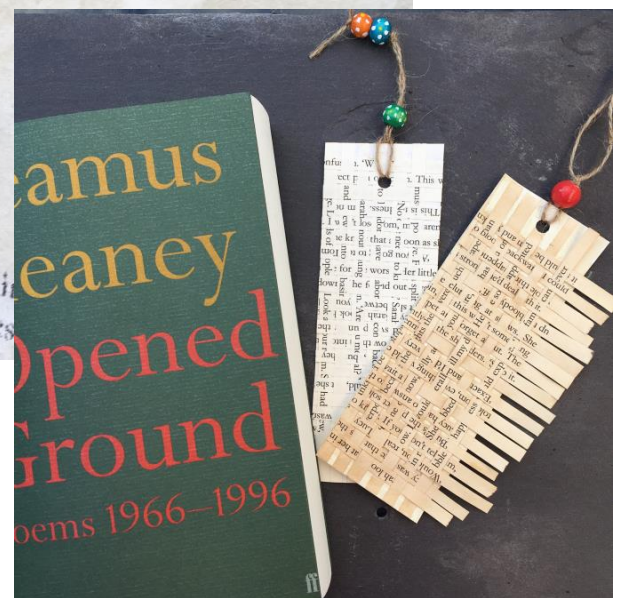
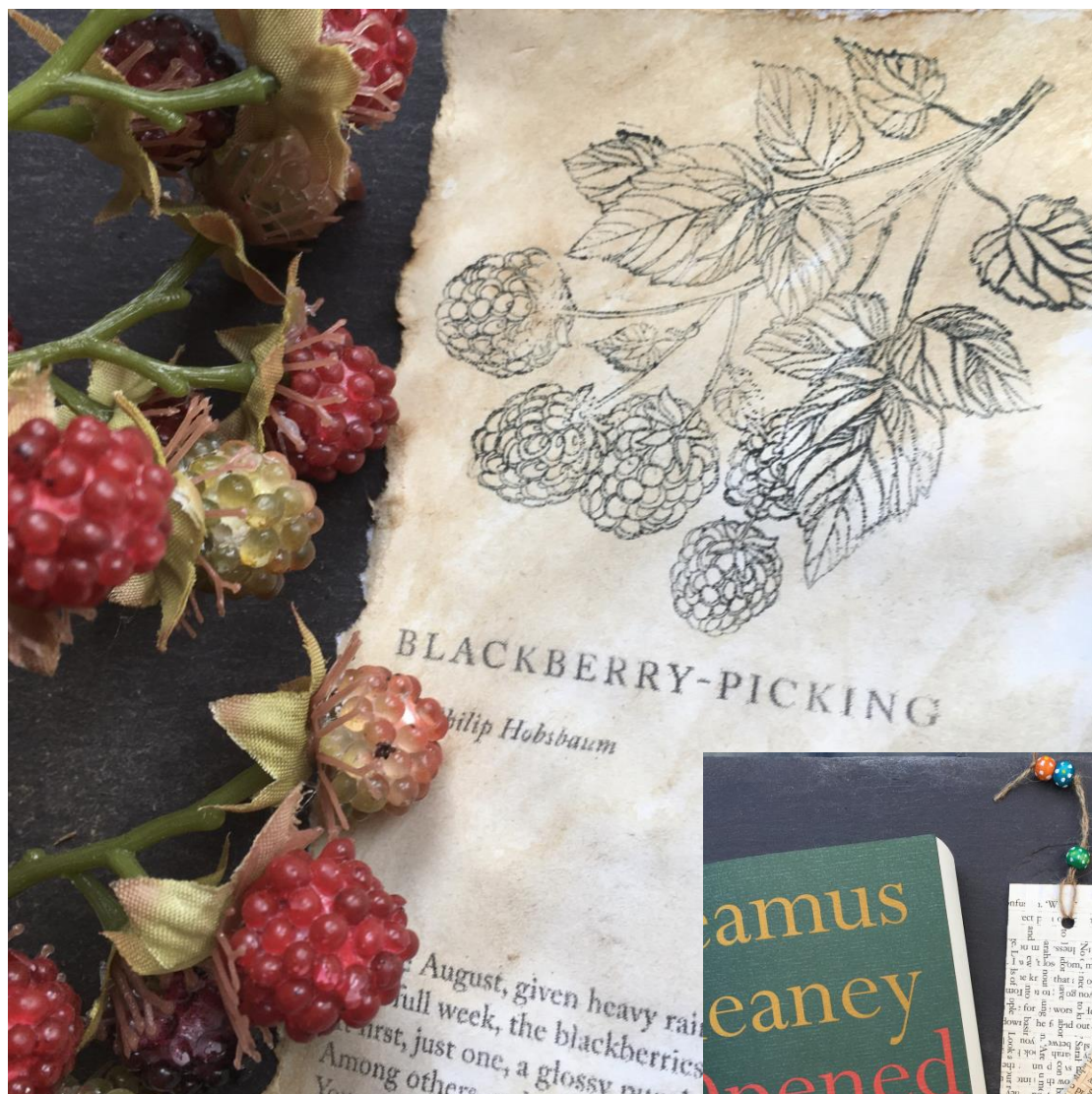
