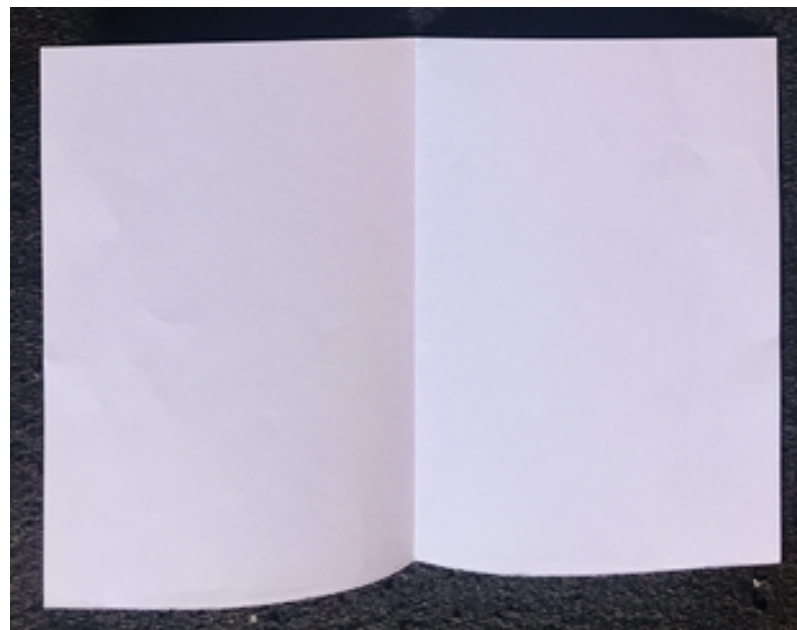
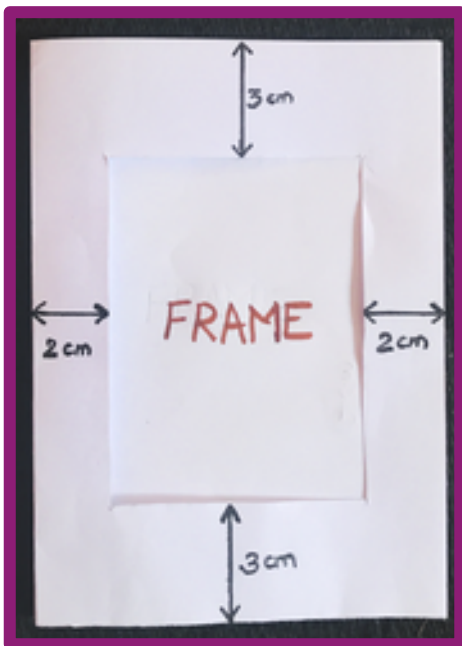
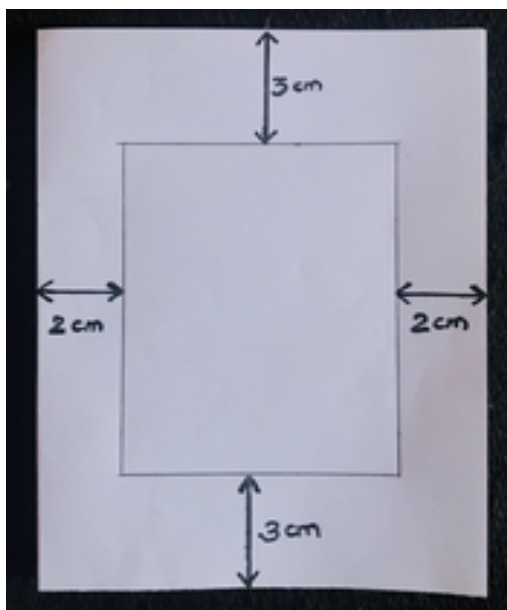


