



My Mum – Let Mum know how much she is appreciated with a special book, personalised just for her, on Mother’s Day.

Not all gifts need be bought in shops. Some of the best gifts are those from the heart.

Making these gifts for their Mums provides your children with an additional opportunity to showcase their developing literacy skills.



Each child needs:

- one copy of the cover printed on light card
- multiple copies of the pages printed on paper (one for each statement)
- 1metre of cord or ribbon
- access to a hole punch and stapler

Introduction

Discuss the significance of Mother’s Day with the children.

Write the words “My Mum” on the board.

Invite children to share special things about their Mums, beginning with the statement “My Mum”. Write their ideas on the board.

Suggestions include:

- My mum tucks me into bed at night.
- My mum reads me stories.
- My mum makes me feel better when I am sick.
- My mum goes to work
- My mum likes to watch TV.

Write: Children write a list of things that are special about their own Mums. They may write their statements in their writing books first, then edit and proofread before transcribing them onto the pages of their books. Alternatively they may write them onto the pages without pre-writing. Which you choose will depend on the children’s development and available time. A statement such as “My Mum loves me and I love her” is a nice way to finish the book.

Illustrate: Children draw a picture of Mum on each page to illustrate the statement.

Compile: Arrange the pages in order. Staple the pages together with the decorated cover (refer to page 2).

Note: Printing costs can be reduced by making one heart shape and using it as a template for cutting the other pages. Alternatively, simply use sheets of A4 paper folded or cut in half.

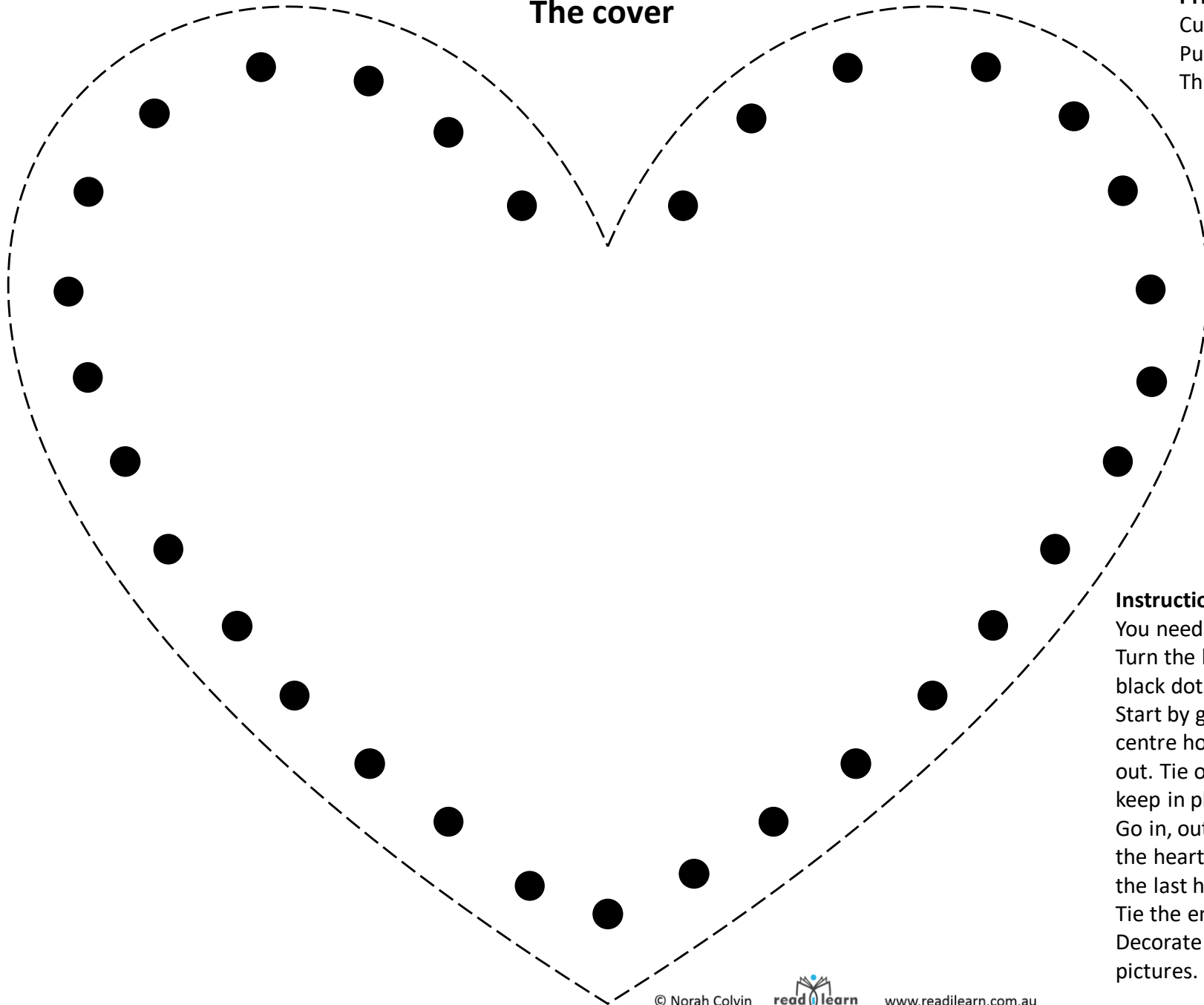
The cover

Print on A4 card.

