

HOCPP 1080

# In The Hands of A Child

Elementary Level



## Custom Designed Project Pack North Carolina



A Ready-to- Assemble  
Hands-On Unit  
Including Reproducibles

North Carolina

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From the time we first began using Project Packs we fell in love with them. We knew that this type of hands-on learning experience was just the thing that was needed to make boring academics not only educational but, fun and exciting too!

To help get you started we have included some of the questions we receive about Project Packs.

### What is a Project Pack?

A Project Pack is simply a great way of compiling key points from your studies into one spot that can easily be stored and available to be reviewed at any time

### How does this help me? and Why is this a better way for learning?

The number one reason is the students will retain the information covered so much faster. Children learn by doing. Project Packs put learning into their hands!

Another reason is it is a convenient way to store those wonderful projects. Students can go back and review them at any time and your schoolroom or refrigerator is not cluttered with bits and pieces of their projects.

And the final reason is they are great and the possibilities are endless! There are no age limits and no subject lines that cannot be worked into a Project Pack. We will be adding many units to help you in the education of your students.

### How do I make a Project Pack?

A Project Pack is simply a file folder refolded into a shutter style book. Open it flat and then fold the sides into the middle creasing neatly and there you have it.

***For a more colorful and eye-appealing Project Pack it is suggested that some of your Reproducibles be printed out on colored multi-purpose paper.***

### What supplies do I need?

You will want to have file folders, paper of different colors and weights, your students' favorite coloring tools, tape, glue, scissors, and a stapler.

## Adapting a Project Pack to Fit the Needs of Your Student

Adapting a Project or Research Pack is key to ensuring that you provide the best lesson for your student. At first glance, some might just skip over an activity because they feel it is too easy or too difficult for their student. We want you to use all the activities we provide...they are easily adaptable!

For example, if you have a PK-3 student the vocabulary activities might be difficult for him or her to complete. Here are some tips to help you adapt the activities that require your student to write:

1. Have your student dictate vocabulary words and their meanings as you write them.
2. Have your child draw a picture instead of writing.
3. You write the word or sentence first so your student can see how it is written.
4. Practice. Practice. Practice. In the car, on a walk, in the shopping cart! Practice saying the vocabulary words and what they mean. Before you know it your preschooler will be telling others what those words mean!
5. Contact us. We would be happy to give you ideas for adapting specific units to a grade level.

On the other hand, some of the activities may seem too easy for your student. Does your 5<sup>th</sup> grade level student want to learn about butterflies, but the Project Pack seems too easy? Try it anyway; just change things up a bit to suit that grade level. Here are some tips to help you adapt the activities to make them a little more difficult.

1. In addition to writing down vocabulary words and their meanings, ask your student to use the word in a sentence; either verbally or written.
2. Give your student 1 hour (or other reasonable time frame) to research the topic on their own; either online or at the library. Give your student a set of questions or see what he/she can find without your guidance.
3. Encourage your student to expand on the topic or choose a related topic to learn about.
4. Take a look at some of our preschool units...there is lots of clipart related to each topic. Have your older student cut these out and write a story or play about the pictures or perform a play.
5. Contact us. We would be happy to give you ideas for adapting specific units to a grade level.

These are just a few ways you can adapt a Project Pack to meet the needs of your student. Let your student be the judge if something is too easy or too difficult...you just might be surprised!

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## Important Dates in History

- **1524:** Historians believe that explorers first sailed the coast of North Carolina in 1524.
- **1585:** First Colony established on Roanoke Island.
- **1650:** Settlers began to establish towns.
- **American Revolution:** During the American Revolution, North Carolina helped stop two invasions by British soldiers.
- **1776:** North Carolina was one of the original thirteen colonies in America.
- **1789:** When the war was over, North Carolina was the twelfth state to **ratify** the Constitution and enter the Union. At that time, North Carolina was the fourth most populated state in the new nation.
- **1799:** First deposit of gold found in the U.S. discovered in North Carolina.
- **1861:** In the mid-nineteenth century, North Carolina was one of the states that supported slavery. After the Civil War broke out, North Carolina withdrew from the Union and joined the Confederacy. During the war (1861-1865), North Carolina lost 40,275 men.
- **1868:** Readmitted to the union and adopted a new state Constitution.
- **1903:** Wright Brothers make first flight.
- **1590's and 1960's:** In the 1950's and 60's the Civil Rights movement was active throughout the South. The University of North Carolina admitted African Americans in 1955 for the very first time. One of the most popular sit-ins of that time was the very first sit-in staged in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1960.

