

“Press Here”

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Supplies Needed:

- Construction Paper
- Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Lengths of string

Expanding the Book:

1. The goal of this activity is to make the book “Press here” longer, maybe if this activity is repeated enough times, you’ll have your own completely unique copy of “Press Here”, written by You.
 - We will be making at least 1 page today, but be thinking about what 2 pages you want to make if you’re only making 1 today.
2. First, think in your head “What is going to happen between this page and the next one?”
 - Are you going to change the color of the dot, add more dots, change the shape, “turn out the lights”, make the dot bigger or smaller, or something else entirely?
3. Second, decide how you want that to happen?
 - Is it as simple as pressing the dot? Will you need to shake the page, tap it softly or firmly, or maybe even turn the book upside down?
4. Next, decide how you want to put the dot on the page.
 - Do you want it to be drawn using markers or crayons, on a sheet of white paper, or maybe on construction paper?
 - Do you want the dot to be cut out from a piece of construction paper?
 - Do you want the dot to be different from other things on the paper, or the same?
5. **After you have decided what you want to make your page out of, and how to make it, start making it! Draw your dot on the first page.**
 - Your page should look something like this:
6. For the next step, you should have your dot on the page. Decorate your page how you want. What is going to be around the dot? Will it be one solid color, or will it have stripes and polka dots? Is there a dog near the dot? It’s up to you to decide that!
 - I chose for mine to have fancy curtains, like at a movie theater.

7. Next, add instructions for the page. Remember that you want something to happen on the page after this. What do you need to do to this page to make something happen next?
 - Write down your instructions for this page. Do your best to sound out the words, or ask an adult for help with reaaaaaally long words (like Chrysanthemum, for example).
 - Mine says: “Press the dot with your whole hand.”

8. Keep doing this for each page you want to make. You don't have to finish your book right now, maybe come back and make your second page tomorrow, or next week.
 - My next page is almost done, I made the dot and decorated it. There's confetti everywhere! What should my words be?

9. When you have at least 2 pages in your book, use a hole puncher to put holes on the left side of the paper, this is where we'll use our string for "binding" our book.
 - Tie the string through the loops, loose enough so you can untie them to add more pages to the book later on.