# CREATE YOUR OWN DORK DIARY!

DORK diaries is all about embracing who you are Capture your thoughts and feelings like Wikki does in your very own diary!

#### What You'll Need:

- 2 standard pieces of paper or construction paper
- A stapler
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

#### Directions:

- 1. Take your two pieces of paper and fold them together horizontally (top to bottom)
- 2. Staple three times along the folded edge to keep the pages together. Have an adult help if necessary.
- 3. The front page is now the cover of your diary!
- 4. Design the cover of your diary any way you want with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. You can take inspiration from Nikki's diary or from your imagination. It's your diary, make it your own!
- 5. For the inside of the diary, you can also design the pages if you'd like, just make sure to leave enough room to write!



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## Make these DORK diaries friendship bracelets with your BFF!

## How to start!

#### What you'll need:

• several colors of embroidery floss or thread • scissors

• tape or safety pins

#### **Measure your string:**

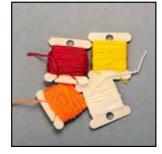
Before you start making your friendship bracelet, you need to decide if it's for the ankle or wrist.

- For a bracelet: Measure lengths of string that go around your friend's wrist twice.
- For an anklet: Measure lengths of string that go around your friend's ankle twice.

A good rule of thumb for beginners is to start with three or four colors with one string for each color!

#### Tie your strands together:

Make sure to tie your pieces of string in a knot with about one or two knuckles-worth of string between the end and the knot. This will help you tie it together later!





#### Secure your bracelet:

You will be making a lot of fun knots for this project, but they'll have to be tight! Make sure to keep your bracelet immobile. You can either:

- Fasten your bracelet to a pillow or to the knee of your jeans with a safety pin
- Tape your bracelet onto a nearby table or chair





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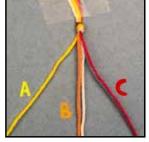
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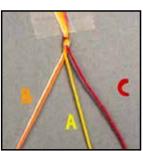
# DORK diaries friendship bracelets Let's get to work!

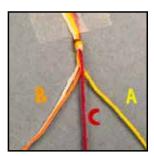
#### The Braid

1. For this bracelet, divide your strands into three sections (A, B, and C) 2. Take section A (or the one on your left) and bring it over section B (the one in the middle). 3. Then take section C (the one on your right) and bring it over section A (the new middle section).

4. Continue this pattern until your bracelet is long enough to go around your BFF's wrist or ankle!







\*NOTE: For this example, we're using four strands, but you can do it with any amount, as long as you still divide into three sections!

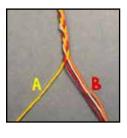
#### The Knot Bracelet

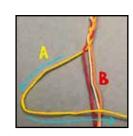
This stitch is a bit more advanced but is basically a column of colorful knots that come together to make a beautiful bracelet for your BFF!

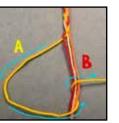
1. Divide your strands into two sections: A will have only one strand and B will have all the rest. 2. Take A and put it over B, making what looks like a number 4! 3. Now bring A around and behind B and have it pull through the loop of the 4.

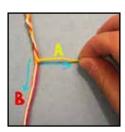
4. Holding B taught, pull A up and tightly to make a full stitch!















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# DORK diaries friendship bracelets Ready for more?

#### For the Pro!

Now that you've mastered the Braid and the Knot bracelets, try an even more advanced stitch!

#### The Candy Stripe Bracelet

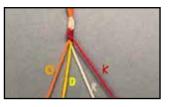
This pattern uses the knot stitch to make rows of colorful stripes on your bracelet!

1. Spread out your strands so they are each their own section. This can be done with as many strands as you like, but we recommend three to six. Our example will use four labeled D, O, R, and K.



4. Using D and R now, make another two knot stitches. And then move on to do another two with D and K. Using just the D and
strands, make a knot stitch with D.

3. Repeat using the same strands until your bracelet is as long as you want it. Each row will have two stitches per strand from now on.



