

Concertina Picture Book Project with Julia Stafford

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PART OF THE WORD'S WRITE INTO FOOTBALL PROJECT SUPPORTED BY SOUTH SHIELDS FC.

What is it?

A series of ten workshop videos demonstrating several illustrative methods and culminating in a sturdy concertina-style book that can be displayed like a carousel. Two videos are necessary viewing - Introduction and Construction - the rest can be dipped into as you choose. The introduction shows you the final book with all the styles of illustration demonstrated. It's not expected that you use them all! The workshops vary in length from around 15 minutes to 35 minutes.

NB: For a project that is promoting literacy, I'm not particularly articulate in front of the camera! Let's call it stage fright...



Materials and tools for the project

You won't need all of the materials for every workshop.

A3 Cardboard 300gsm for pages and 160gsm for pop-ups

Coloured paper

Heavy board for the covers - you can recycle and cover the back of A4/A3 sketch/note pads

Pencil

Coloured pencils

Crayons

Coloured pens

Fineliner pens or similar (black)

Paint

Good quality glue stick

Sticky tape

Double-sided sticky tape

Pencil sharpener

Scissors

Ruler

Rubber

Compass

Coarse sandpaper used for texture, like a rubbing

Old credit card style card used as a tool for creasing card

Magazines for collage

Guillotine useful for trimming down pages

Videos

Introduction (18 mins)

Construction (23 mins)

1. Comic Style (34 mins)

Demonstrates a basic comic style and a cheat for creating square boxes.

2. Collage (14 mins)

Demonstrates filling a line drawing with collage.

3. Concrete Poems Part 1 (22 mins)

Getting playful with words. Can be viewed independently of Part 2.

4. Concrete Poems Part 2 (29 mins)

Getting playful with words. Can be viewed independently of Part 1.

5. Textured Pencil (34 mins)

Creating texture by drawing on top of coarse sandpaper.

6. Talking Pop Out (19 mins)

A really fun way to animate a character in your book.

7. Wiggly Words (16 mins)

Writing on a wiggly path.

8. Football Pop Up (20 mins)

Make something explode out of your book!



Templates

Whilst the goal of the project (see what I did there?) is for the book to inspire the class or individual to use the illustrative methods to do their own thing, I felt that it might still be useful to have a few templates.

- **Storyboard/page plan**

You'll see the page plan in every workshop, it's really helpful to keep you on track.

You don't need to fill all the pages, just as many as your story fits into...

NB: If you're able to print it at A3 it's a much better size to work with.

- **Player outlines x2 (Video: 4. Concrete Poems Part 2)**

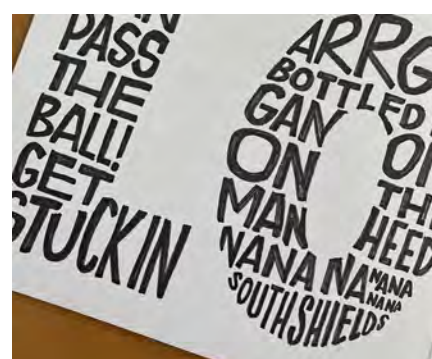
Some outlines to get you started. The footballers *are* fiddly, but they are the scale that I worked at. There's nothing stopping you printing them out bigger to help smaller fingers.

- **Floating plane pop up scaffold (Video: 8. Football Pop Up)**

Watch the video to see how these work.

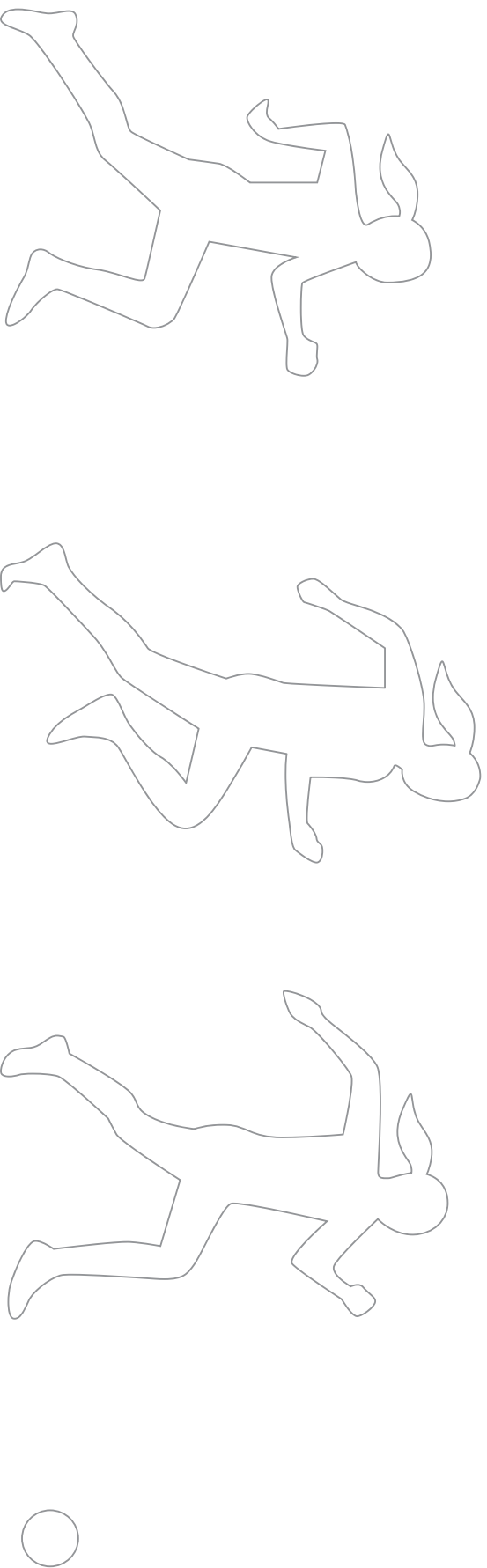
- **How to construct a concertina book (Video: Construction)**

