

# Got it Covered



## You will need

- A4 Paper
- Coloured Pens or Pencils
- Paint and Paintbrushes
- Craft Materials
- Glue
- Scissors
- Books or CD's

## Before you begin

Give your favourite book or CD a new "lease of life" by creating your own cover for it.

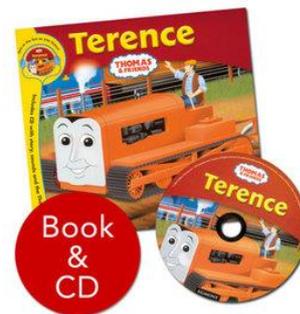
## Have a go

1. Take an A4 piece of paper and fold it in half so it looks like a card (or a book cover!) or if you are making a CD cover after folding it in half, cut it to be the same size as a CD.
2. Use some of the craft materials to design a new cover for your book or CD. You should make sure to add the title and the author's or artist's name.
3. Try and make it bright and bold so it's eye-catching. Book covers should make people want to choose the book in a bookshop or library and CD Covers should make people want to listen to the music.
4. Remember to add detail to the back of the cover – how about a short blurb (a description), your opinion about the book or CD and maybe a picture of the author or singer?
5. You could add in some extra fancy elements such as a lift-up flap, a border of ribbon, or pom-poms and buttons – it is your design, so have fun and be creative.

## Additional Information

In the past books often had plain leather covers and music came in plain paper covers (on LP's and 78's – the pre-runner of CDs). Covers can be simple or detailed as you want and can be all words, all pictures or a combination of both.

The choice is all yours.



## Reflection

This activity gives you the chance to show your love of books or music. You could show your family what you have created to share with them your favourite stories or songs. Next time you go to a library, have a look at the book covers and try to guess what the stories might be about. Or if you visit a shop that sells CDs, have a look at the covers and try to guess the music genre or type.



## Safety

Glue and solvents – make sure you use glue in a well-ventilated room and be aware of medical conditions which could be affected by glue or solvent use and make adjustments as needed. Make sure an adult helps you choose the correct paint to use. Make sure you protect the surface you are working on with newspaper or other covers to prevent damage. Take care when using scissors or ask for help from an adult.

**All Activities are taken from the Scout Association's Great IN Doors programme.**