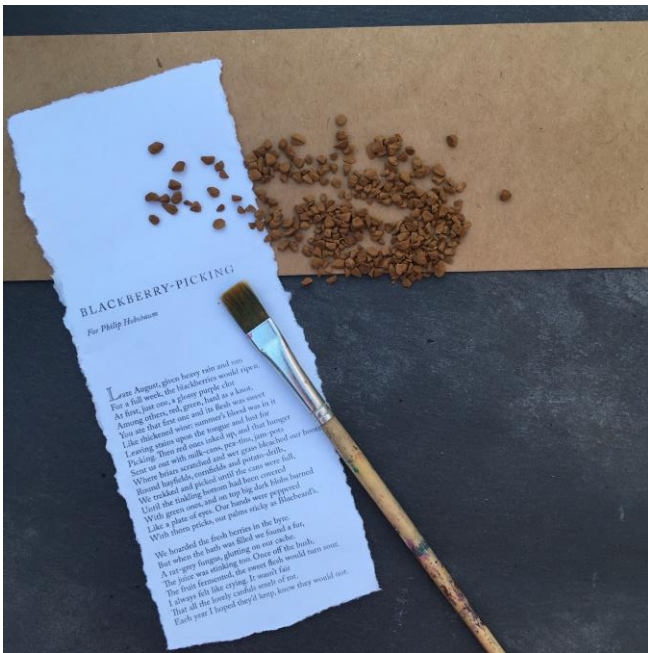


