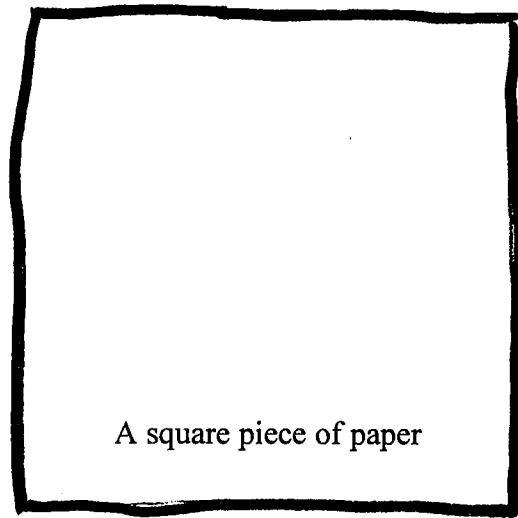


**ABC
Of
Making a Book**

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A piece of paper can be
the **B**eginning of
something you **C**an **D**o

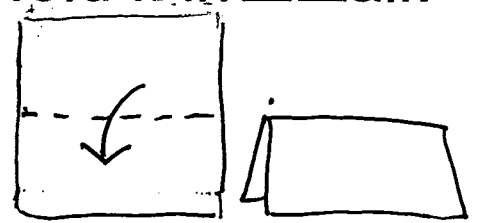


A square piece of paper

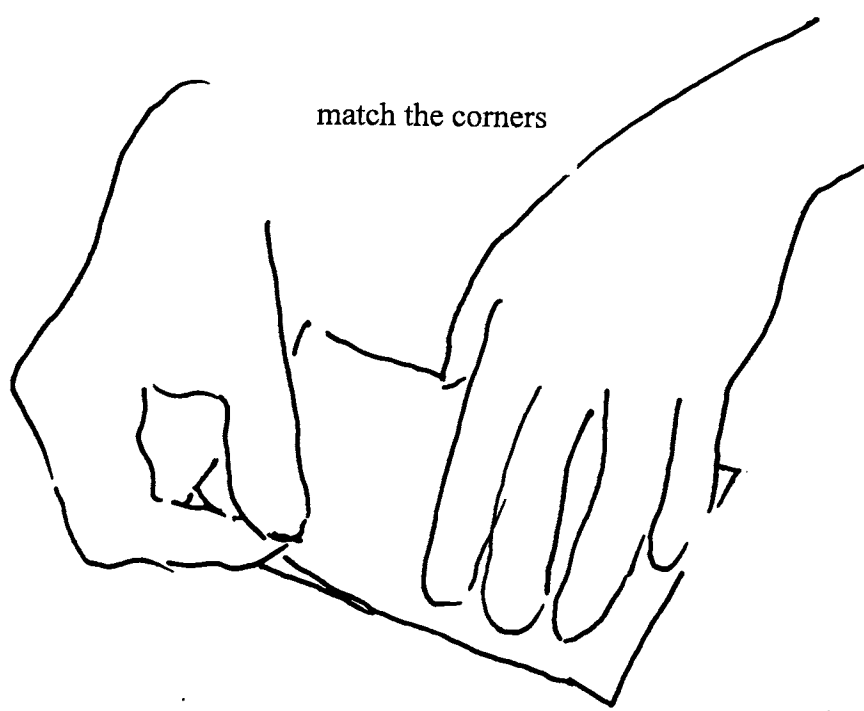
Exact **F**olds make for a nice finished product.

Go ahead!