## Major Cities

The largest cities in North Carolina include Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, Durham, and Winston-Salem.

- Charlotte, the largest city in the state, is the third-ranking U.S. banking center. It is the leading commercial and industrial city of the Piedmont region and industries include textiles, chemicals, clothing, machinery, food, metals, and printed materials. Charlotte is home to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Queens College, and Johnson C. Smith University. Professional sports teams of Charlotte are the Charlotte Hornets basketball team and the Carolina Panthers Football team.
- Raleigh, the state capital, is a political, cultural, trade, and industrial center. Industries in

### 10 Largest Cities

2003 Estimated Populations



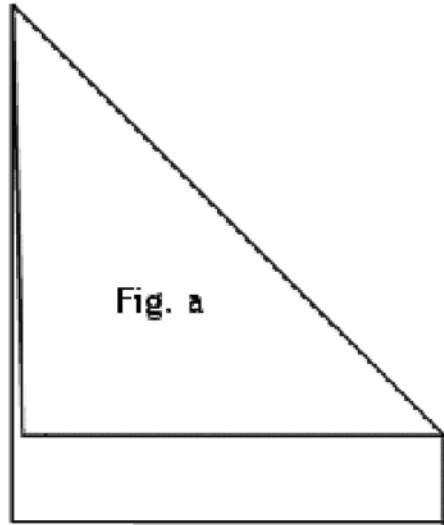
1. Charlotte (584, 658)
2. Raleigh (316,802)
3. Greensboro (229,110)
4. Durham (198,376)
5. Winston-Salem (190,299)
6. Fayetteville (124,372)
7. Cary (99,824)
8. High Point (91,543)
9. Wilmington (91,137)
10. Asheville (69,045)

Activity 8:

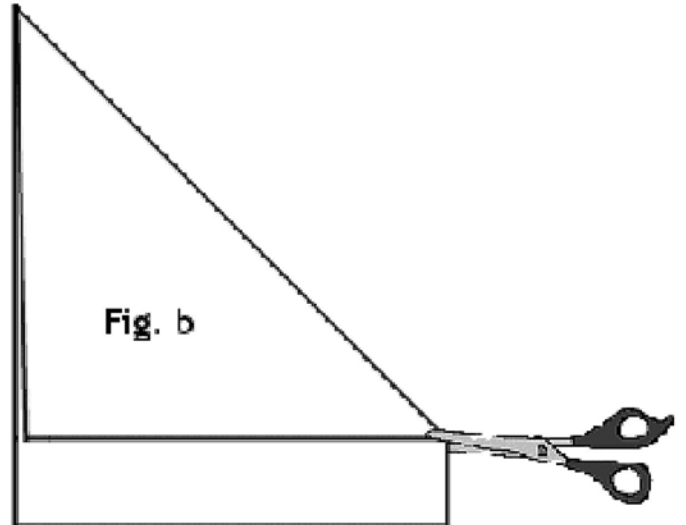
What were North Carolina's firsts?

- Complete the diamond fold as shown
- Attach the labels
- Describe each first under the appropriate flap

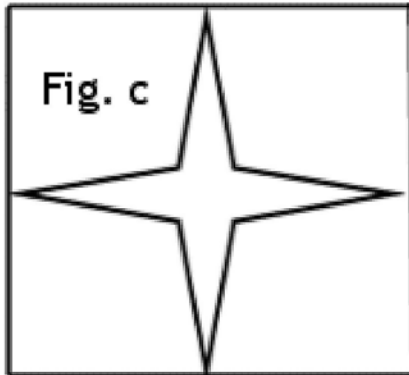
# Instructions for Making a Diamond Fold



