

Construction

20 per page
expanded functions,
one page opening



Materials

It is recommended that PODD books constructed for **direct pointing access are laminated using 3 Mil laminate**. Waterproof paper and thinner laminated pages are not recommended for anyone who slides their hand across or pushes onto the page when pointing as the pages move or scrunch up making it very difficult to read the point and eventually become damaged. Communication may also break down for individuals with additional sensory processing challenges if they “fiddle with”, flick or scrunch pages to seek additional sensory input. Thinner laminate or waterproof paper is only recommended for direct access when the individual has a very light point (hand direct touch on and lift off the item), and no additional sensory processing challenges.

DO NOT USE laminate thicker than 3 Mil for any PODD communication book. PODD books have many pages to laminate and they can become heavy and unwieldy if thicker laminate is used. Even one extra mil on each page can significantly add to the weight and thickness of the whole communication book. Also be aware that extremely thin laminate (e.g., 1-1.5 Mil) may not withstand heavy use by individuals who are using direct pointing access. Matt finish laminate is recommended to reduce glare on communication book pages.

This one-page opening style PODD communication book works best when the pages can be folded completely back. Use **split ring or spiral binding**. **DO NOT put the pages in a folder or use a comb binding (see information on binding).**

Materials & Equipment List

- iPad with simPODD
- Color printer
- Laminator
- (Computer – recommended)
- Letter sized plain paper
- Letter sized label stickers – one label per sheet (approximately 66 sheets*)
- Matt, no thicker than 3 Mil, laminating pouches (approximately 110* pouches*) and pouch laminator OR a roll laminator with matt no thicker than 3 Mil laminate roll.
- Two letter sized pieces of thick plastic (e.g., cover stock, notebook cover or pocket folder - 8 ½ by 11 inches-) or two pieces of corrugated plastic sheets (8 ½ by 11 inches) for the covers. Select an appropriate thickness to be punched using your selected binding method.

- (clear plastic letter files for optional *55 topic pages*)

To bind with a spiral

- spiral binder and coil

To bind with rings

- 3 x split key rings of appropriate size (available from stores that make keys such as hardware stores. Note: hinged notebook rings do not work well because they catch on laminated pages and open when using the book).
- A single hole punch or a three-hole punch
- A small amount of cloth duct tape

* The precise number of pages will vary depending on individual customization.

TIPS for Printing

There are two options for printing your PODD book.

- Exporting the pages from simPODD to a PDF file to print from your computer.
- Printing pages directly from simPODD on your iPad with a Wi-Fi enabled printer.

Printing the PODD book from your computer is the recommended option as it provides more control over the print settings.

- The pages occasionally print at unusual sizes directly from the iPad.
- It is easier to view and select pages for printing in the PDF on your computer.
- Exporting to the computer also creates a backup PDF of your personalized PODD book.

Scaled printing is only available using the computer option with a printer that allows custom size printing. Select to print a custom size (e.g., 80%, 90%). You will then need to cut the smaller pages out of the Letter sized paper.

It is recommended to print one page to try out the reduced size with the individual prior to printing the whole book and stickers using these settings.

To print your PODD book from your computer:

1. Export a PDF from simPODD on your iPad to your computer
 - a. Select **Books** from the drop-down menu ☰ in the upper right corner.
 - b. Select the **three dots** on the lower right corner of the book you wish to print.
 - c. Select **Export**
 - d. Select **Mail** to email the PDF to your computer (Mac users can also use AirDrop).
2. On your computer open the PDF. It is easier to scroll through the pages using thumbnail images to see the print range page numbers associated with the PODD book pages. Set your software to view thumbnails.

Prepare your book for printing.

3. Scroll through the thumbnail images to find the special list pages:
 - ✓ 09 people list
 - ✓ 17a list
 - ✓ 17b list
 - ✓ 17e list
 - ✓ 18b symbol list and 18c symbol list OR (optional) 18 food drink listSelect, copy and paste these list pages after the *Instructions back cover* page at the bottom of the list of thumbnails.