You'll need to create all your artwork as flat sheets first, then it's time to build your book!



Page plan / storyboard template
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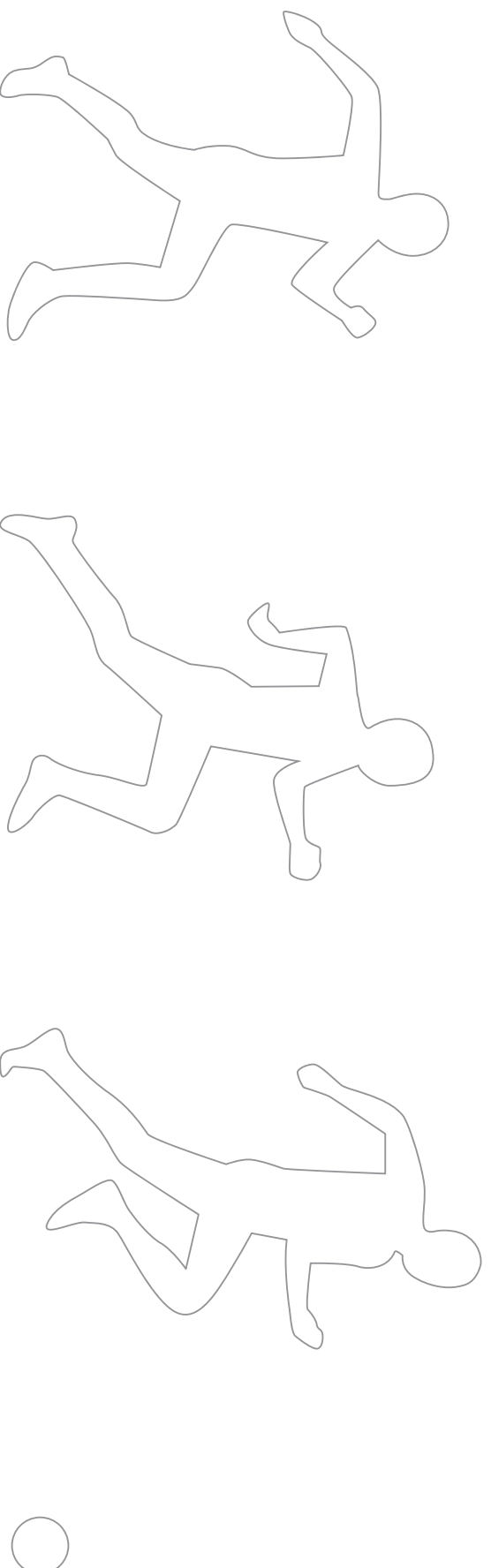
Fold

Player outlines.

Fold your page lengthways and you can cut out two at a time.