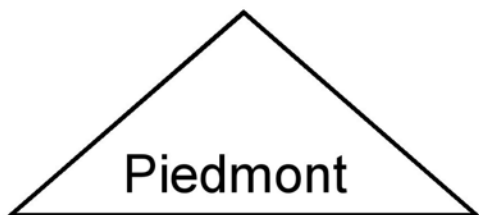
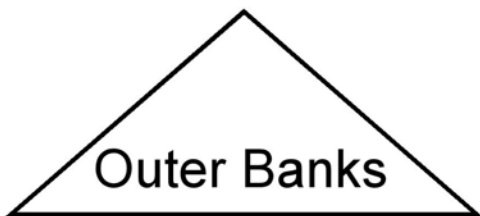
Fold top corner down diagonally.



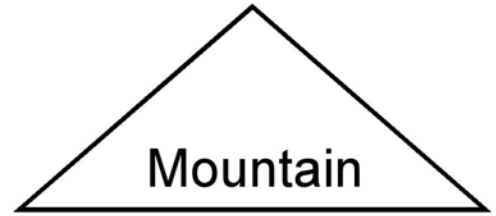
Cut off excess at bottom.



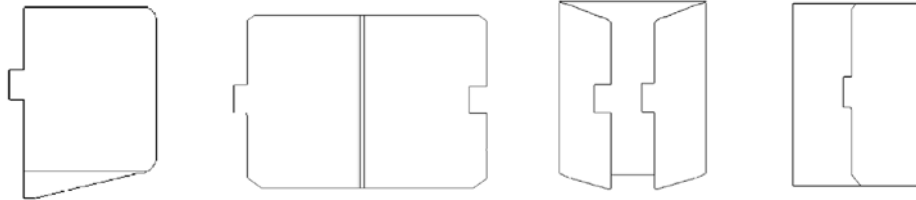
Fold the four corners toward the center.



Labels



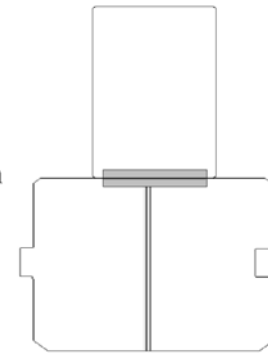
## Instructions to Re-fold a Folder



### Normal Fold:

Open folder flat

Fold both the right and left edge to the center crease creating a shutter  
Cut a folder in half OR use a piece of cardstock to form your extension  
Lay the extension in the center of the shutter fold folder  
Attach at the top end using clear packing tape



### Double Folder:

Open folder flat

Fold both the right and left edge in toward the center crease creating a shutter

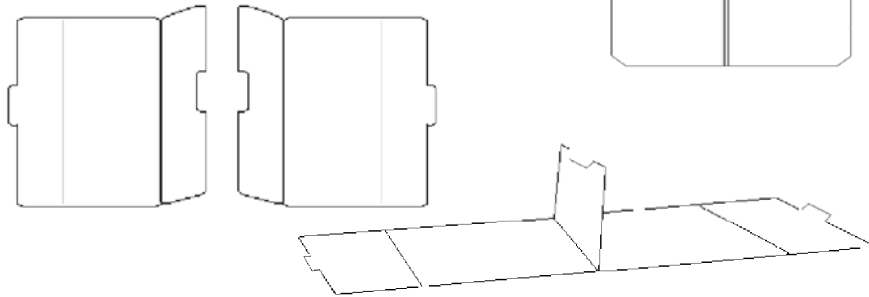
Do this again with a second folder

Set both folders side by side with their shutters opened (pointing straight up not flat)

In the center where the two folders meet glue the outer flaps of each shutter together connecting the two folders

Fold both shutters closed and flip over and close

The back of one of the folders becomes your cover



\*\*\*You can add extensions to a double folder using the same method as for a single folder.

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Presidents  
from  
North Carolina



### North Carolina Facts

Governor

State Capital

Population

Area

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### Native American Tribes

Tribe	Language	Capital





### Economy

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