Print Main Pages (01a main to 55f story. *You can print additional 55 story pages to add to the communication book as required).*

4. Load your printer with **letter size plain paper**.
5. Scroll through the thumbnail images to identify the PDF page number for the last page of the PODD book (55f). This number depends on the optional pages in your customization.
6. Select Print. The print settings are:
 - a. **Print pages (range): 1 to (the number you identified at step 5).**
 - b. Paper size: US Letter; Orientation: Landscape
 - c. Print single sided


Print Special Lists and Instructions

7. Load your printer with **letter sized label stickers** (one sticker per page).
8. Scroll to the bottom of the list of thumbnails to identify the PDF page numbers for *Instructions back cover* and the last special list page moved at step 3.
9. Select Print. The print settings are:
 - a. **Print pages (range):** the number for *instructions back cover* to the number for the **last special list page** identified at step 8.
 - b. Paper size: US Letter; Orientation: Landscape
 - c. Print single sided

Print General Lists

10. Check that the instructions are correct for the individual and that their name has been inserted. Scroll through the PDF and count the number of *go to list* instructions that do not link to a special list in your PODD book.
11. Load your printer with **letter sized label stickers** (one sticker per page).
12. Scroll through the thumbnails to identify the PDF page number for the general *list* template. This number depends on your customization.
13. Select Print. The print settings are:
 - a. **Print pages (range): the number for the *list* page identified at step 12.**
 - b. **Number of copies: the number you identified at step 10 above.**
 - c. Paper size: US Letter; Orientation: Landscape
 - d. Print single sided

To print directly from simPODD on your iPad:

1. Select **Books** from the drop-down menu  in the upper right corner.
2. Select the **three dots** on the lower right corner of the book you wish to print.
3. Select **Export**
4. Select **Print**. The Print menu will be displayed with thumbnail images and print range numbers associated with the PODD book pages.

Print Main Pages (01a main to 55f story. *You can print additional 55 story pages to add to the communication book as required).*

5. Load your printer with **letter size plain paper**.
6. Scroll through the thumbnail images to find the list pages and instructions:
 - ✓ 09 people list
 - ✓ 17a list
 - ✓ 17b list
 - ✓ 17e list
 - ✓ 18b symbol list and 18c symbol list OR (optional) 18 food drink list
 - ✓ Instructions back cover
 - ✓ General LIST

Tap on the PDF for each of these pages to **deselect** the page. (These pages will be printed later on stickers)

7. Select Print. The print settings are:
 - a. Print Range: Should automatically set to skip special list pages, instructions and list pages.
 - b. Paper size: US Letter; Orientation: Landscape
 - c. Print single sided (toggle double-sided to OFF)

