Foldable Bookmark

Recommended for Will Eisner Week (March 1-7, 2021)

Description: In honor of Will Eisner, one of the most innovative and influential comic book artists in the 20ᵗʰ century, there is a well identified comic book week called Will Eisner Week.

Will Eisner Week celebrates all comics, graphic novels, sequential art, free speech, and Will Eisner's legacy.
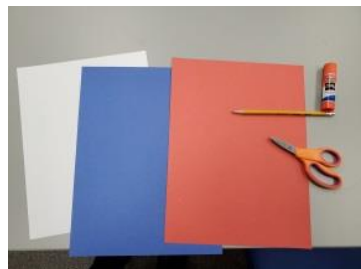
Below are directions on how to make a foldable bookmark, with some suggested comic icons.

Recommended Public Blurb: Celebrate Will Eisner Week and all comic books by making a comic icon foldable bookmark.

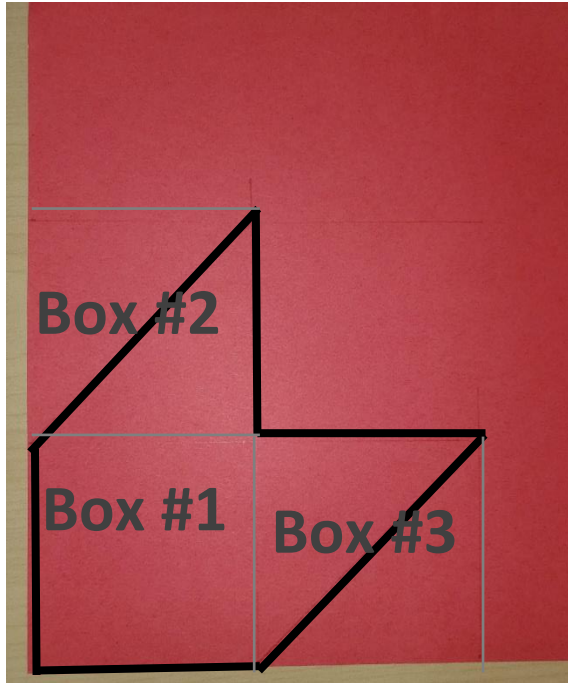**Age Recommended**: Tweens and Teens.

Required Supplies:

- Paper in various colors such as red, blue, black, green, and white (can be printer paper)
- Scissors
- Golf pencils or regular pencils
- Glue sticks or tacky glue
- Rulers or make cardstock templates for foldable bookmark pattern.

Below are instructions to make a foldable bookmark base. You can do this with any color. I'm selecting red to make a Spiderman bookmark.

1. Get a sheet of construction paper. Draw a **7x7cm box** at one corner of the sheet. Draw another on top, and another on the right side. See image below that indicates box #1, #2, and #3.
2. Draw a line across box #2, and #3. Keep box #1 as it is. Cut out the black lines shown below.

3. Fold creases, making the flaps go inwards, inside box #1.

4. Add glue inside the top flap. Make sure not to add glue inside the bottom flap to keep space there, where book pages will be held.

5. The foldable bookmark base is done. Next is to decorate it.

Decorating

Instructions below are for Spiderman. Similar techniques can be used for other character icons.

1. Get a piece of black paper. Fold it in half. Draw an eye. Cut it out, getting 2 eyes out of it.

2. With white paper, fold it in half, draw an eye, and cut it out, getting 2 white eyes. Glue the white eyes and place them over the black eyes.

3. Glue the eyes onto the foldable bookmark.

4. Draw web lines around it.
   Recommend drawing the straight-ish lines first (center top to bottom, continue on the left and right sides). Draw hanging web lines between the straight-ish lines.

5. Done

Extra info if you'd like:

- WILL EISNER was born William Erwin Eisner on March 6, 1917 in Brooklyn, New York. By the time of his death on January 3, 2005, following complications from open heart surgery, Eisner was recognized internationally as one of the giants in the field of sequential art, a term he coined.
  In a career that spanned nearly seventy years and eight decades — from the dawn of the comic book to the advent of digital comics — he truly was the 'Orson Welles of comics' and the 'father of the Graphic Novel'. He broke new ground in the development of visual narrative and the language of comics and was the creator of The Spirit, John Law, Lady Luck, Mr. Mystic, Uncle Sam, Blackhawk, Sheena and countless others.
  http://willeisner.com/biography/index.html

- A Man of Many Talents. Will Eisner was one of the most innovative and talented comic-book writers, artists, and editors of the late 1930s and the 1940s. Best known for writing and drawing *The Spirit,* he was also prominent in the industry for creating several memorable characters, among them Blackhawk and Sheena, Queen of the Jungle. In the case of *The Spirit,* he was also one of the few comic-book figures from this period to retain control over his creation.
  "Will Eisner." American Decades, edited by Judith S. Baughman, et al., Gale, 1998. Gale In Context: Biography, https://0-link-gale-com.catalog.sjlibrary.org/apps/doc/K1602000419/BIC?u=sjpllib&sid=BIC&xid=3cc445a6. Accessed 21 Jan. 2020.