

## 12-page Folded Book



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### **Materials.**

1 piece of paper of your choice (not too heavy), any size, shape and colour, with or without images or text

### **Supplies.**

Bone folder

Scissors

Oil pastel; chalk; coloured pencil; watercolour; ink; dye or other medium to stain, colour and decorate the paper.

Text or decorative elements: printed; stamps; etc.

With this book form, you can choose to make your book with blank paper and decorate/add content after folding; create an overall background texture or colour; or create a mock-up to design page content and do your artwork and text entirely prior to folding. Your chosen method will be dictated by the content of your book.

### Folding method.

1. Fold the sheet of paper in half across the width. Crease with a bonefolder. Open the sheet flat.
2. Fold the top and bottom edges of the paper in toward the centre fold. Crease with a bonefolder. Open the sheet flat again.
3. Measure the length of the paper and divide into thirds. Mark the thirds lightly on the top and bottom edges of the paper. Fold along the length of the paper between the marks so that the paper is folded into thirds. Crease with a bonefolder. Open the sheet flat.
4. Your paper will now be divided into 12 sections separated by folds (four across, three down).
5. Carefully cut along the top fold from the left edge of the paper across three sections, leaving the fourth section uncut.
6. Carefully cut along the bottom fold from the right edge of the paper across three sections,

leaving the fourth section uncut.

7. Beginning at one end, fold each page consecutively, turning from one row to the next as though ploughing a field. Crease all folds with a bonefolder.
8. Once folded correctly, you should be able to leaf through all the pages. If you haven't already done so, you can now add your text and additional decoration.
9. Decorate the outside of your covers or glue paper onto them to finish.