Print Special Lists and Instructions

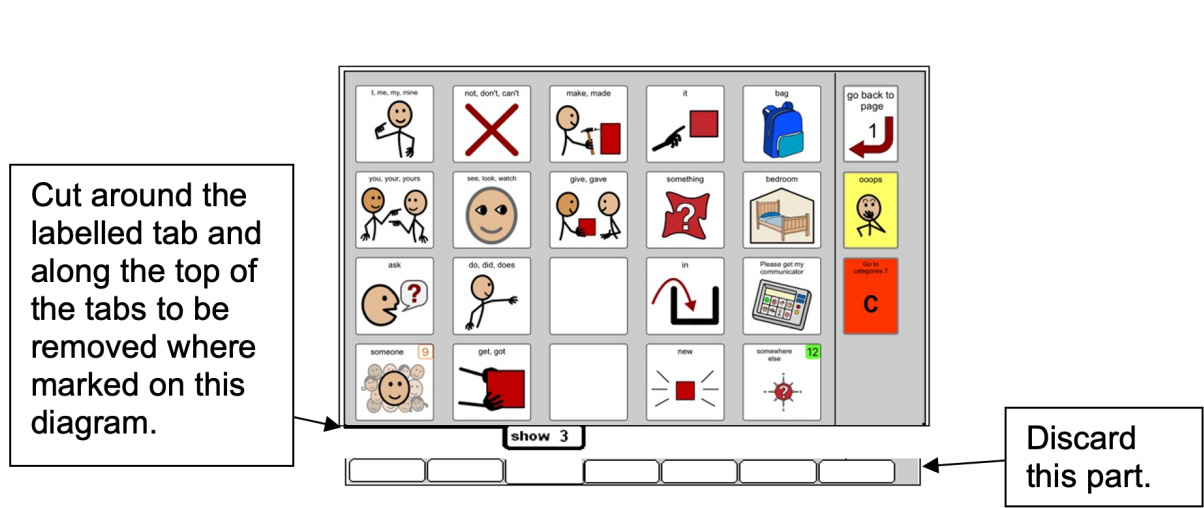
8. Load your printer with **letter sized label stickers** (one sticker per page).
9. Repeat steps 1 - 4.
10. Print the special list pages, general list and instructions pages (listed at step 6).
To do this either:
 - a. **Print the pages one at a time** by noting the number associated with each page and setting the print range to print from that page number to the same page number.
 - b. Tap on the PDF page number to **deselect all other pages** in the PODD book. The print range should automatically set to print only these pages.
11. Select Print. The print settings are:
 - a. Print Range: (as per step 10)
 - b. Paper size: US Letter; Orientation: Landscape
 - c. Print single sided (toggle double-sided to OFF)

Print General Lists

12. Check that the instructions are correct for the individual and that their name has been inserted. Scroll through the PDF images and count the number of *go to list* instructions that do not link to a special list in your PODD book.
13. Load your printer with **letter sized label stickers** (one sticker per page).
14. Scroll through the thumbnails to identify the PDF page number for the general *list* template. This number depends on your customization.
15. Select Print. The print settings are:
 - a. **Print Range: the number for the *list* page identified at step 14.**
 - b. **Number of copies: the number you identified at step 12 above.**
 - c. Paper size: US Letter; Orientation: Landscape
 - d. Print single sided (toggle double-sided to OFF)

Cut out the book pages

Compile the set of pages to be used as book pages. Cut around the labelled tab and along the top of the other tabs on the page. Discard excess. See diagram below.



Repeat for every page of the PODD book and put aside.

Laminate the pages

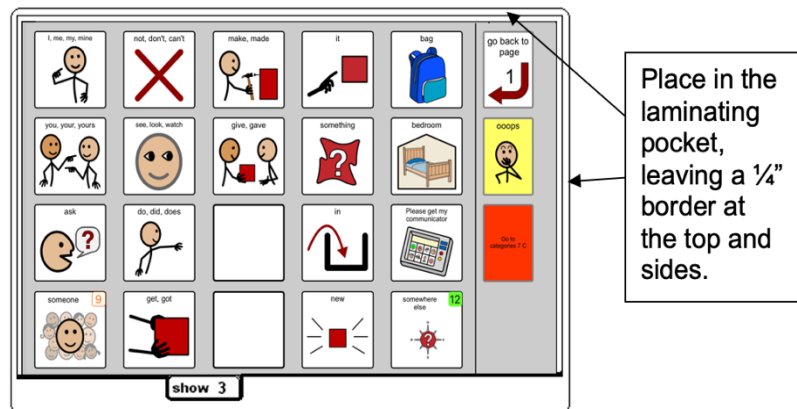
Important information re: Laminate thickness

PODD communication books have many pages to laminate. Even an extra mil on each page can significantly add to the weight and thickness of the whole communication book.

