

LAP BOOKING:

What is a lap book? If you are not sure, a lap book is a theme related resources that you make at home. Officially, lap books are a collection of several mini books in different shapes and sizes glued into an 8.5x11 inch file folder. Each mini book explains a topic within the theme. The final project can be stored easily in a filing cabinet or a file folder box to make a lap book library.

Why we like making lap books? Lap books are **fun** to make together. They will become **keepsakes** to treasure as too much work goes into them to just toss out. Showing a completed lap book to a teacher, family or friends is a great way to **prove** what you've learned. With a lap book, it easy for kids to give an oral **presentation** of the information that they have researched. Plus, looking at previously made lap books is a fantastic way to **review** old material that you may have forgotten about. Also, younger siblings can view older sibling's lap books and learn from them as a **resource**, even if they don't make one.

How do you make a lap book? Lap booking techniques are essentially the same as scrap-booking: cutting, pasting, assembling, folding, organizing, writing, and making titles.

- To enhance your lap book, try patterned paper, punches, cut outs, stamps, gel pens, brads, stickers, stencils and ribbons. Upgrade it by laminating or binding covers.
- Use coupons and make a trip to your local craft or paper store or asked around for leftovers from scrap-book fanatics.
- Pre-purchase card stock paper and file folders in a wide range of colors.
- Buy a good quality roll of clear packing tape to assemble extra pages. (SCOTCH makes a heavy duty tape that tears off- no scissors necessary).

Download and print off FREE templates to cut and paste into your lap book.

http://www.homeschoolshare.com/lapbooking_resources.php

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*The Ultimate Lap Book Handbook by Tammy Duby and Cyndy Regeling is sold at most Home-schooling stores. The possibilities are endless. ENJOY