

My First Blind Bag Adventure

20–30 minutes • ages 5 and up, with a grown-up for cutting



Make two paper blind bags, three Pocket Pals to hide inside and one of your own design. Pack the bags for someone else, swap them, and open them to see who you got.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- 2 bags: a crimp-top bag and a flap bag
- 3 Pocket Pals collectibles + 1 to draw yourself
- 3 bag insert cards and 3 seal stickers
- Collector checklist and play ideas

YOU NEED

- Printer paper or light cardstock (US Letter)
- Scissors (a grown-up helps)
- Glue stick and clear tape
- A ruler and an empty ballpoint pen for scoring
- Tissue or paper scraps if you make squishies

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 PRINT AND CHECK**
Print on US Letter at Actual Size / 100% — never Fit to Page — and measure the 1-inch square before you cut. Bags: 24–32 lb paper or 65 lb light cardstock. Collectibles: plain 20–24 lb printer paper folds and tapes easily (best for squishies); cardstock makes stiffer flat charms.
- 2 MAKE THE COLLECTIBLES**
Cut, fold and glue each Pocket Pal (page 2 shows how). Color and name the blank one.
- 3 MAKE THE BAGS**
Cut, fold and glue the two bags on page 3. Crimp-top bag: 2.4 × 3.4 in finished. Flap bag: 2.4 × 2.9 in closed. Each holds one collectible up to 2.1 × 2.6 in (a squishy up to 1.8 × 2.3 in).
- 4 PACK, SWAP, OPEN**
Every collectible is shown in this file. The surprise happens when one person packs and seals the bags and someone else opens them. Tick each one off on the checklist.

SAFETY

A grown-up should help with scissors and do any craft-knife cutting. Paper pieces, stuffing and seal stickers can be choking hazards for children under 3. Keep them away from babies and toddlers. Use a glue stick or tape — no hot glue for children. Home-printed paper and ink are not food safe: if you add a treat, use one that is individually wrapped.

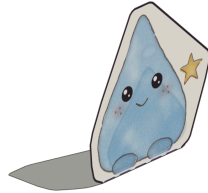
How to Make Them

Read each step before you cut • pictures are renderings, not photos

POCKET PALS (PAGE 4)



CUT OUT



FOLD



FRONT



BACK

- CUT OUT THE SHAPE**
Cut along the solid outline, around the front and the upside-down back together. Do not cut the dashed line — it joins the two sides.
- SCORE AND FOLD**
Press an empty ballpoint pen along the dashed line against a ruler, then fold the back behind the front so both pictures face out.
- GLUE IT FLAT — OR MAKE IT SQUISHY**
Flat charm: glue the blank insides together and press. Squishy: tape around the edge with clear tape, leave a 1-inch gap, push in a little tissue, then tape the gap shut.

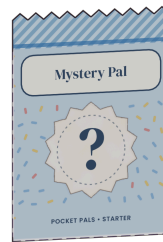
CRIMP-TOP BAG (PAGE 3, LEFT)



CUT OUT



FOLD



FINISHED



FLAP BAG

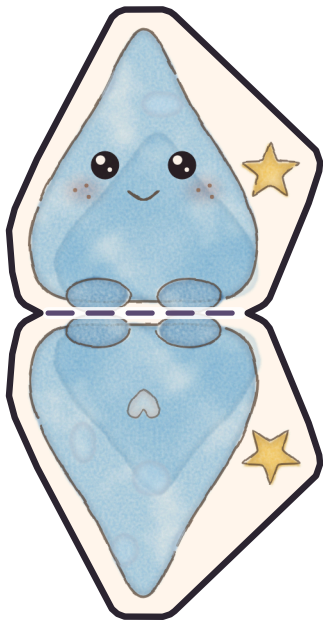
- CUT OUT**
Cut the solid outline: the zigzag ends, the sides and the two side tabs.
- SCORE**
Score the dashed lines — the bottom fold and the two tab folds.
- FOLD THE TABS**
Fold both side tabs behind the front. Turn the piece over: the shaded GLUE areas now face you — glue them.
- CLOSE THE SIDES**
Fold the back up over the tabs and press. The two zigzag ends should line up; the top stays open.
- FILL AND SEAL**
Put the surprise inside, then glue or tape the inside of the zigzag band shut. To open, tear across the band.