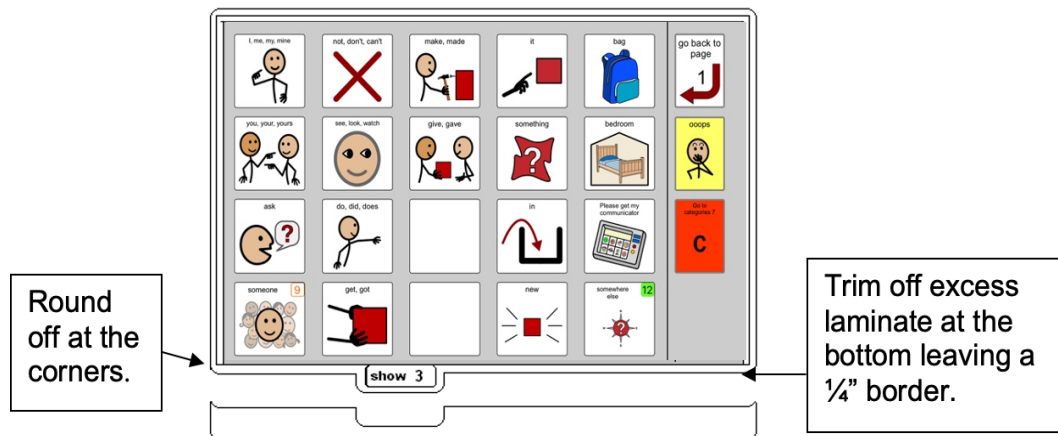
REMEMBER TO USE 3 Mil or less – NOT thicker – laminate.

1. Laminate the page set *01a main* through to *51f alphabet* and the *instructions back cover* sticker. Place each page in a laminating pouch, leaving a ¼" border at the top and sides of the page.

Note: **DO NOT** laminate any of the *optional 55 story* pages. These pages are filed at the back of the PODD book in plastic letter files so that they can be removed and filled in when necessary.

