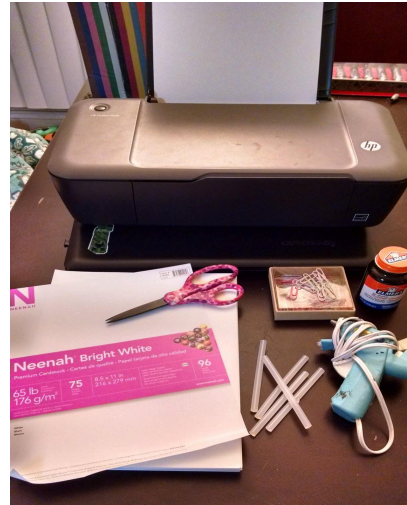


How to Create Chibi Bookmarks

The following steps will teach you how to create 17 chibi bookmarks.

Materials Needed:

- 17 Paperclips
- 2 sheets of Cardstock Paper (8 ½ by 11)
- Hot Glue
- Hot glue gun
- Rubber Cement
- Printer Ink
- Printer/computer
- Way to draw digital art or scan traditional art
- Scissors

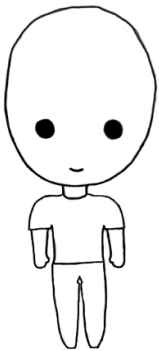


Step 1: Sketch/Character Design Outline for the Chibi



Next, either make a physical sketch of the chibi character, or just keep some mental notes.

Step 2: Chibi Template



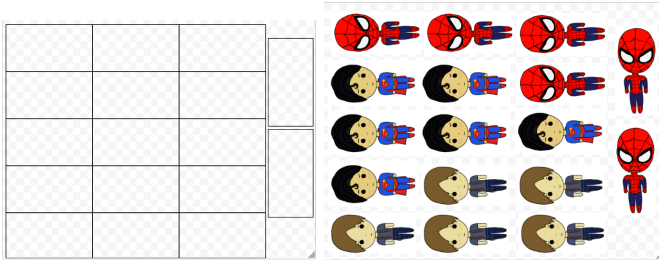
The next step resides around making a basic outline of your first character (head/body shape and proportions). This helps you keep the chibi characters consistent if you make more than one design.

Step 3: Drawing your Chibi



Now, the fun yet long part...drawing your chibi character. I used a simple drawing pad which I had on hand, but you could use various programs and equipment to complete this step. Once you have a complete drawing, get a screenshot/snip of it so that it has about an even margin all around it. That will help with sizing it later.

Step 4: Printing with the correct size

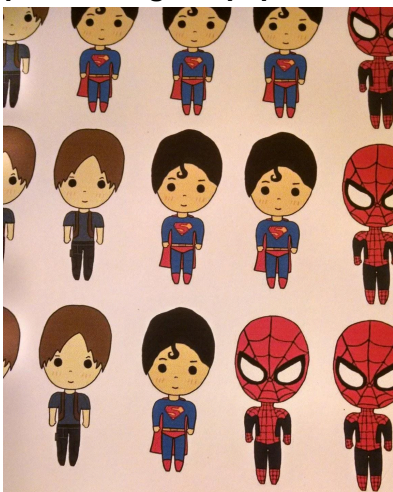


Empty

Full

In order to have them the same size, you can follow my basic pattern, putting one character in each box or you could just wing it, fitting as many as you can. Print out the document in color on the white 8 ½ by 11 cardstock. Don't forget to delete the lines/boxes when you have all of your characters in place.

Step 5: Making the paper thicker



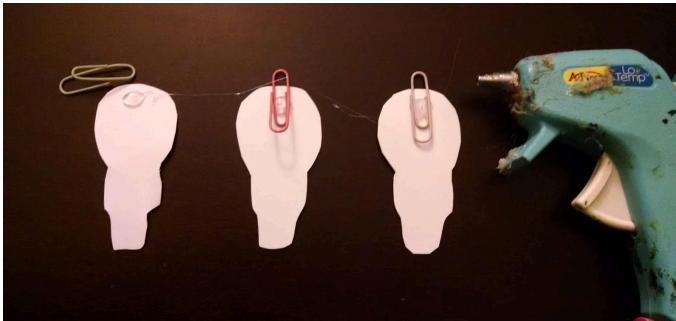
Glue another piece of cardstock to the one you printed, making it double thick using the rubber cement. You can also use other types of glue if desired.

Step 6: Cutting out the figures



Now that you have the thick paper with the characters printed on it, cut out each individual character, leaving a small white margin around the pieces. It's easier to first cut the paper into boxes around the characters, then cut them with more detail.

Step 7: Adding the Paper Clips



Make a blob of hot glue on the top center of the book mark, then carefully place the smaller loop of the paper clip into it. It's helpful if you bend the paperclip loops apart slightly.

Step 8: Done at Last



Enjoy the Finished Product!