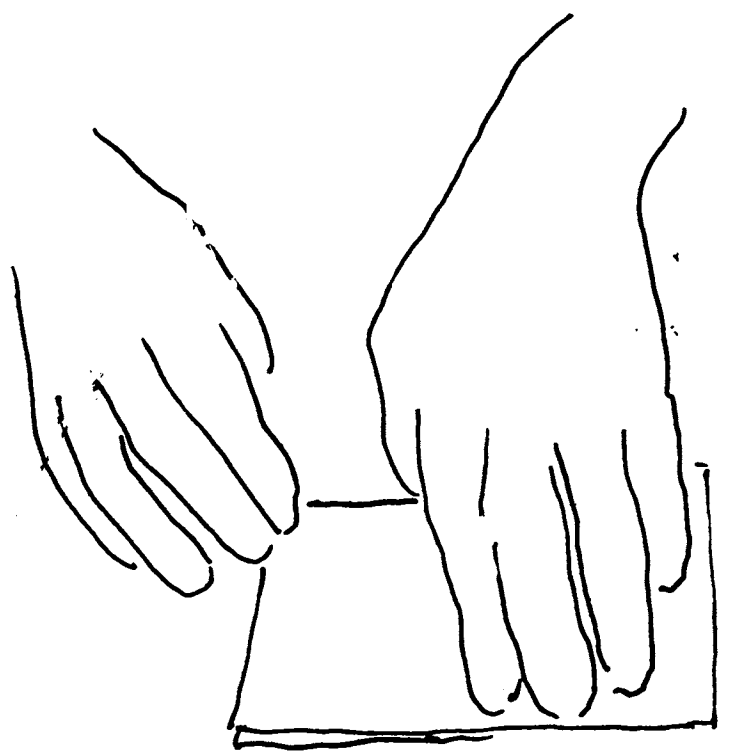
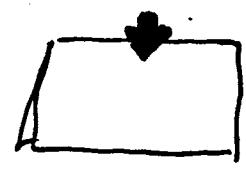
fold it in **H**alf!

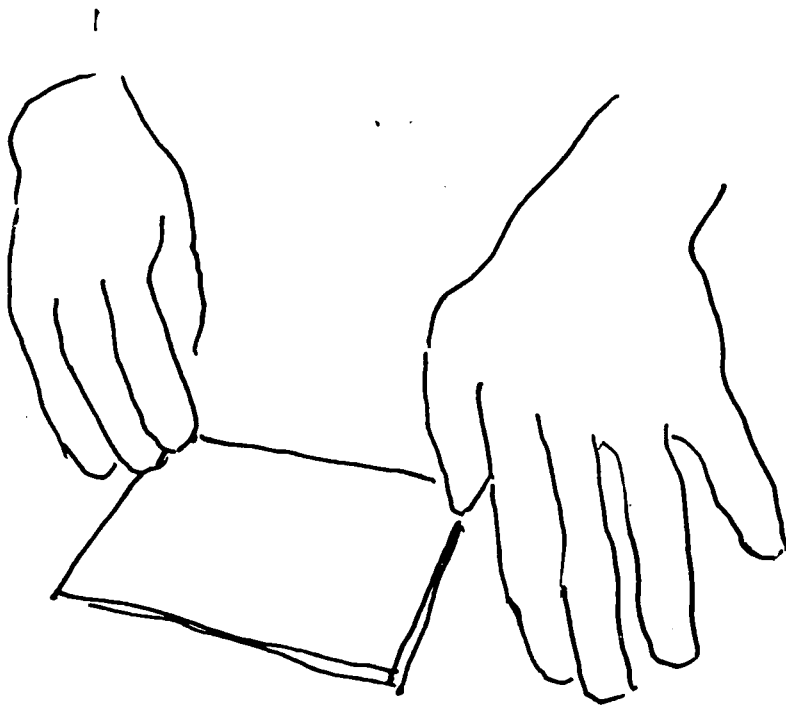


match the corners

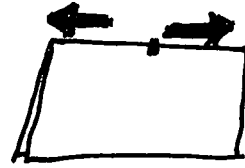


first
press down
in the center of the fold.

