

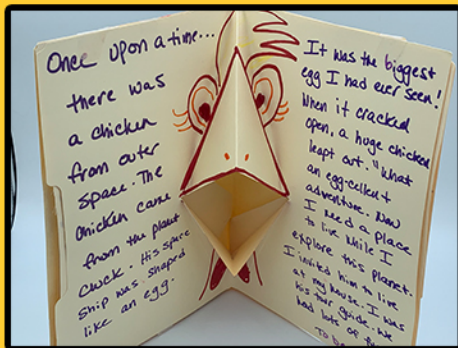
## DIRECTIONS:

1. Make a single cut on the folded edge of the file folder. It should go  $\frac{1}{3}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  way up. (If using cardstock or paper, fold it in half first, then make the cut along the folded edge)
2. Fold one side to form a triangle. Fold the other side to form a triangle.
3. Smooth edges with the scissors handle. Fold the triangles in the opposite direction and smooth down with the scissors handle. Repeat this several times.
4. Push the triangles inside the file folder. (This part can get tricky. You might need help from an adult.)
5. When you open the folder, the triangles should pop out! You can decorate this to look like a chicken, bird, frog, monkey, monster, or whatever kind of pet you'd like. **WRITE A STORY ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER!**
6. Using another file folder or piece of cardstock, design a cover for your book. Make sure to include yourself as the author and illustrator.
7. Tape the cover folder to the popup folder to create your book.

**IF YOU WANT TO POST YOUR PET PAL, LET US KNOW WITH #STORYOLOGIST!**

## MATERIALS:

- 1-4 File Folders (Cardstock also works. Regular paper can be used in a pinch.)
- Scissors
- Markers or Crayons
- Scotch Tape
- Decorations: Stickers, Colorful Paper, Googly Eyes (optional)



## BONUS VARIATIONS

**Variation #1:**  
Make several cuts and triangles along the folded edge to make multiple characters.

**Variation #2:**  
Cut shapes into the triangles to create teeth.

**Variation #3:**  
Add feathers, stickers, googly eyes, etc. to the inside and outside of your book.

**Variation #4:**  
Create multiple characters and tape them all together inside the cover to create a longer book. Make sure you write a story to go along with the popup creatures.