

Adders are Amazing! Gwiberod Gwych!

## 17. ADDER BOOKMARKS



### INTRODUCTION



Our project artist Emily Laurens designed these beautiful adder bookmarks for an activity with secondary school pupils. They worked brilliantly! It is a little fiddly, and younger children can manage it with help, and plenty of time should be allowed to do it. But the end result is worth it. It helps them appreciate the beautiful scale patterns of the adder.

### MATERIALS:

- White card
- Black card
- Gold card
- Silver or gold tissue paper
- Glue sticks
- PVA glue, brushes and pots
- Scissors
- Make a few bookmarks in advance as guides



### MAKE IT!

**1** Gather your materials. Pre-cut white card into bookmark shapes (7 x 19cm). Also consider pre-cutting tissue paper to match the size of bookmark cards (7 x 19cm).

**2** Make the scales - cut the gold and black card into 3cm wide strips. Cut these into little rectangles (3 x 2 cm). Bend these in half to create a keel and trim the corners to make them scale-shaped. You'll need 14 gold and 22 black for one bookmark.



## MAKE IT!

- 3** Stick the silver or gold tissue paper onto the top of the white bookmark card.



- 4** Using the bookmark you have prepared as a guide, start sticking down the scales with a glue stick, following the pattern. Black edge scales can be cut in half. Overlap scales slightly on their bottom edge.



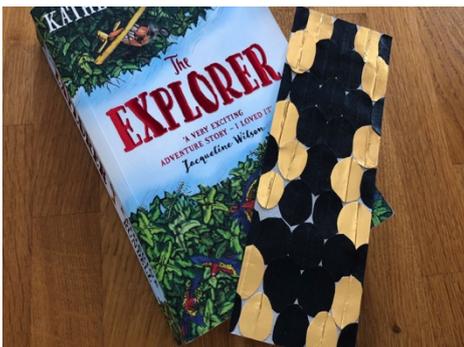
- 5** Trim any overlapping bits of card once all scales have been added



- 6** Finish by adding a coat of PVA glue to add a nice sheen



- 7** Enjoy using with a favourite book!



- 8** Two completed bookmarks to help you see the pattern more clearly. Each will vary slightly, as do the adders of course!

