

Color Journal Dos & Don'ts

DO read all of the guidelines before making your color journals. We run a quality control check on all incoming color journals, and we want yours to be usable!

DON'T change the order of the colors. All the journals should be in the same color order.

DO cut your construction paper with a paper cutter. Scissors may leave uneven cuts.

DON'T use damaged construction paper. Avoid paper that is water damaged, torn, faded or used.

DO staple *cleanly* on one short edge of the booklet. If your staple is squashed or uneven or doesn't go all the way through, please remove it and staple again.

DON'T forget to have fun with this project! You might have a journal making party with friends and family, and everyone can pitch in!

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I/my group make color journals?

Yes! We would love a donations of color journals from you or your group and would be happy to share your donation on social media!

How do I sign up to make color journals?

There's no need to sign up! While we appreciate knowing that color journals are being made, feel free to be spontaneous and make them whenever you feel the urge!

What materials do I need to make color journals?

You will need construction paper in specific colors, a paper cutter, and a stapler with staples.

Our color journals have a defined range of colors, so you need to get the construction paper packs that match those 10 different colors. Here are links to some appropriate packs:

[Amazon](#) pack of 500 sheets

[Walmart](#) pack of 120 sheets

[Target](#) pack of 200 sheets

The ten required colors are: *White, Red, Pink, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple, Brown, Black*

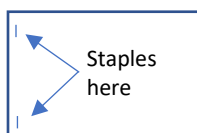
Can I use any construction paper?

As long as you have the 10 different colors as specified above, you can source your construction paper any way you like. Please do not substitute colors.

How do I put the journals together?

Our website provides step by step instructions [here](#), but here's a summary:

- Cut the 9x12 paper into 6x9 rectangles. The cuts should be clean – no uneven or torn edges. We strongly recommend a paper cutter for this task.
- Make a set of one sheet of each color in the order specified. →
- The journals are meant to be used with the short ends to the left and right. Staples twice along a short end, with the flat top of the staple on the white paper, and the ends cleanly folded into the back cover (black paper).



Color Order:

1. White – front cover
2. Red
3. Pink
4. Orange
5. Yellow
6. Green
7. Blue
8. Purple
9. Brown
10. Black – back cover

Can I make the journals with different colors or different paper?

No. For consistency, we need all our color journals to be the same materials and have the same colors in the same order. That way the teachers can be confident when they use those journals in the classroom that every child has the same journal and the same pages.

How many color journals do you need?

We serve more than 50,000 students, and we would love for every one of them to have a color journal of their very own!

How many color journals do I need to make?

You can make as many or as few as you like – we accept all donations! Some donations are just a dozen or so, some groups will donate several hundred at a time! We combine all the donations when we package the color journals for the store.

When do you need the color journals?

While our store is open for teacher shopping during the school year (August – May), we accept donations all year round, so anytime is fine. When we have enough in our inventory, we'll put them in the store for our teachers.

Should I make an appointment to drop off my completed journals?

We definitely prefer that you let us know in advance! Contact Carlye at c.rausch@crayonstoclassrooms.org to set up a date. You can drop them off between 9am-4pm on any normal business day (by 3pm on Fridays). Remember to fill out your off-site project form!

Can I get construction paper from Crayons to Classrooms for this project?

Unfortunately, no – we don't have the resources to provide construction paper for these off-site projects.