



WOW!
Frank Divendal of the Netherlands broke the world record for largest collection of bookmarks, with 103,009.

Create colorful character bookmarks

What you'll need

- Cardstock (metallic silver, colored, or both)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- White glue or tape
- Markers
- Pipe cleaners
- Dot stickers or hole punches

Instructions

- 1. Robot:** Cut a narrow rectangle of metallic paper for the body and a small rectangle of colored paper for the head. Tape a pipe cleaner to back of body. Tape head over it. Draw a face with marker. To make an antenna, roll the end of another pipe cleaner into a small ball, then cut it 1 inch below the ball. Tape it to back of head. Add dot stickers or draw "lights" on the body.
- 2. Alien:** Cut a thin rectangle for the body. Draw eyes or adhere dot stickers. Tape pipe cleaner antennae to the

back of the head. Cut a tongue and glue only the top part of it to the body (so it becomes a flap).

- 3. Cat and rabbit:** Cut a narrow rectangle and draw an animal shape on it, including the ears and legs. Cut out the shape. Draw the face and claws. Glue on cut paper shapes for the inner ears or draw them with a marker.

Tip: If you like, glue an extra piece of cardstock to the back of your finished bookmark. This will hide glued-on pieces like pipe cleaners and keep it looking neat.



ECO TIP OF THE WEEK HOLD A USED BOOK SWAP

A book swap is a great way to exchange books and find new stories to read. You'll also be helping the planet by trading books with others instead of discarding them. With an adult, choose a date, time, and place (such as your home, a park, or a community space) for your swap. Make a guest list and send out invitations asking everyone to bring up to five books they're willing to give away. Set up a spot for guests to "check in" the books as they arrive. Give each guest a ticket or token for each book they bring. They can use these later to select "new" books of their choosing. Once everyone has arrived, you can start swapping!



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