

Boardmaker Tip: Multiple Pages

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Did you know that you can work with more than one page at a time in Boardmaker? It is SO much easier than making multiple BM documents for a multiple page activity. If you've been saving your multiple page projects as "fruit1, fruit2, fruit3," etc., this tip is for you!

- Calculate the number of pages you'll need. I recommend a maximum of 8 so you don't run into saving and printing memory issues.
- Go to FILE, pull down to Page Set Up to select your page orientation.
- Go to FILE, pull down to Board Set Up to click "use printer page" to set the orientation. Then multiply the board height and board width numbers by the number of pages you want (if 6 pages total, board height would be x2 and board width would be x3, which is 2 pages high, 3 across, or approximately 20" high and 24" across).
- Create your pages and save the document. All six pages will be saved as one -- so much easier than saving six pages separately!

You can use this technique for creating bingo and lotto games, story books, communication books, and other multiple page projects.

You can also use this technique to make one really big symbol. Say you wanted to make a "Pin the Tail on the Turkey" game using real or large symbol feathers. Follow the instructions above to create a 2x2 page document (approx. height/width = 20" x 16").

Place a turkey symbol on one of the pages and stretch to cover all four pages. Print.

Because 1/4" margins are built into Boardmaker, there will be white strips running down and across the very large symbol. Not a problem! Lay out the four pages so they form the symbol. Trim the vertical white strip off the two right side pages. Trim the white strip off the two bottom pages. Rub the remaining white strips with a glue stick, place the trimmed pages onto the glue to create a large symbol with none of the margins showing. Laminate, add glue dots or double-side tape to the feathers and play!

Imagine the fun you can have with a large haunted house, Christmas tree, snowman, and other symbols for holiday and seasonal games.