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Making Mini-Books

A Klutz Book by Sherri Haab

WHAT: This is one of the fun Klutz series of books that includes How To information, plus materials for getting started. This fun book includes directions via pictures and text for making many fun mini-books such as:
* stapled books
* brad books
* accordion books
* keychain books
* scroll books
* instant books
* plus many shape books (ladybug, leaf, camping knife)

In all about 30 ideas are provided, plus: paper, glue, brads, wiggle eyes, ribbon, wooden sticks, buttons, etc.

WHY: First, these mini-books are both a kid-pleaser AND a delight to adults! They are ideal for use with AAC users and beginning writers, because they honor short talks or pieces of writing. These mini-books are very quick and fun opportunities to celebrate AAC device use and/or writing, providing a paper product that is a joy to save and share.

Sample early writing includes:
- SENSES Poem: ex: Grandma’s Kitchen looks ___, tastes _____, smells _____, etc. (given to Grandma!)
- LIST Poem: Spring Is _____; Summer Fun!
- COLOR Poem: Blue is _____; Green Makes Me Feel ____; (each page on the color paper named)
- ACROSTIC: Each page has a letter, with student filling in word/ phrase / sentence (DADDY for Father’s Day, etc)
- COLLOCATIONS: Help students practice sentence starters that will be used later, such as:
* I am _____
* You are cool because ________
* I like _____
* I think you are ______

THANK YOU CARD: Put one line on each page!

REMEMBER: Don’t over-prompt! This is the student’s writing, and they should be allowed to write ‘from the heart’, creating a fun book for saving or sharing!

WHERE: Order from: www.klutz.com; Klutz, 455 Portage Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306

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