

Possible materials to bring to **Altering Books to Tell Your Story**:

Bring piles of family **photos** that you don't mind cutting, gluing into your book. For precious photos that you don't want to alter, make a black and white photocopy. Go on a scavenger hunt in your basement and attic. Don't eliminate ahead of time. Best if not presorted, just toss in a box.

Look in drawers and file cabinets for interesting **documents**, newspaper clippings, old letters, maps, passports. Dirt, dust, even grease on well-used recipes are no problem.

Next, go **online to research background images** of locations you love, where you have vacationed, where family members grew up, or immigrated from. Search out old books or old calendars from these places.

Make a stack of **print images** torn from magazines, newspapers or photocopy pages of books that speak to you for no explainable reason.

Photograph items in your home that are precious so you can tell the story. This can include art, dishes, jewelry, anything of sentimental value to you.

This is your story. Anything goes!

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