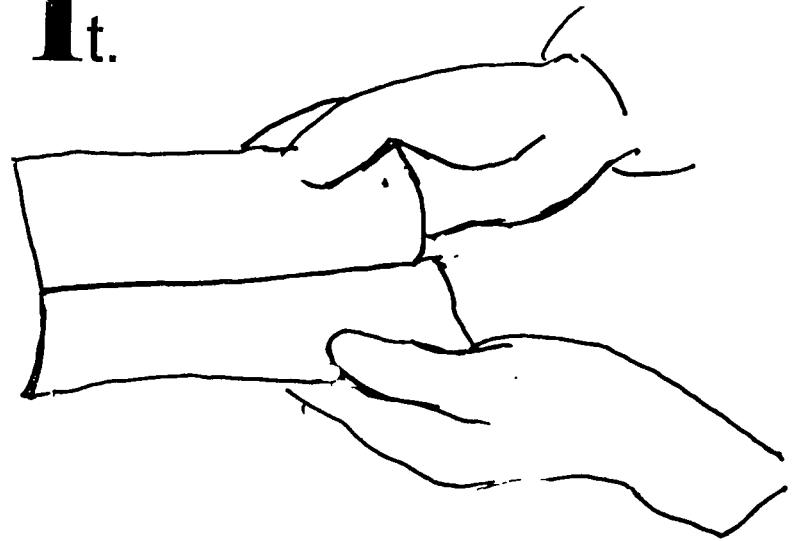




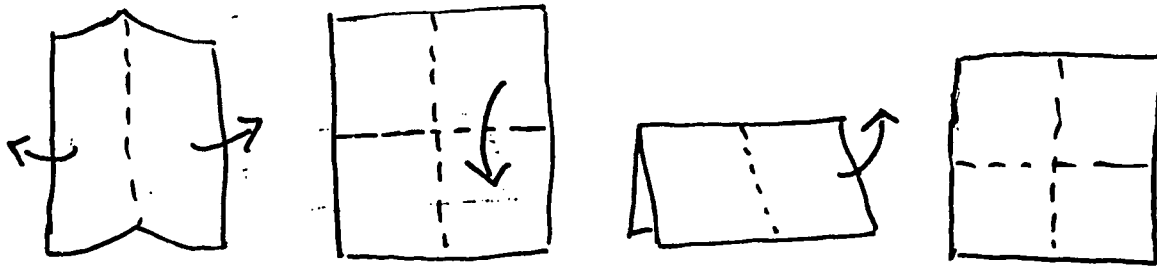
and then
press outward
towards the edges
of the paper.



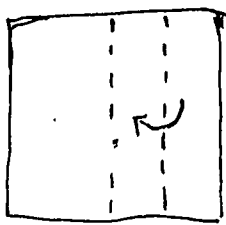
Open **I**t.



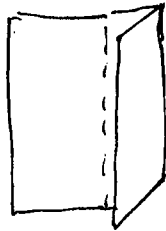
Now fold it again, in **J**ust the same way, in the opposite direction.



And open it again.



Fold the edge in along the center fold line.

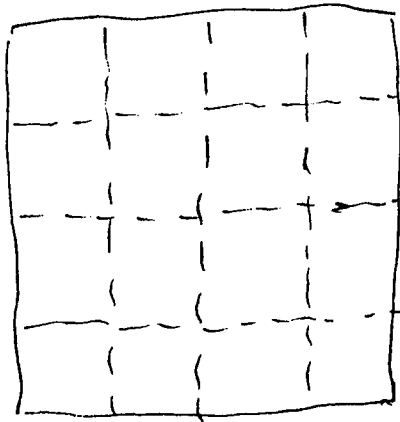


Now fold in the other side.

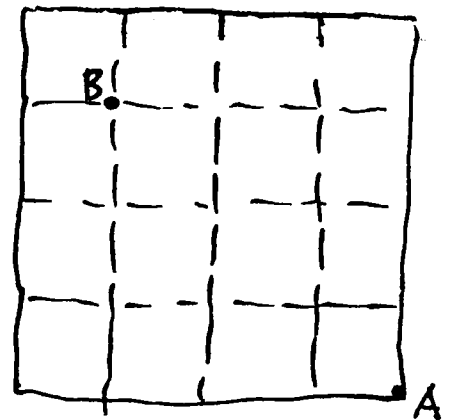
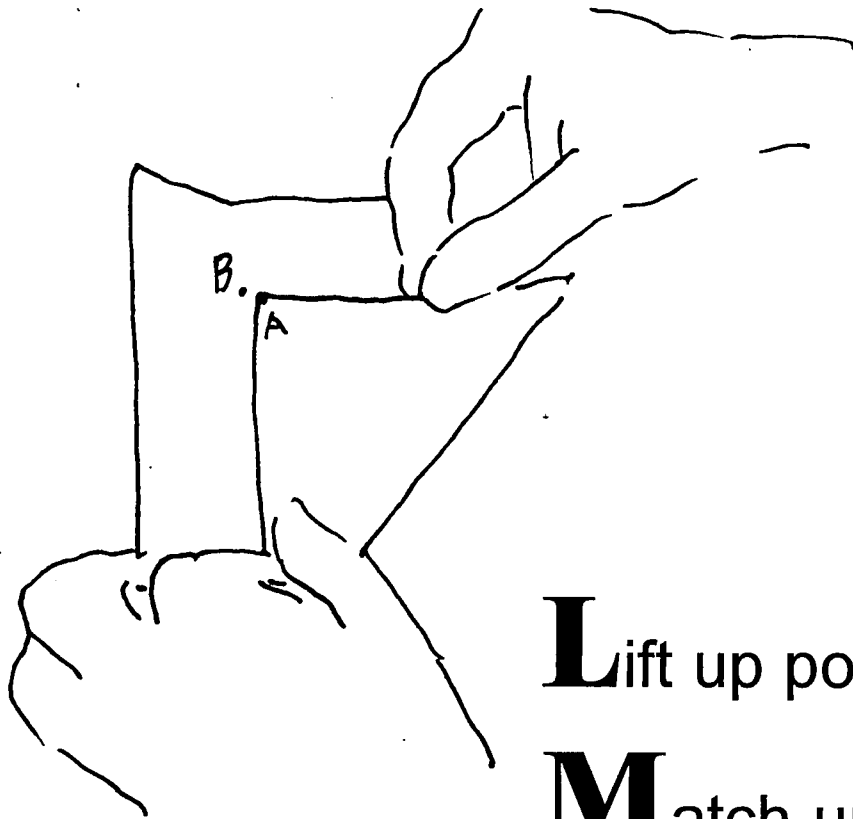


