

How to make a notebook from a floppy disk

Step by step photo tutorial

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These little notebooks are so easy to make and are perfect to pop into a party favour bag or box. It can even be a party activity and the guests will love to take it home with them.

Have fun and remember to make your kid's birthday party the coolest event of the year!

You can either use 2 floppy disks for a notebook or you can take one floppy disk apart and use the two sides for a notebook.

The next photos will show you how to use one floppy disk for a notebook

You will need the following:

- 3.5" floppy disks –
- sharp knife or nail file
- paper cut into squares, approx 9 cm x 9 cm or the same size as the floppy disks
- paper punch
- a piece of elastic or small cables ties



The first thing you have to do is to remove the metal piece by lifting it on one edge and just pull it off.

Take the floppy disk apart by inserting a sharp knife or nail file in the opening on top, carefully move it to one of the corners and wiggle it around until you are able to start pulling the two sides apart. Carefully work your way around the 4 sides until the disk comes apart



You have to have a little patience for this or else the corners can break. So have you ever known that this is what a floppy disk looks like – amazing that you could store data on this thin filmy disk...

I took apart two floppy disks and used the sides with the small squares for the first notebook. The most time consuming part of making these notebooks is the cutting of the paper. You can make the notebook as thick or as thin as you like, use plain white paper, paper with lines, coloured paper... you decide.



After you have cut the paper, put the floppy disk on one of the pieces of paper and make little marks with a pen/pencil where you will punch the holes. You can either use a piece of elastic or two cable ties to bind the notebook.



When you use cable ties, just keep in mind that the notebook should be able to open easily so you will have to adjust the width of the ties before pulling it close. You should also not pull the elastic too tight before making the knot on the other side of the notebook.



I used two complete floppy disks for this notebook. It is actually a lot easier to do this than taking them apart. You also do not have to discard any parts of the disks if you use this method.

Just open up the lock on the one hole if it is covering it. Put one disk on your paper and make marks where the holes in the paper should be... then complete as described above.

Now you can decorate your little notebooks as you wish.



I hope the kids at the party will be delighted with these notebooks when they find it in their favour bags.



Don't forget to take a look at the post on my blog that shows you [how to make your own party favour bags.](#)