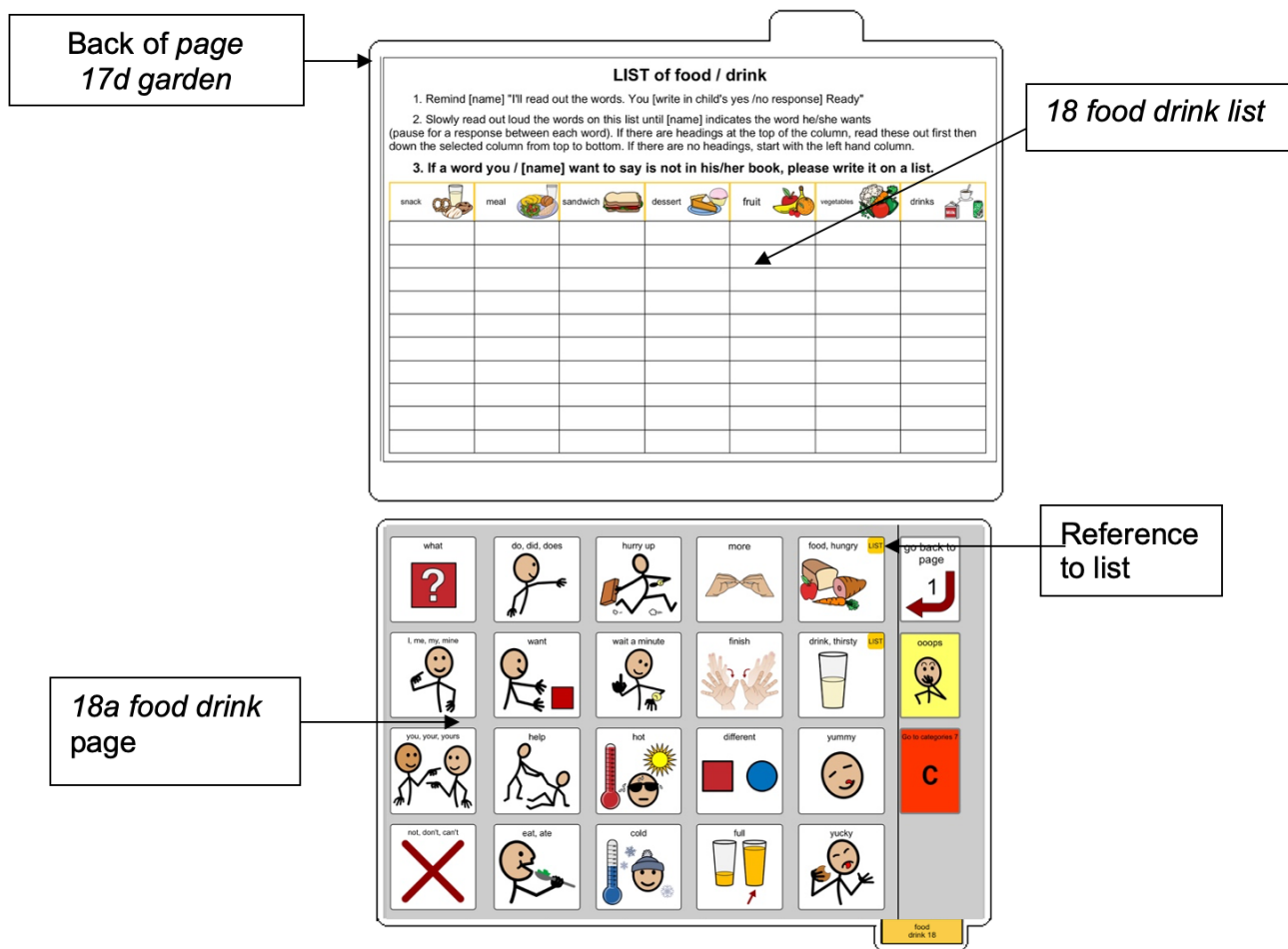


2. Trim off excess laminate along the bottom of the page leaving a ¼" border. Round off at the corners for safety.



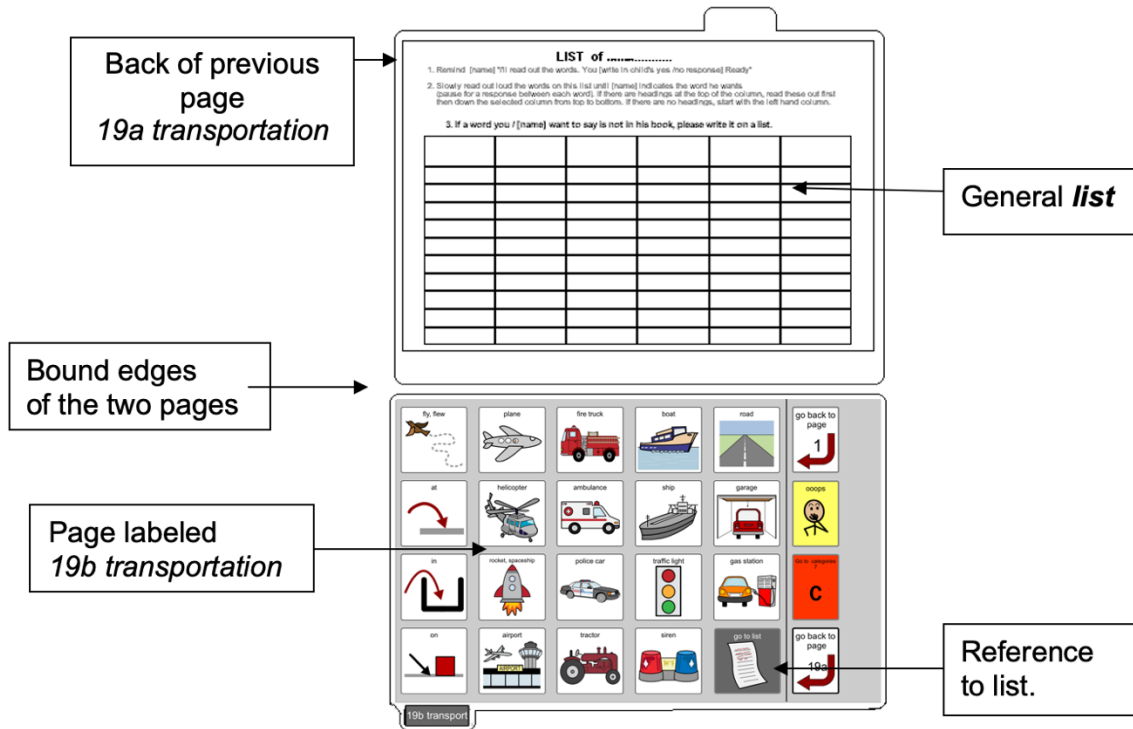
Adding the Special Lists

1. Trim the *special list* stickers close to the edges of the list border.
2. Put the laminated pages in communication book page order.
3. Leaf through the communication book pages until you come to a section which has a special list. Turn to the page with the GO TO LIST instruction.
4. Peel off the back of the list sticker and stick it to the back of the previous page (as it will appear in the bound communication book). Note that the list is orientated