Flap bag (page 3, right): cut out, score and fold the tabs, close the sides, fill and close — the same folds, then the flap closes over the front with a seal sticker.

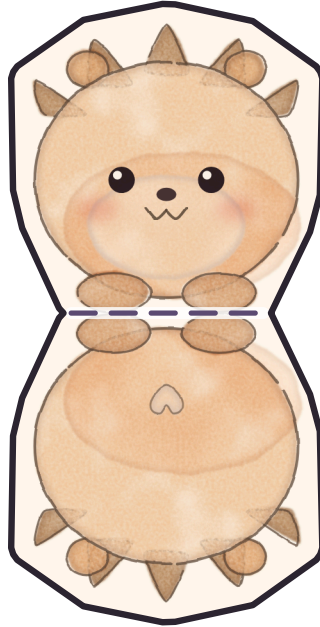


Seal stickers: cut out, then glue or tape one over the flap.

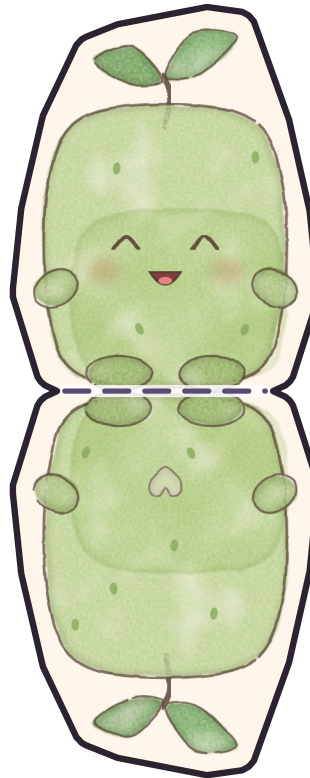




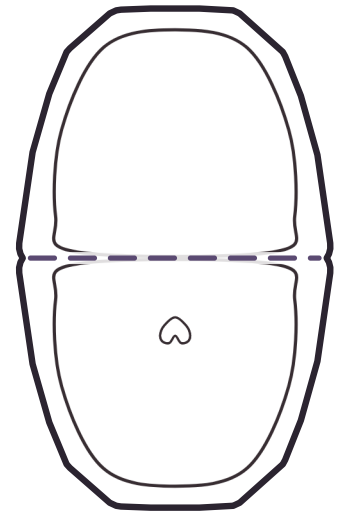
1. Puddle



2. Tumble



3. Sprig



4. Draw your own

TWO WAYS TO FINISH

- Flat charm: glue the blank insides together. Cardstock makes it stiffer.
- Squishy: print on plain paper, tape around the edge, stuff with a little tissue and tape it shut.
- Bag insert cards: cut one out and slip it into each bag with its Pocket Pal.



Measure first

CUT **SCORE, FOLD AWAY FROM PRINT**

GLUE

Collector Checklist

Tick each Pocket Pal you open • then try the games below

COLLECTIBLE	FOUND IT	DATE	SWAPPED WITH
 1. Puddle	☐	_____	_____
 2. Tumble	☐	_____	_____
 3. Sprig	☐	_____	_____
 4. _____	☐	_____	_____

MEET THE TRIO

- 1. PUDDLE**
Loves jumping in rainy-day puddles. Secret trick: makes the tiniest rainbow.
- 2. TUMBLE**
Loves rolling down soft hills. Secret trick: curls into a perfect ball.
- 3. SPRIG**
Loves sunny windowsills. Secret trick: grows one leaf taller every birthday.

PLAY IDEAS

- 1 SWAP AND GUESS**
Each player packs a bag in secret. Swap, then guess who is inside before you open it.
- 2 MYSTERY SHUFFLE**
Pack all the bags, mix them up on the table and take turns choosing one.
- 3 DESIGN NUMBER 4**
Draw a face and colors on the blank Pocket Pal, give it a name and write it on the checklist.

IDEAS FOR MY NEXT POCKET PALS

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____