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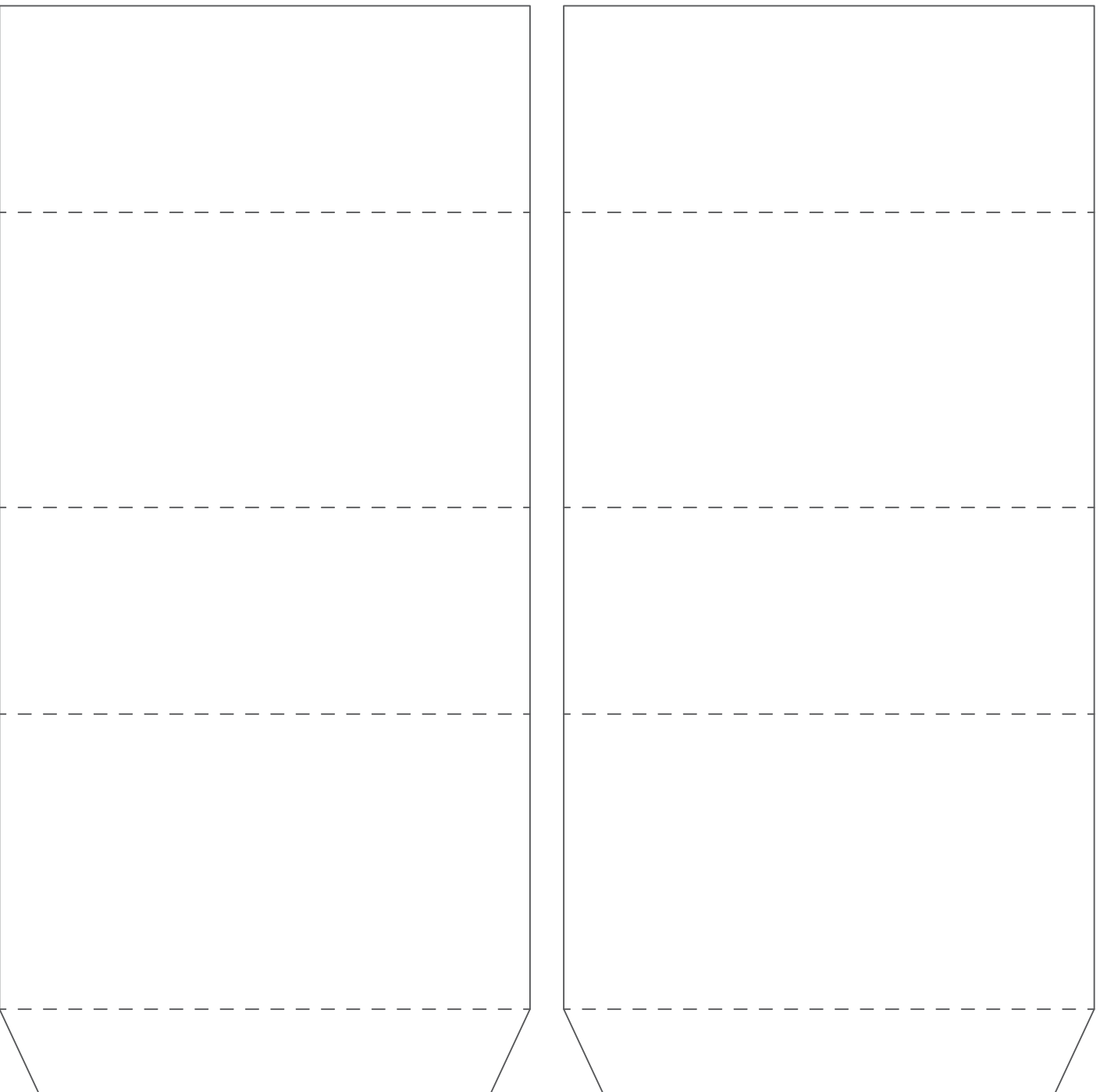
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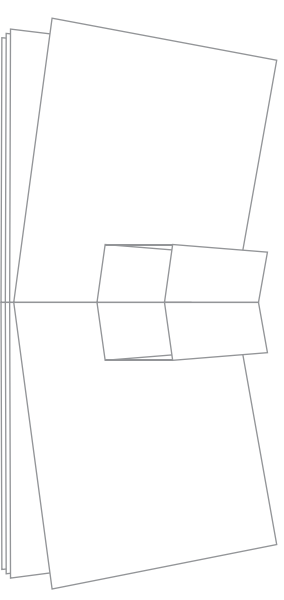
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Template for a floating plane pop-up

This is the scaffolding for the floating plane pop-up demonstrated in the Football Pop Up workshop.

Print this template onto card, 160gsm will do a good job. Take your time and be as accurate as you can, this will really help when it comes to constructing your pop-up.