so that it can be read when the book is opened at the page with the GO TO LIST instruction. See diagram below.

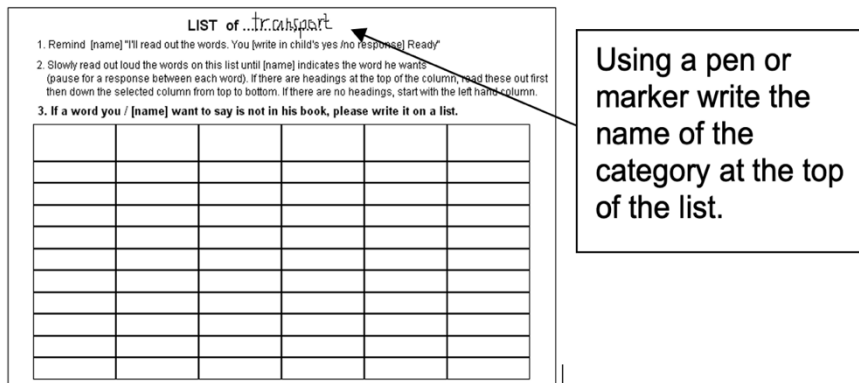


Adding the General Lists

1. Check that **all** of the laminated book **pages** are in the **correct order**
2. Leaf through the page set stopping when you come to a page that has a **GO TO LIST** instruction. Cut out a general *list* sticker. Peel off the back of the list sticker and stick it to the back of the previous page (as it will appear in the bound communication book). Note that the list is orientated so that it can be read when the book is opened at the page with the GO TO LIST instruction. See diagram below.



