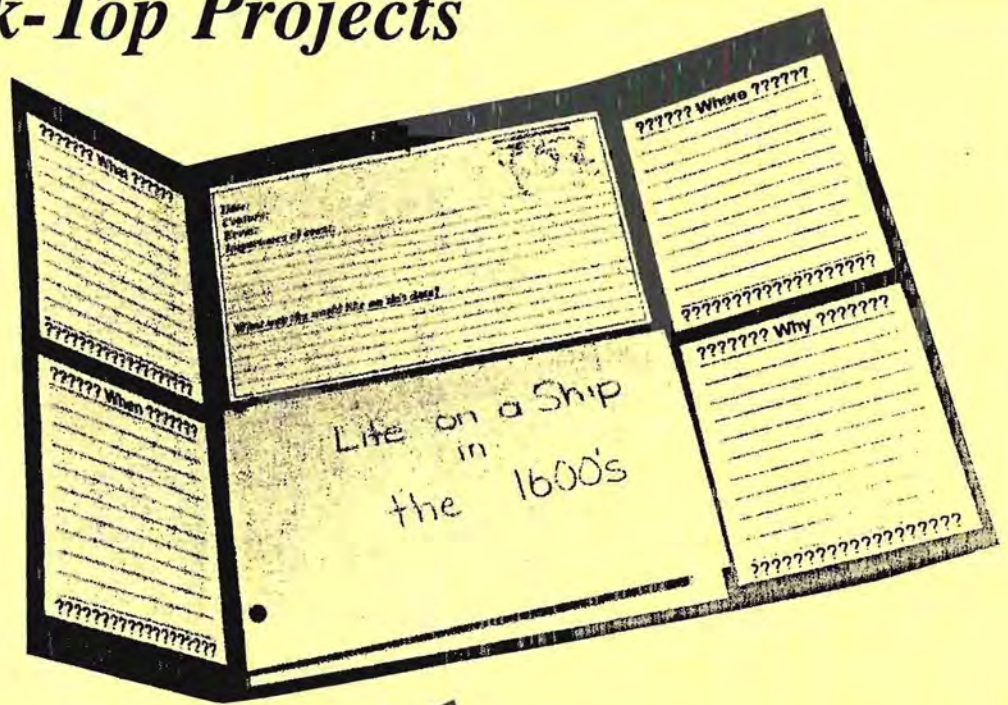
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8. Use a half-book in the center section of the desk-top project.

9. Use question and answer books in the center section.

These are excellent for looking at two things, comparing and contrasting, examining cause and effect relationships, qualitative and quantitative information, etc.

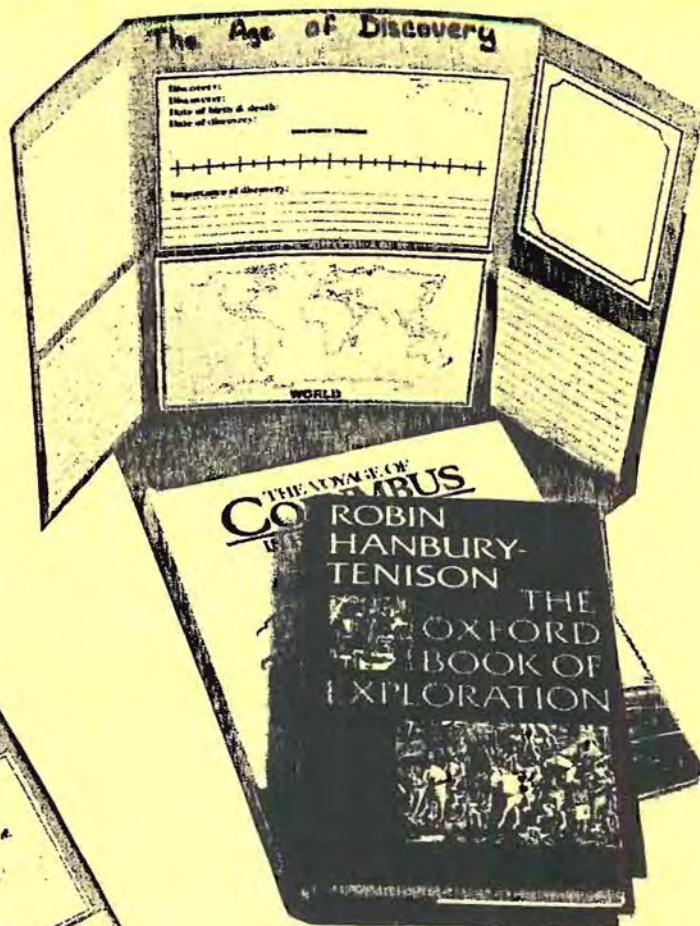
10. Along the side panels, use "hot dogs" folded into three-, four-, six-, and eight-part books.