Keeep the edges lying neatly along the center fold line.

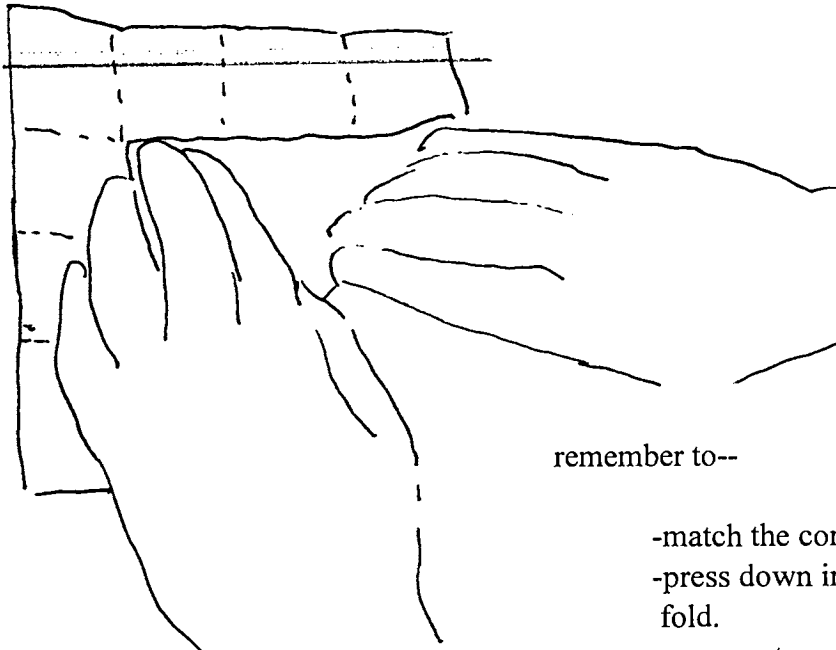
Open, repeat the same folds in the other direction.



Now the paper looks like this.

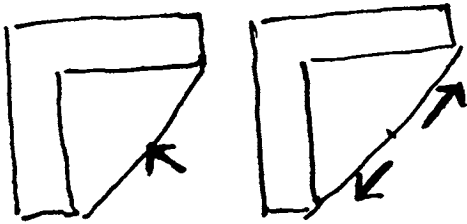


Lift up point A, and bring it to
Match up with point B.



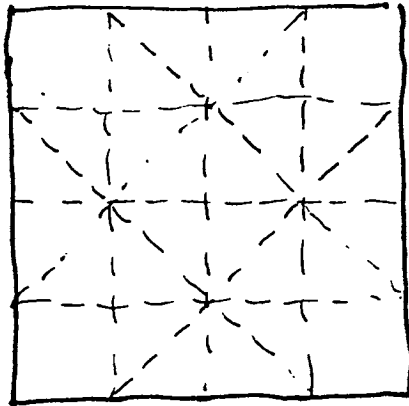
remember to--

- match the corners.
- press down in the center of the fold.
- press outward towards the ends of the fold.



