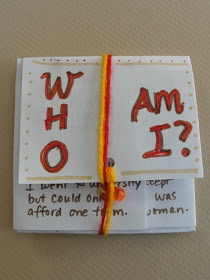
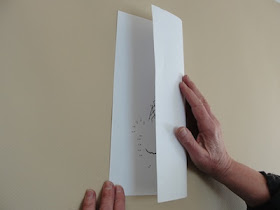
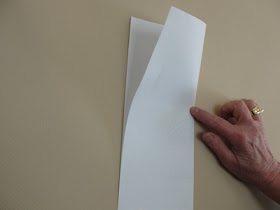
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Ideas for bookmaking projects come to me in all sorts of places. Last month I was at a talk by Tuskegee Airman [James A. Sheppard](http://www.bjmjr.net/ww2/black_airmen.htm) at the Newburyport Public Library. He started by describing the history of African American aviation before World war II and showed a photo of the first licensed black aviator in the US—a woman named Bessie Coleman. I immediately knew she would be a perfect subject for March's bookmaking project in celebration of [Women's History Month](http://womenshistorymonth.gov/).   
  
Here is a Who Am I? Book about her. This is a simplified version of the book I usually make with a grocery bag and a cereal box panel ([directions here](http://www.makingbooks.com/whoami.shtml)). For this one I used two sheets of used copy paper with writing on one side only.   
  
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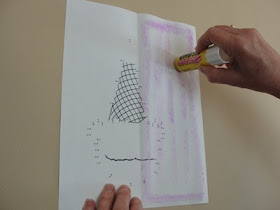
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2 sheets used copy paper with writing on one side only  
Piece of yarn about an arm's length long  
Bead  
Glue stick  
Scrap paper  
Hole punch  
  
Make the Book:  
  
Fold one of the pieces of paper in half the long way like a hot dog with the writing on the inside.

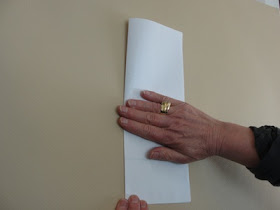
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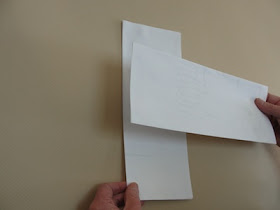
2. Open the paper, put glue on one half, close and smooth to help the glue adhere.

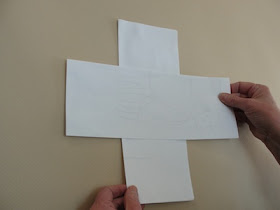
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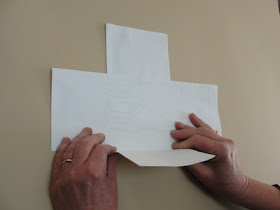
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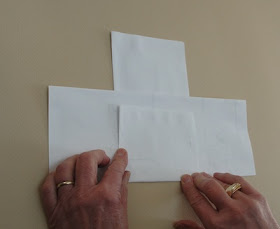
3. Repeat with the second piece of paper.   
  
4. Place one folded piece so that it is tall in front of you. Place the second piece on top to form a large plus sign.

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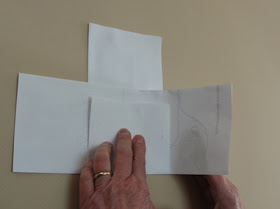
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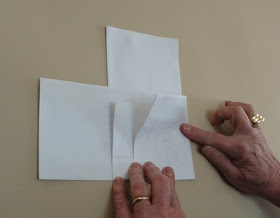
5. Take the bottom of the tall paper and fold it up over the sideways one.

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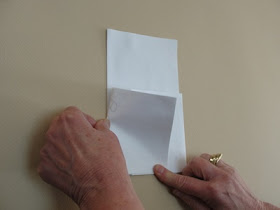
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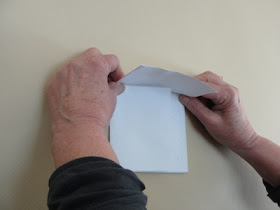
6. Take the right side of the sideways paper and fold it over the bottom you just folded up.

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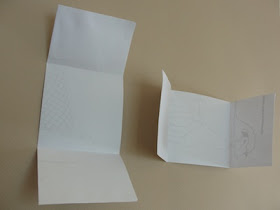
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7. Do the same with the left side and the top.

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8. Take the two piece of paper apart.

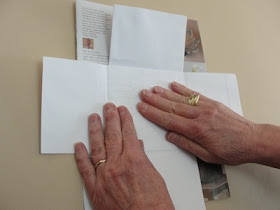
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9. Put glue on the center of the tall rectangle, place the sideways piece on top, and smooth to help the glue adhere.

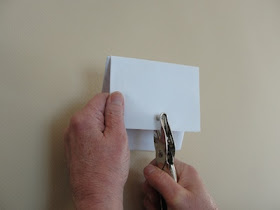
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10. Fold the book up.  
  
11. Punch a hole in the center of the lower edge of the top flap.

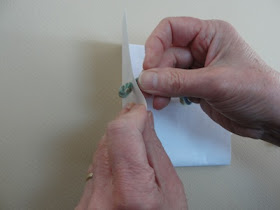
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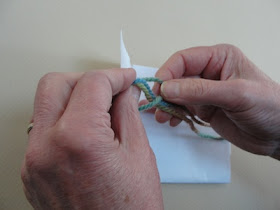
12. Fold the piece of yarn in half.

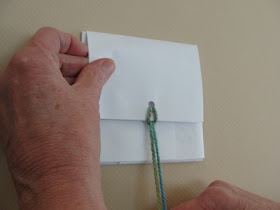
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13. Insert the loop end into the hole.

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14. Open the loop, put the ends of the yarn through the loop, and pull.

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15. Thread both ends of the yarn through a bead (I find it easiest to fold a small loop and twist it before threading) and tie a knot with the bead inside. Tie a second knot to make it secure.

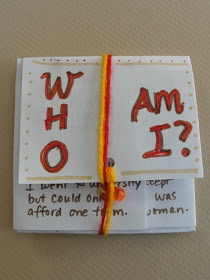
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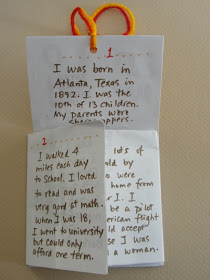
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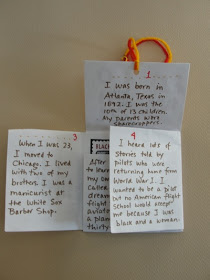
16. To close the book, wrap the yarn around the book and tuck the bead under the yarn.

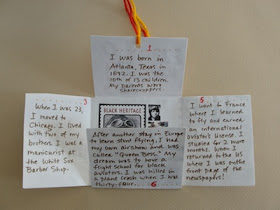
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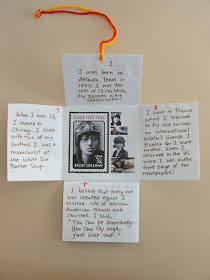
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