5. Once D is at the end, repeat the same steps with O, making knots each over R, then K, and then D to make a second row.



6. Continue to make these repeating rows until your bracelet is long enough to go around your BFF's wrist or ankle.













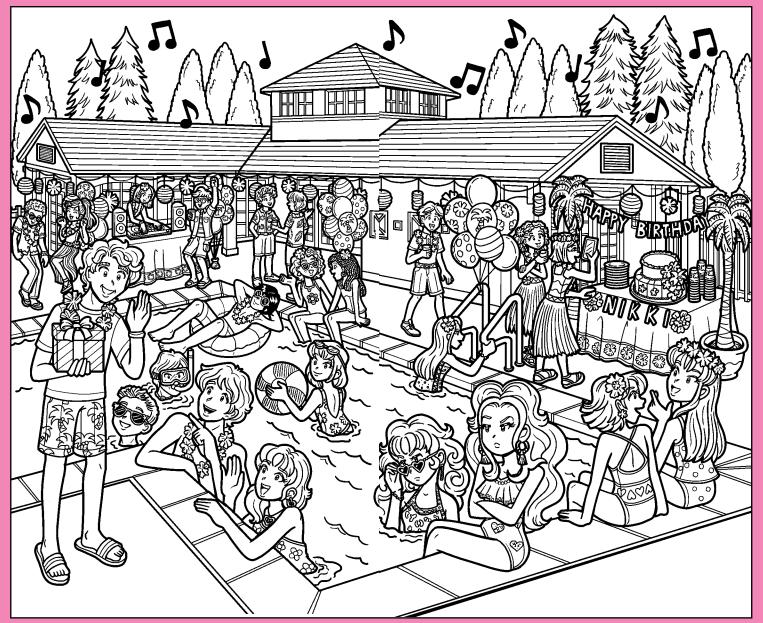
Congratulations! You're now an a-DO<sup>R</sup>K-able friendship bracelet master—and a wonderful BFF too!

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# FILL Nikki's BIRTHDAY WITH COLOR!

DORK-ify this scene from Dark Diaries 13: Tales from a Not-So Happy Birthday by coloring it in with crayons, markers, or colored pencils!





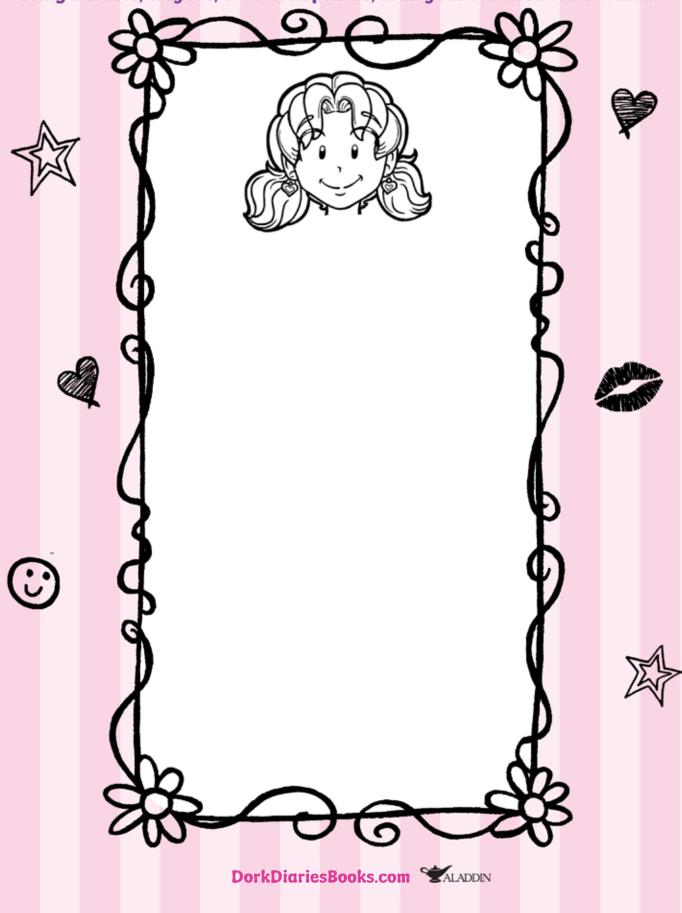


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# **Dress Nikki Up for the Summer**

Help! Nikki can't decide what to wear on her first day of summer vacation. Using markers, crayons, or colored pencils, draw your own creation on Nikki!