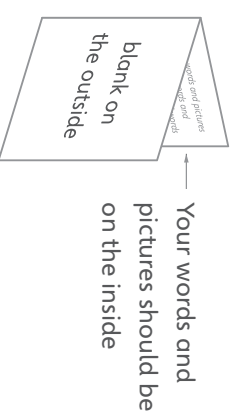
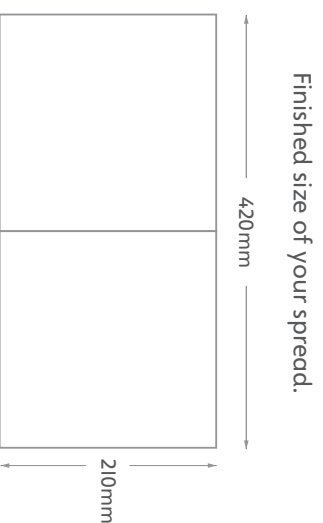
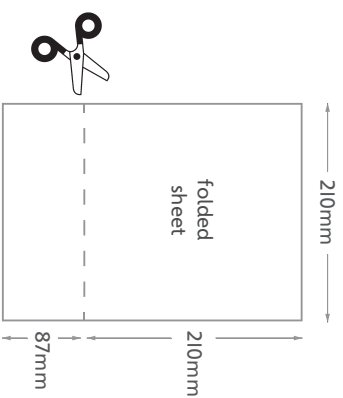
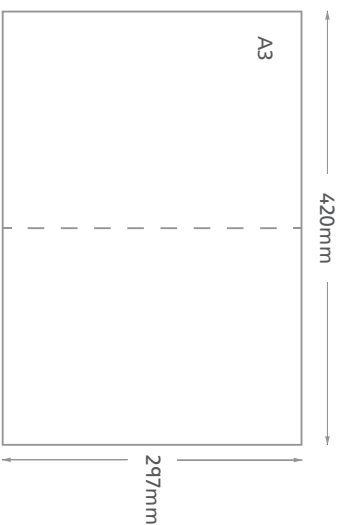
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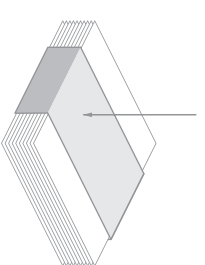
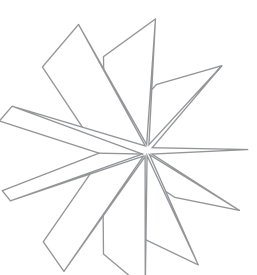
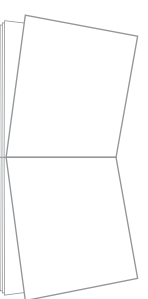
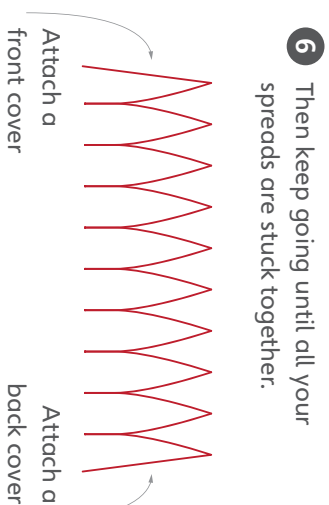
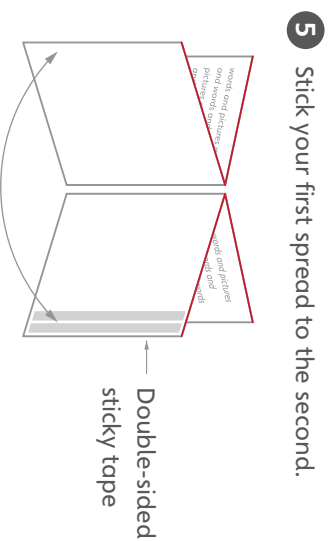
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How to construct a concertina book (video available on The Word website).

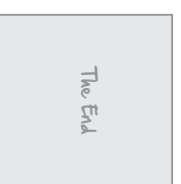
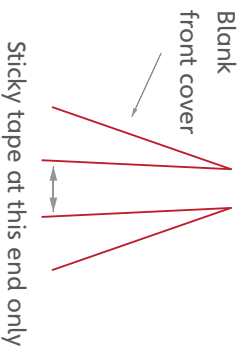
The book I've made has pages that are 210mm square. I've chosen this size so that I can work with A3 sheets, fold them down the middle and trim them down. Use card, 300gsm will do a good job. Take your time and be as accurate as you can, this will really help when it comes to constructing your book.



- 1 We're going to start by making separate spreads then we'll stick them all together.
To begin, fold an A3 sheet in half.
- 2 Trim off 87mm. If you've got a guillotine this will make the job much quicker. If you're using scissors, it's better to unfold before you cut. Remember to be as accurate as you can.
- 3 My book has 10 spreads because that is how long my story is. To work out how many pages you will need, see the introduction video.
- 4 Create your artwork on the flat, separate spreads and *then* construct the concertina. It's important to draw on the front only. When you've made all of your pages, you are ready to stick your book together! Fold your spreads so that the side you've drawn on is inside.



- 5 Stick your first spread to the second.
- 6 Then keep going until all your spreads are stuck together.
- 7 Your story can be read like a regular book or displayed standing up like a carousel.
- 8 A paper sleeve will hold your book together.



Using double-sided tape, attach board covers



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