

Pretend Passport American

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Pretend Passport Instructions:

Cover:

Print cover page. Make a horizontal fold to show cover.

Make a vertical fold to make into booklet. Use a glue stick around the underneath edges.

Inside Pages:

Inside pages can be plain white paper, printed in grayscale, or printed in colour as shown.

Print two sided and cut, or print one sided and fold as in cover.

Staple inside pages to the cover or stitch binding using thread.

There should be 16-24 inside pages in total. Each page counts as 4 inside pages.

Trim edges of booklet with paper cutter or steel ruler and box cutter on a cutting board.

There is a print trim allowance around edges.

For large quantities, an instaprint service might be more economical than a home printer.

History of Passports

A passport is a document which certifies the identity and nationality of its holder for the purpose of international travel. It is issued by a national government.

One of the earliest written records of a passport type document was in the Old Testament in Nehemiah 2:7-9 at the time of the Persian Empire, about 450 BC. The king's official, Nehemiah, asked to travel to Judea, and King Artaxerxes I gave him a letter to guarantee safe travel through foreign lands.

Passports as we know them today, originated from a conference by the League of Nations in 1920. It was recommended at that time that passports be issued in French and one other language. Now, it is recommended that passports be issued in French or English, or in the national language of the issuing country and in French or English.

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