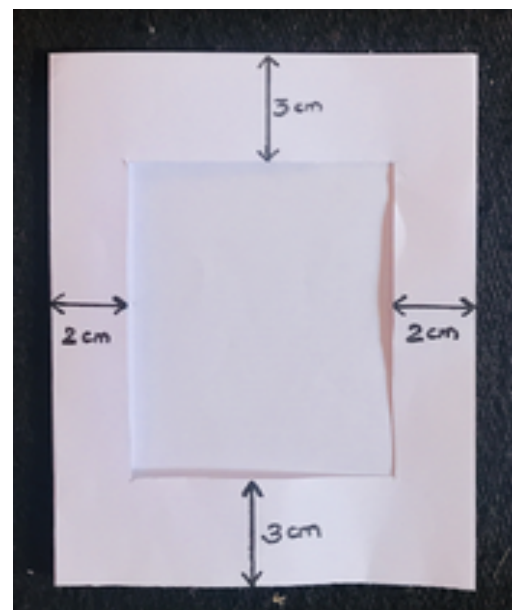
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Step 1: To make the frame shown on the left, first take an A5 size sheet and fold it into half.



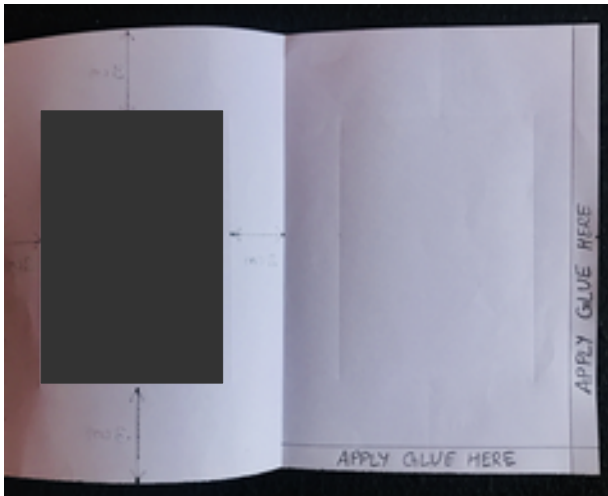
Step 2: On the front half, make a rectangle at a distance of 2 cm and 3 cm from the sides as shown in the image.



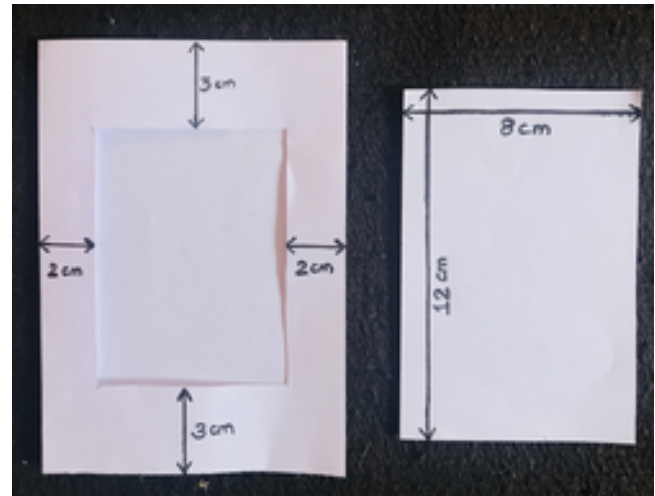
Step 3: Now, carefully cut the rectangle part with a cutter. It will look like a frame or a window.

Materials required: Thick white A4 sheets (21.0 x 29.7 cms) or A5 sheets (14.8 x 21.0 cms), pencil, black marker, eraser, ruler and glue. To make these frames, you need thick A5 size sheets. In case, you do not have A5 sheets, you can take one A4 size thick paper and cut it into half (then it will become A5 size).