Cut around the heart.

Punch holes at the dots.

Thread with ribbon.



Instructions for threading:

You need about 1m of cord or ribbon.

Turn the heart over so you can't see the black dots.

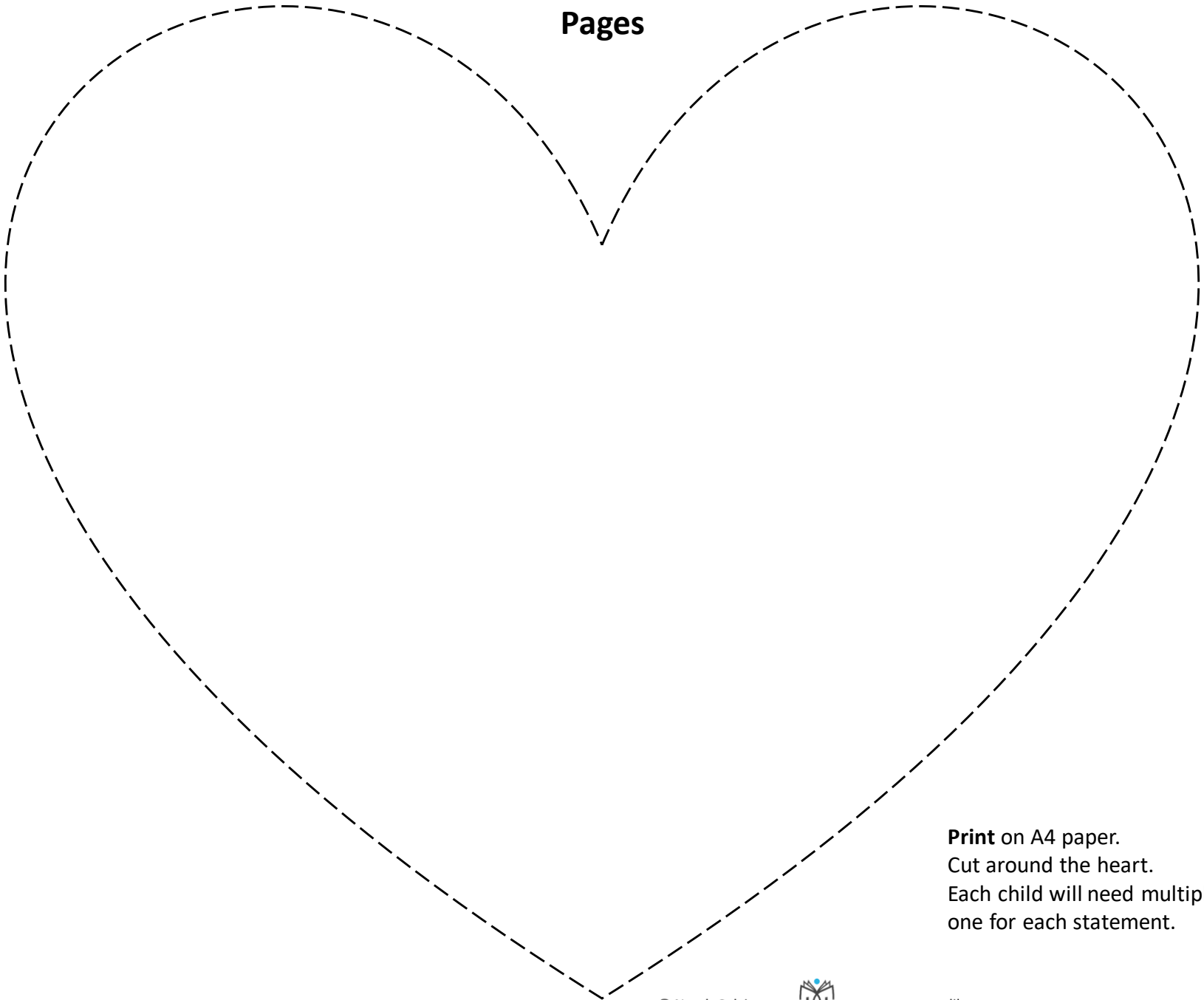
Start by going in first at one of the top centre holes. Leave about 20cm hanging out. Tie or attach with sticky tape to keep in place while threading if desired.

Go in, out, in, out, all the way around the heart. You should come out again at the last hole.

Tie the ends into a bow.

Decorate the cover with words and pictures.

Pages



Print on A4 paper.
Cut around the heart.
Each child will need multiple copies,
one for each statement.