# Make rainbow bookends

2021 Summer of Reading The Week Junior

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Rainbow bookends will brighten up your room.

**BOUNTIFUL BOOKS**
In 2020, around 202 million books were sold in the UK.

*The Week Junior*'s Summer of Reading is now in full swing. Young people across the country are reading and rating books to be in with a chance of winning some special prizes, including a £200 book bundle. If you're a keen reader, why not design a pair of bookends to keep your reading shelf organised? You can find out more about the Summer of Reading challenge at theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading

## What you need

- Some small cardboard boxes
- Sand, gravel, small stones or rice. This will be used to fill the bookends
- Masking tape
- Paints
- Brushes


## TOP TIPS

- Cardboard packaging boxes or cereal, tea, biscuit and pet food boxes are all ideal for making bookends in different sizes. The boxes don't all need to match because you will be covering the pictures.
- If the bookends don't feel heavy enough to support bigger books, add more boxes as extra sections at the sides.
- Putting sand and gravel in tall boxes can make the sides bulge out, so it's better to fill them only halfway.
- Personalise your bookends with lettering, decorative backgrounds or border patterns, or draw your favourite book characters onto card, cut them out, then stick them onto the bookends.
- You can colour the bookends with paint or by pasting on strips of coloured tissue paper or patterned paper.
- If you have a wall at one end of the shelf, you might only need a single bookend to support the books.

**1** Half-fill two boxes with gravel, sand, small stones or rice, then seal the edges with masking tape.

**2** To add more weight, tape smaller filled boxes onto the sides. Check the edges are sealed.

**3** Paint the boxes white then leave to dry. The white base makes it easier to paint colours on top.

**4** Place the bookends together to check which sides face the front then paint your design onto them.

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