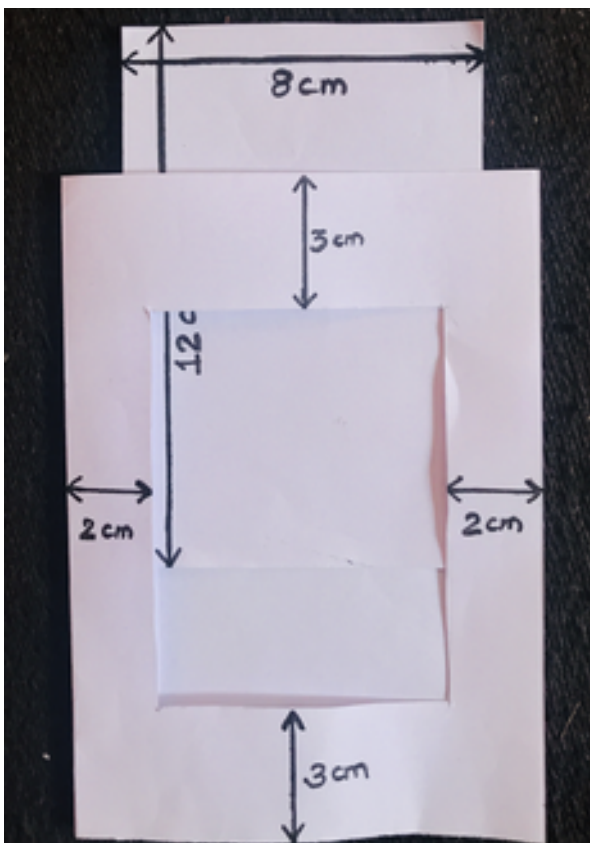
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Step 4: Once you have cut the inside rectangle, open the sheet and on the inside part stick the right and bottom sides with the help of glue. Please see the image for reference. This is done such that the top side is left open and the frame appears like a pocket.



Step 5: After making the frame, make the insert cards of 12 cm X 8 cm each. Make (at least) the same number of inserts as the number of frames. The inserts can be more than the frames depending on the content.



Step 6: You can either write, draw or paste information on the insert cards and then place it inside the frame from the top. Multiple inserts can be used with each frame as per your teaching-learning need.

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Example games to use the learning frames in the classroom

Learning new terminologies

This game is focused on learning terms to build scientific vocabulary and uses categorization to do so. For instance, while teaching 'natural resources' you may use examples from categories such as, noble gases, metallic or non-metallic minerals, gem-stones, types of fuels, layers of lithosphere, sources of fresh water, etc., to make the frame inserts. For each category, make atleast 3 to 5 insert cards. To play the game, randomly distribute the prepared frames among students and then display category names (for example, 'gem-stones'). Ask the students to stand up if they think they have a card belonging to the said category. If the responses are correct then students can come forward and keep their cards under the category. Incorrect or doubtful answers maybe discussed and resolved. The game continues until all the cards are kept under the correct categories.

Memory game

With the same frames and a new set of inserts, another game can be played that tests students' knowledge of pairs, example, 'elements and their uses', mathematical formulae and answers, etc. Prepare a set of text cards (say with element names) and a set of visual cards (with uses of those elements). For this game, you need 20 frames kept on a table face-down in a 4 by 5 grid. The game is similar to what is commonly called the "Memory Game" where players need to pick two matching cards from an assorted set of cards. In this adapted version, students have to flip one frame at a time to see what is underneath. It will either be a text or a visual card. Players have to find the correct match for the card by flipping another frame. They succeed if they find the correct matching pair (For example, an element and its use forms one correct pair). But if they are unable to find the match they have to place both the frames upside down again. The next students will be at an advantage if they memorize the locations of the previous cards and are aware of the matching answers.

Learning Frames

Richard E. Mayer, an educational psychologist, in his recommendation of twelve learning principles suggests information chunking or 'segmenting' as an important principle for and giving more control to the learner. Chunking (Miller, 1956) refers to the method of breaking down information into small segments rather than presenting as one long continuous unit. In the context of education and learning, chunking has been used as an effective method to help students focus, understand and remember complex information for a longer time.

The learning frames have been designed on the same principle of breaking down information and presenting it to students in small units. "Learning Frames" are easy to make, hands-on educational aids (George et al., 2020), which promote active class participation and employ game formats to aid in student engagement (Granic, Lobel & Engels, 2014; Cooper, 2014).

Learning frames can be designed with separate insert cards depending on what a teacher wishes to focus on. For example, these may be used as simple assessment tools. This feature makes "Learning frames" open-ended, subject and language independent, reusable and flexible.

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