# Nikki's Summer Reading Word Search

With friends or on your own, hunt for the birthday and DORK DIARIES words in the word search below. They can read up, down, across, diagonally, and backwards.

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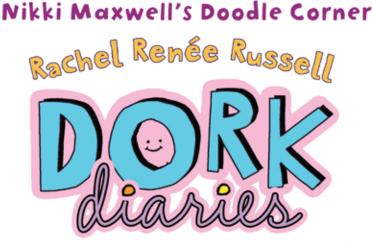


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# A Daisy Maze

Oh no! Daisy got off her leash and is wrecking havoc...again! Help Nikki save her walk and just maybe impress Brandon in the process by finding Daisy at the end of the maze below.





**Character Search** 

Hunt out these characters from the DORK DIARIES series in the grid below. Words can read up, down, across, diagonally, and backwards. The remaining letters spell out Nikki's last name.

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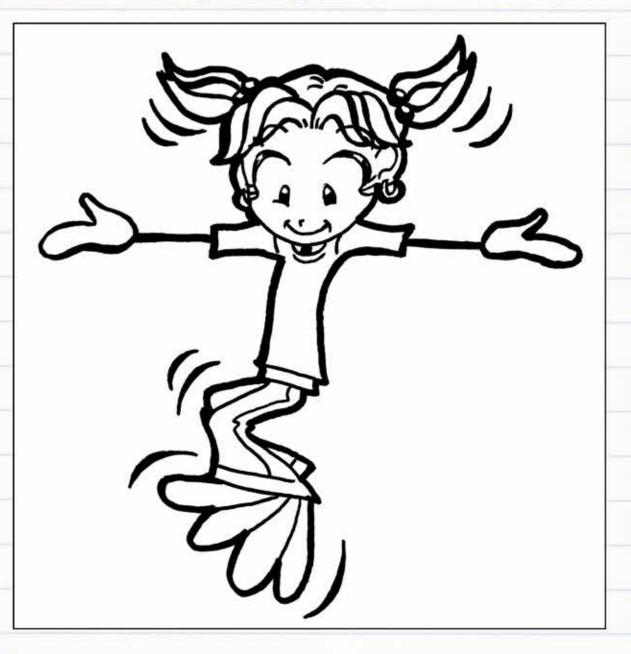
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Nikki Maxwell's Doodle Corner

## Hang out and color your fave Nikki doodles!

Party Planners: Make copies of the sheets provided. Please provide crayons, colored pencils, or markers to your liking!







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Get creative with your dress design, it's party time!

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# It's my party!

Don't be a party pooper! This summer, have fun celebrating you!





# MAKE YOUR OWN A-DORK-ABLE DESSERT TOPPERS!

Dork Diaries is celebrating its 10th birthday and what better way to do that then with treats? Use the templates and directions below to make paper toppers for a piece of cake, copcake, or any sweet of your choosing!

#### What You'll Need:

- Scissors
- Toothpicks
- Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
- Tape

#### **Directions**:

- 1. Choose a topper and decorate using the tools you have available.
- 2. Using scissors, and let an adult help you if necessary, carefully cut your topper along the dotted line.
- 3. Once it's cut out, place one end of a toothpick against the back and stick it on with tape.
- 4. Put the other end of the toothpick into your treat.
- 5. Admire for a bit and then EAT YOUR TREAT!