3. Using a pen or marker write the name of the category at the top of the list.



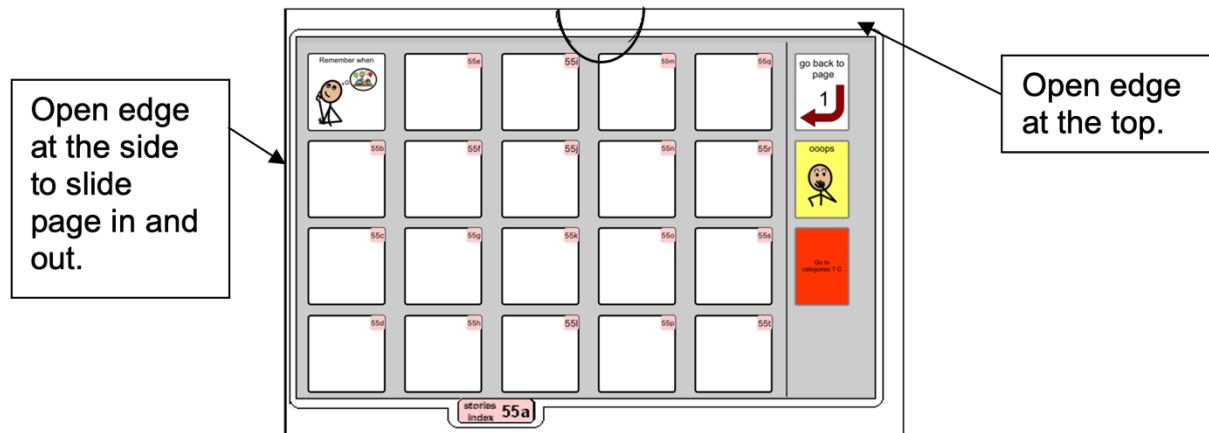
Special Pages

This PODD book has anecdote pages (*55 story pages*). These pages are filed at the back of the book in clear plastic letter files, so that the pages can easily be taken out and filled in with a pen.

TIP Anecdote pages are not laminated.

Note: A large number of templates for *55 story pages* are included with this page set. Including all of these pages in the PODD communication book would add significantly to the overall size and weight. Initially only include a few pages, e.g., *55a story index* and *55c-f story* pages. Additional pages can be added as required. If you are using a large number of anecdote pages consider the use of a separate folder (see *Information file*)

1. Slide each *55 story page* into a letter file so that the longer open edge of the letter file is at the top where the book will be bound.



- 2 File in order at the back of the PODD book.

TIP Remove the page from inside the letter file before binding, so the page can't get caught in the binding. Bind only the letter file.

Make the Cover

To create the covers, you will need:

- Laminated *instructions for back cover* printed on a letter sized label sticker.
- Two letter sized pieces of thick plastic. Make sure to round off any sharp corners on the covers.

Take the sticker labelled *Instructions back cover*, peel off the back and stick it to the inside of the back cover.

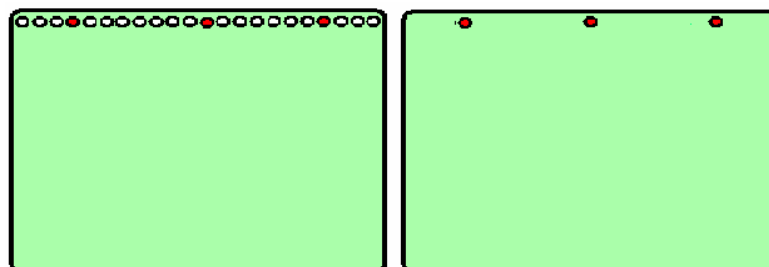
Binding the PODD book

This one page opening style PODD communication book works best when the pages can be folded completely back under the open page. **DO NOT** put the pages in a ring binder, folder or use a comb binding that restricts the book folding back on itself as the book will be more difficult to handle in a range of physical positions.

This type of PODD book works best when bound with split key rings or with a spiral binding. Split key rings are more difficult to initially put pages in the book, **but worth it in the long-term as the pages are less likely to catch on the ring during page turning or fall out with use.** It is also possible to easily replace or add pages one at a time to the ring. Other types of hinged rings that open easily to add pages have been found to be very frustrating as they frequently open and pages fall out with use. Some people have used cable ties instead of rings, but it is difficult for pages to turn over the bump of the join in the tie.

Binding with split rings

1. Punch 3 evenly spaced holes across the top of every page and the cover. If you are using the covers of a Letter sized sheet protector presentation book, you can use the pre-existing holes on the cover and use the cover as a template to mark where to punch holes on the pages.



2. Check your pages are in order. Add pages to the split key rings. You may choose to close the opening on the ring after all the pages are in place with a small piece of cloth duct tape. This stops the pages catching in the rings when in use.

Spiral binding

The book turns pages most effectively if the spiral is sized to fit the pages of the book. If using a spiral that's too big, it takes longer to turn pages all the way over the excess spiral.

Bind as per the instructions for your spiral binding machine.