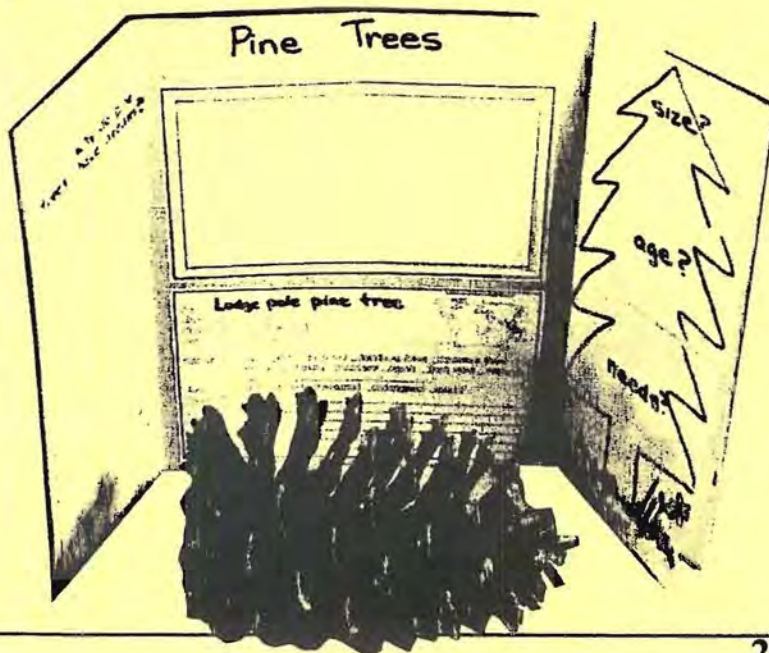
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11. Place physical objects in front of the desk-top project for display:

- a. Fictional literature: a storybook or novel, or several books by the same author.
Non-fictional literature: a book opened to a page illustrating something pertaining to the project.
- b. Science specimens for observation: rocks, minerals, fossils, soil samples, leaf or insect collections, etc.
- c. Materials used in a science experiment, and/or examples of how the materials were used; for example, if chicken bones were placed in vinegar for varying amounts of time, include the bones on cards that explain how long they were in the vinegar.



- d. Original or student-made objects representative of a period of history or a particular culture. Examples: African masks, cuneiform writing on clay tablets, home-made paper, arrowheads, clay pots, stamps, etc.



Pocket Project Folder

PROJECT EXTENSIONS FOR OTHER FOLDS:

(See *Dinah Zike's Big Book of Books and Activities*, p. 23, for **pocket book** fold instructions.)

1. Make a pocket book out of poster board.
2. Using a yardstick, draw a line that divides the 28" length of poster in half. Score lightly with scissors.
3. Using a yardstick, draw a line 7" from one of the 22" sides. Score lightly with scissors.
4. Fold in half along the 14" fold line. Fold the scored 7-inch tab up to form a pocket inside the folder.
5. Glue and/or staple along the outer edges to finish forming the project pockets.