## Bookmarks!

With spending more time at home lately you're probably doing a lot more reading so why not create a bookmark for your favourite book? Samples are provided below to get you started. Please share your creative bookmarks (where or #?) as we would love to see them.







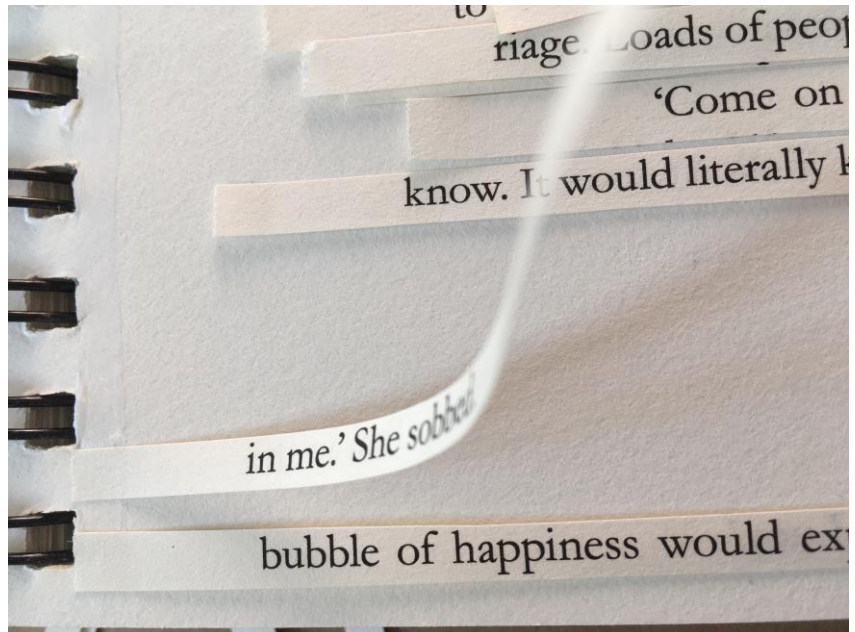
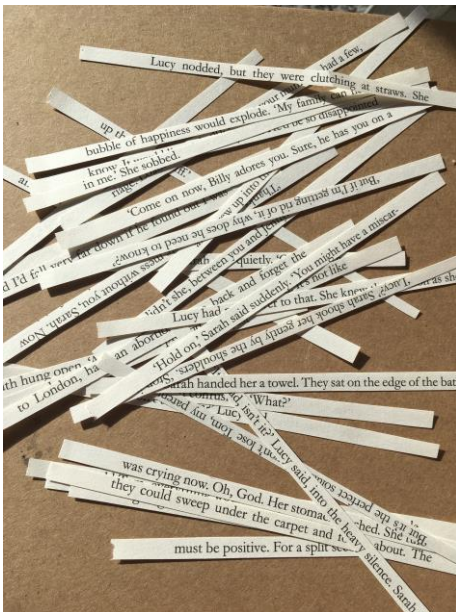
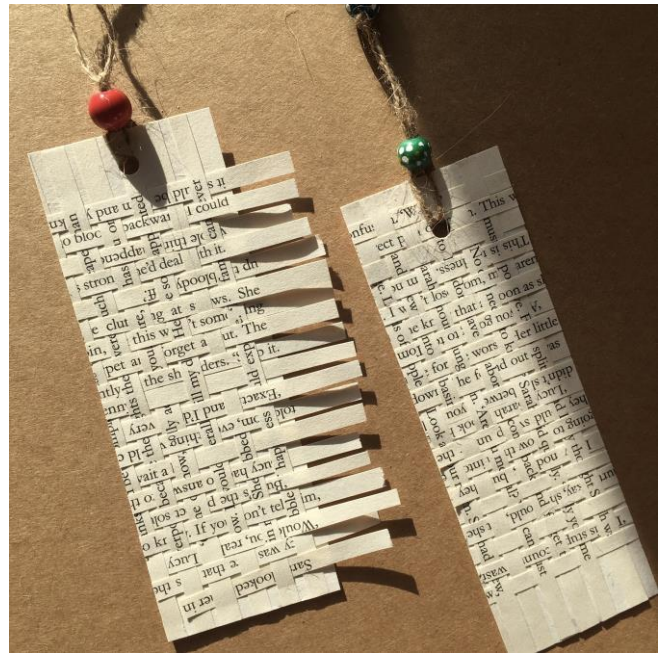
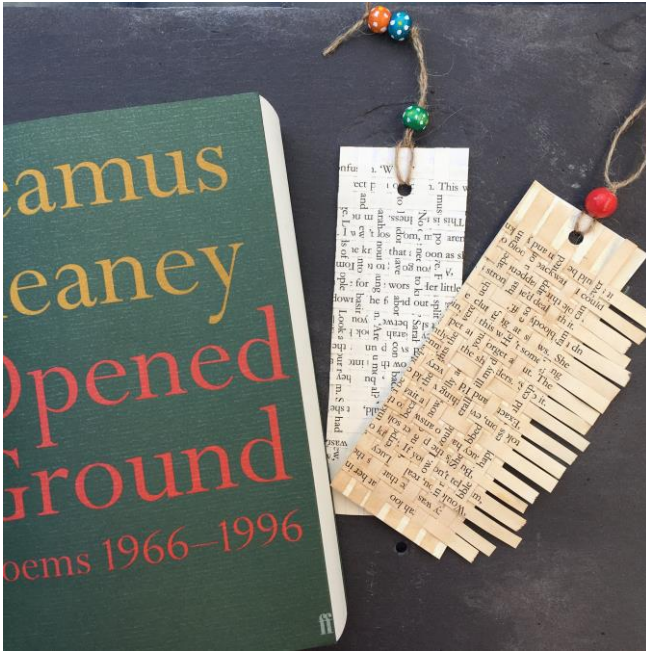
Start by choosing your favourite poem. Print it out and rip carefully around the edges. Leave a section at the top to sketch or paint on. To give the bookmark an aged look stain it with coffee. Once you have the piece stained let it dry and then add your sketch or painting.



To make your bookmark sturdy stick it with glue to a piece of card which should be slightly bigger.

If you're feeling creative and want to do a bit more, you could also make a few gift tags with the left over card. Simply cut card to desired shape, add a drawing or a sketch using a fine tip pen, punch a hole with a hole punch and add twine or string. Enjoy!