Pin the Microphone on Nikki

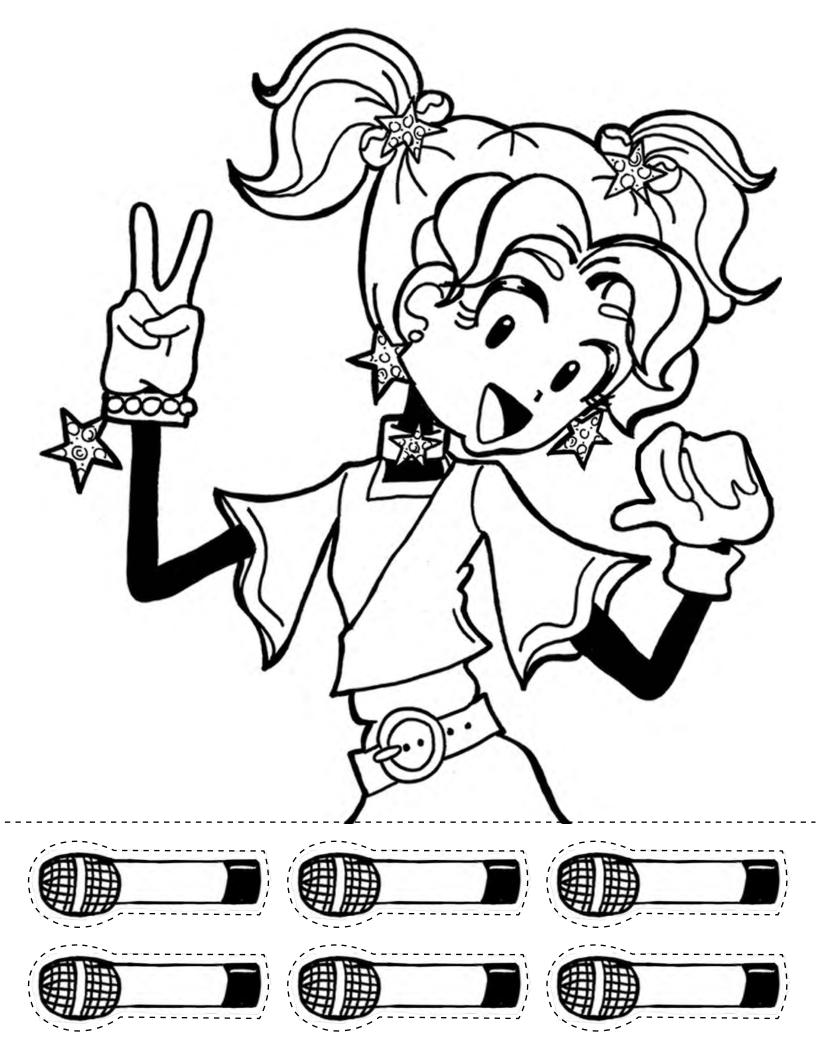
Each player is blindfolded and then gets a chance to pin the microphone in Nikki's hand...and no peeking!

Instructions: Spin around in a circle before you pin the microphone on. The number of spins is the same as your age (the maximum spins is twenty!)





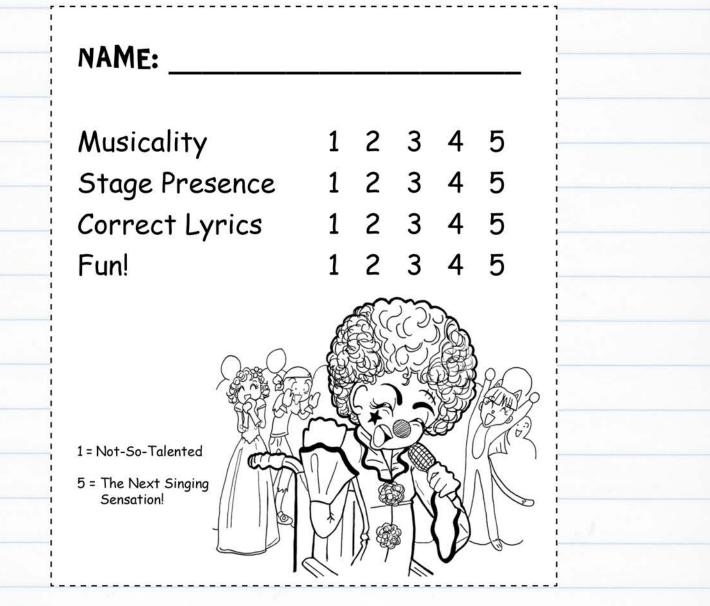
\*Party Planner: Have guests decorate their microphone using markers prior to their turn. Make sure they include their names so you can call a winner.