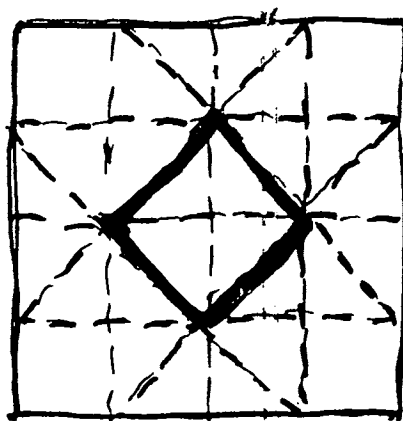
repeat the same process in the other 3 corners.

Open it,



the **P**aper looks like this.

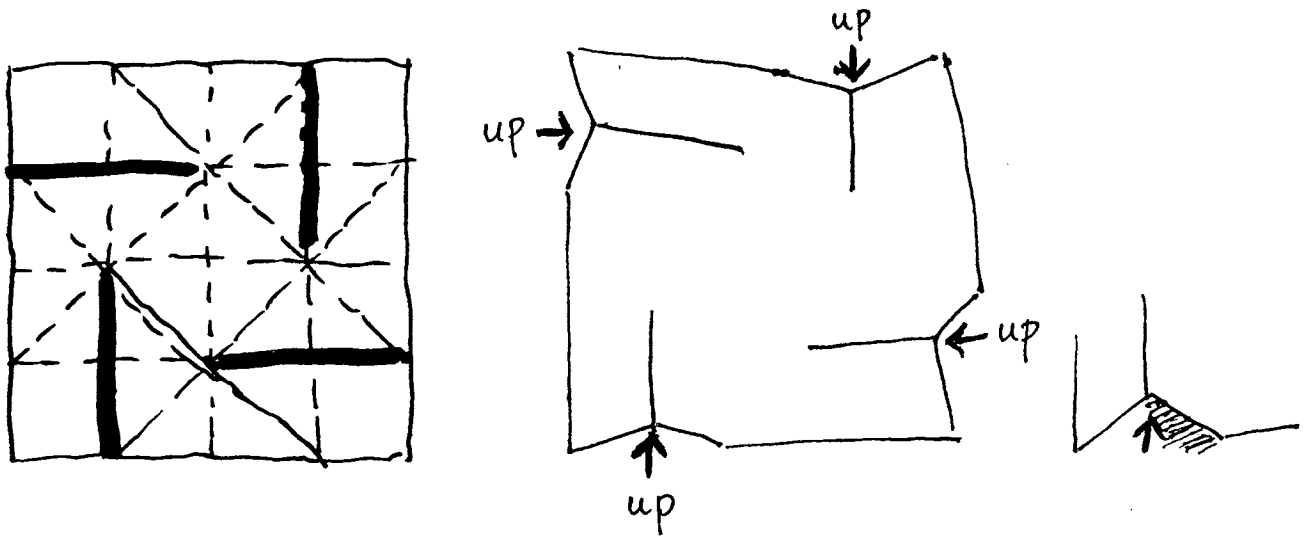
We're more than halfway through--
don't **Q**uit now!



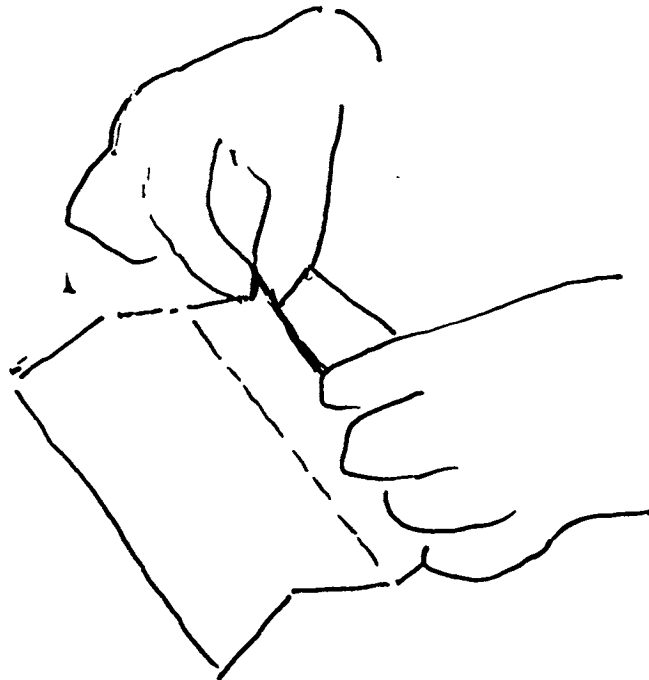
Here is the "central diamond".

