

## MAKE A POETRY JOURNAL

Most poets carry a notebook around with them wherever they go. Why? In case they think of something when they're not at their desk! **Inspiration** can happen at any moment, and it's a great idea to keep all of your poetry thoughts and **drafts** in one place.

**1** Fold each sheet of paper in half twice. What you have now are called signatures.

**2** Nest the four signatures so their spines are all touching.

**3** Staple along the spine. Carefully cut along the folded edges so every page is loose.

**4** Measure the width and length of your book when it is open and flat. Add a quarter inch (6 millimeters) to each measurement. Following your new width and length, measure and cut out your cardboard. This will be your cover.

**5** Fold the cover in half and glue it to the outside pages of your book. When it's dry, decorate your cover so it's an original! Write a title and your name. You can also number your pages, if you want. These homemade books are small, so they might fill up fast. Make new ones whenever you need to.

### SUPPLIES

- ℓ 4 pieces of blank paper
- ℓ stapler
- ℓ scissors
- ℓ ruler
- ℓ empty cereal box or other thin cardboard
- ℓ glue
- ℓ markers