Party Planner: please provide a playlist of your liking!

Pop Star Xaraoke Contest

Split into teams/individual performers to sing along to your favorite pop song! Score each performance from 1 to 5 based on Musicality, Stage Presence, Correct Lyrics, and Fun!





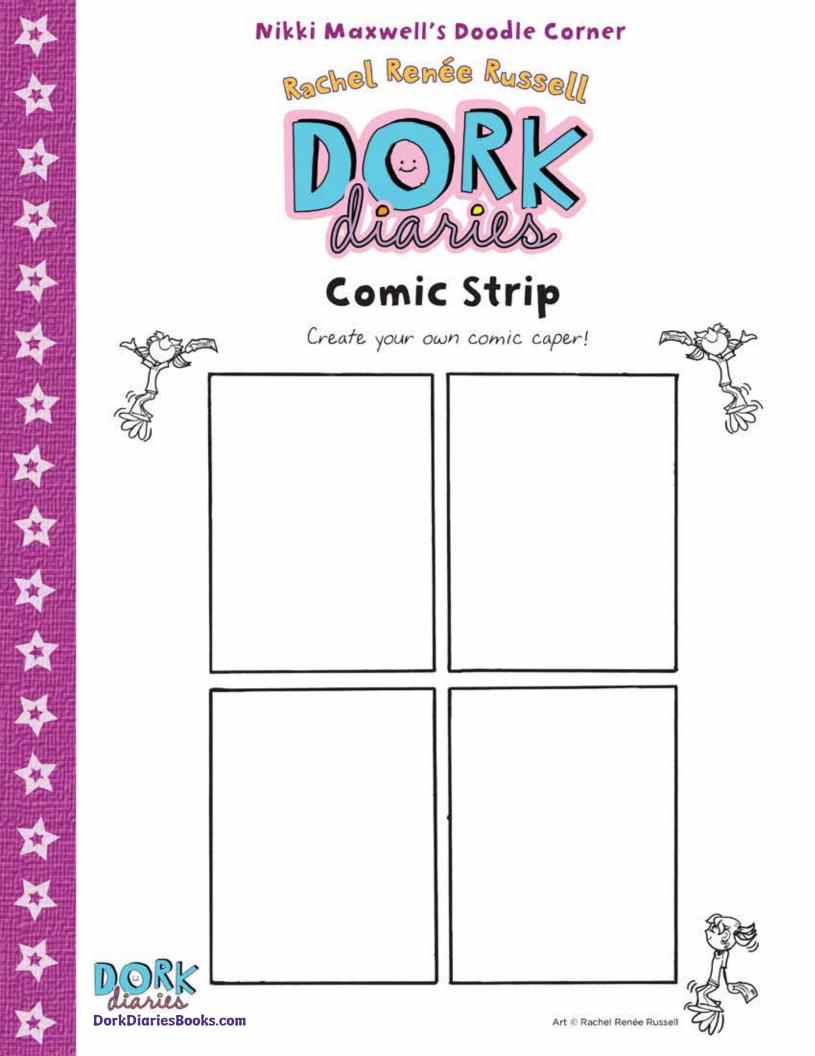
# Nikki Maxwell's Doodle Corner

### Nikki Maxwell loves to write in her diary!

Do you keep a diary? Use the layout below to share something that happened to you today! Make sure to include a picture if you want!

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