Press firmly here.

Refold the point-A-to-point-B folds so that the "central diamond" creases are firmly made.

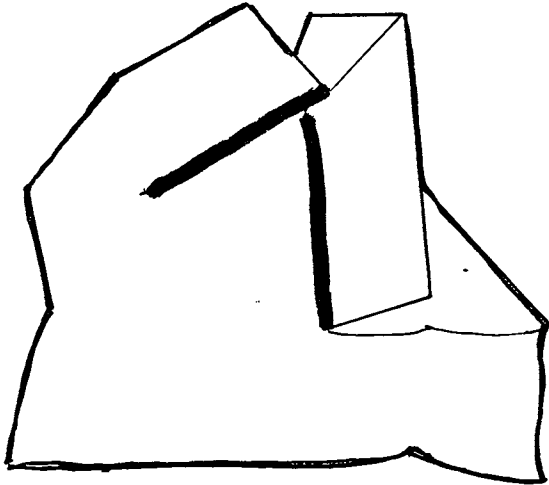


Pinch and firmly crease these four lines so that each line **S**tands “up”, rising up like a ridge from the table.



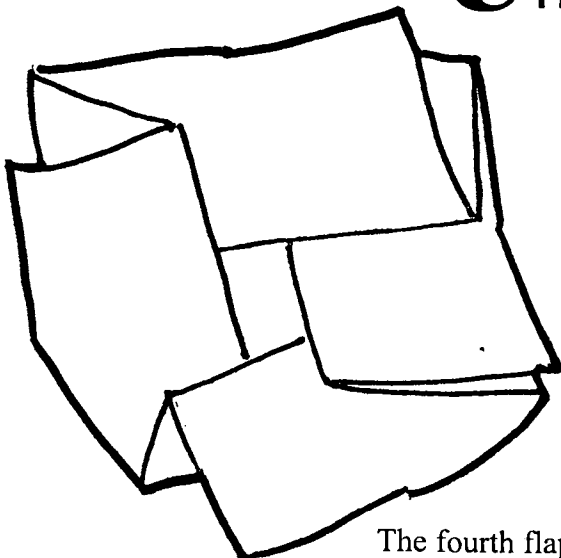
Now this is the **T**ough part:

firmly grasp one of the “up” lines and move it so that it crosses the central diamond. (It will be at a 45 degree angle from its original position.)



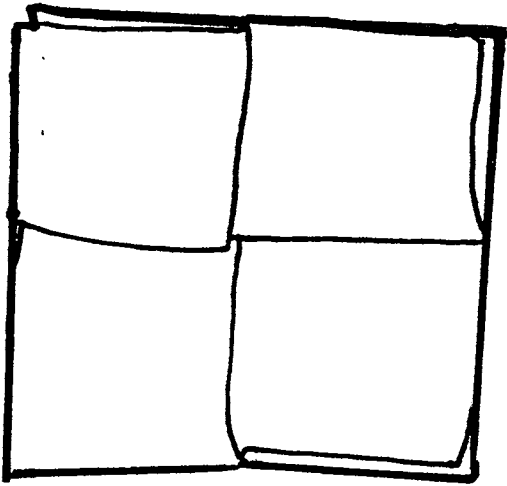
Continue around the square so that the four flaps overlap each other: the second one is

Under the first one.



The fourth flap lies on top of the third.

It's a **V**ery small paper packet.



To open: pull on
opposite corners.

It can be an invitation card with a message inside. For example, people have used them as wedding invitations, decorating the flaps and the inside. Large ones can hold gifts of money or gift certificates. As a party favor it can contain a fortune or a thin mint.

Traditionally it was used as a **W**allet or as a container for powdered incense. It can be a little something **X**tra to add to the gifts and letters to **Y**our friends, providing a little extra **Z**ip to your life.

A piece of paper can be the beginning of something you can do.