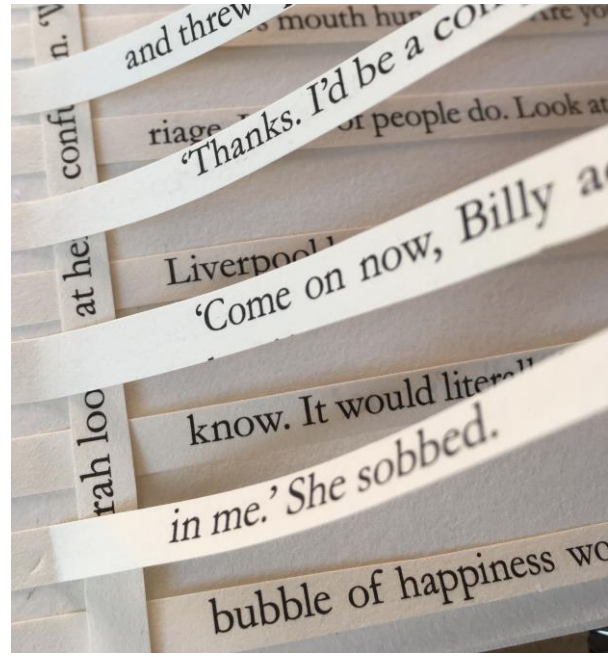




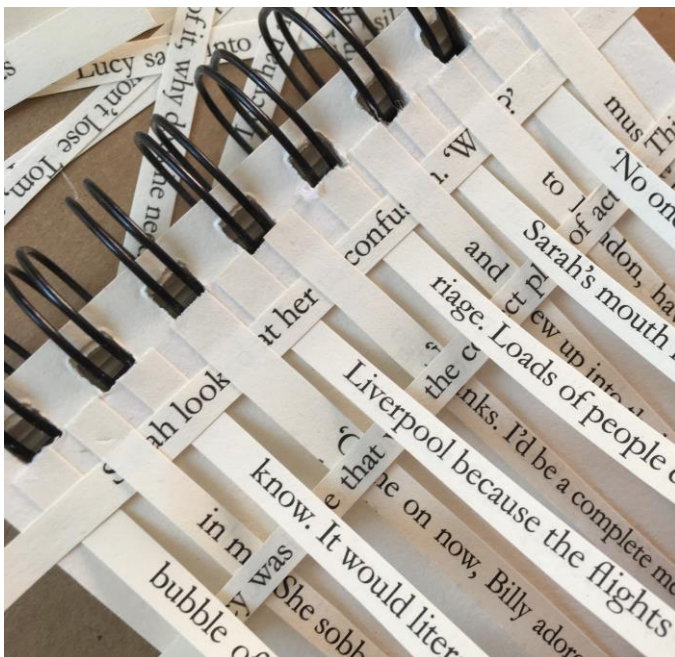
## Woven Bookmark:

Tear a page from an old book or print out of a favourite poem. Cut out long strips as per photo. Use a piece of card or sketch book page and start to stick down the strips just about an inch from the edge. Do this piece by piece in the one direction first leaving a small gap between each as per photo.





Once you have all these strips loosely attached add and stick the other strips between these in a weaving fashion, in and out, under and over - like photo above. Repeat for next line but in an opposite order to previous, under and over to eventually create a warp and weft effect like photos below.

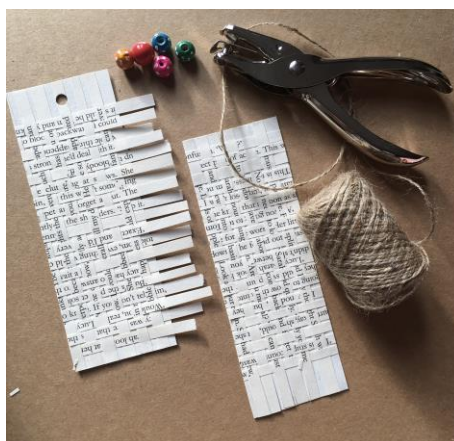
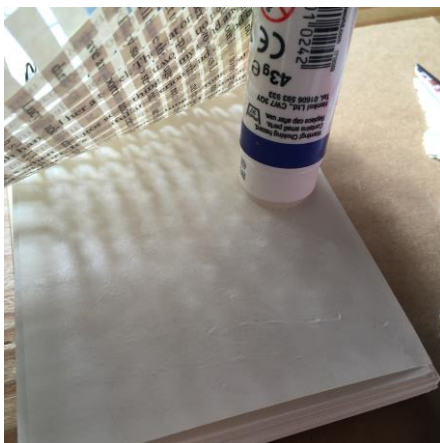






Example above of a loose warp and weft creating a weave.

Apply glue all over a substrate – a piece of card or a page from a sketch book will do. Gently but firmly smooth the weave on top. Once dried and firmly stuck you can cut into two to make two bookmarks. Below shows a bookmark that has been trimmed and one that has been left with fringed edges. You can leave as is or stain with coffee to give an aged effect. Embellishments can be added. Punch a hole with a hole punch, add twine or string and a few decorative beads like photos attached. Have fun! Please send us your bookmarks as we would love to see them.





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