The ALEX® Read All About Me provides hours of creative fun. You’ll create a book about your family, friends, school, hobbies and things you like to do.

Start by gathering the materials that you want to use for your book: photos of you, your friends, your family and your pets. Remember to ask permission before using any photographs! Other things that you might want to collect include pictures from magazines and newspapers, doodles, notes from friends, ticket stubs, cool papers and stickers. Collect things you can use as decoration for your pages in addition to what’s included in the kit. Try things like ribbons, dried flowers, feathers, small beads and rubber stamps, to name a few. Begin to fill in the blank pages with information all about you! When you have finished filling them in, you can decorate the pages as much as you want! Use markers, tapes and stickers. Add fun with colored paper shapes or your own decorations that you’ve collected. Use the package as a guide for decorating ideas.

The cover of your Read All About Me has an area for a picture of yourself. Paste a recent photo or look in the mirror and draw a self-portrait. Be sure to ask permission before using any photographs! Don’t forget to decorate around the borders! Be creative! You may want to write the date on the cover so you can remember when you created it!

Some of the pages of your book include personal information such as your age, weight, height and even your fingerprints. Don’t forget to draw in the right number of candles on your cake!

Can you fill in your family tree? Start with a photo or drawing of yourself. Then paste in pictures of your sisters, brothers, parents and grandparents in the spaces. You can learn a lot about your family while filling in your family tree. Ask your parents questions about themselves, see if they can remember any silly things they did when they were your age!

Write down your secrets, goals or dreams in your own secret page! To make your secret page, punch out and fold the cover from the punch out sheet. Draw a line of glue along the dotted line and then place the punch out neatly along the side. Let it dry completely before writing down your secrets. You may want to decorate the cover with the stick stones to make it sparkle!

Need extra space? Can’t fit all your favorite things and friends on the other pages? Glue them into your own personal collage page! Stuff I Want to Keep can be filled with drawings, photographs, paper shapes or magazine pictures. Be sure to ask permission before you cut any photographs or magazines! Arrange your items and glue them down. Don’t forget to decorate the borders of your collage!

You can create additional pages for your book by punching holes in a piece of construction paper and stringing it together with the rest of your book. Don’t forget to decorate these pages, too! When all of your pages are completely decorated, put them in the order that you want. Don’t forget to include any additional pages that you’ve made! To bind your book, bring the ends of the shoelace through the holes from the back of the book to the front and tie them in a bow.

Now show off your life’s story to family and friends. They’ll learn more about you and you’ll have plenty to talk about and share!