

Accordion Book with Pockets



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Materials:

Paper for the accordion (medium to heavy weight) 17cm x 64cm
2 x Light weight book board or flaw board 11 x 8cm each
Paper for the cover
Cardstock for pocket contents

Supplies:

Bone folder
Scissors
Glue stick
Oil pastel; chalk; coloured pencil; watercolour; ink; dye or other medium to stain, colour and decorate the paper.
Decorative paper or embellishments.
Text or decorative elements: printed; stamps; etc.

Accordion:

1. Accordion- or concertina-fold the 17 x 64cm accordion paper. Fold in half across the width, crease with your bonefolder. Fold each short edge back to the centre fold to create two more folds (the paper is now a 'W' shape). Crease with your bonefolder. Now fold that folded edge to the centre fold on both sides. Crease firmly with your bonefolder. Open out. You now have the paper folded into eight sections. Reverse each fold and lay flat.
2. Measure 1cm from the bottom edge. Score along the line and fold upward. Open out again.
3. Measure again, 5.75cm from the bottom edge. Score this line and fold. Open out again.
4. Run a line of glue along the 1cm fold and fold upward. Rub down firmly with your bonefolder until it holds in place. Weight for a short time if necessary.

5. Carefully with the edge of your gluestick, run a thin line of glue along each vertical fold of the 5.75cm section. Turn up and rub down over the glue to form pockets.
6. Starting at the left, fold the sections back and forth with the first section toward you until you have an eight-section concertina with pockets toward you. Rub the folds down carefully with your bonefolder and set aside. Weight if necessary.

Cover:

1. Cut cover paper 3cm larger than the cover board in both directions.
2. Apply gluestick to your board and centre on the cover paper piece. Rub down carefully on the inside of the board with your bonefolder.
3. Apply gluestick to the overlapping paper top and bottom, ensuring glue is run carefully along the edge of the board itself. Clear away any excess with your bonefolder.
4. Lay a clean piece of scrap paper, and then your cover, paper side down onto the scrap paper. Carefully lifting the edge of the scrap paper, use it to lift the overlapping paper up and over the edge of the cover board. Rub in, ensuring a tight fit. Lay back the scrap paper and rub the cover well with your bonefolder. Repeat top and bottom, and then left and right, making sure you tuck corners in well at each turn.
5. Rub down well all around and set aside. Repeat for the other cover.
6. Decorate/embellish or collage as desired. Add any desired text to the pockets. It is easier to do this before the accordion is fitted into the covers.

Assembly:

1. Apply glue carefully and thoroughly to the back of the first section of the accordion.
2. Centre on the inside of one cover, apply and rub down well with your bonefolder. Weight for a short time if necessary.
3. Repeat for the back cover.

Contents:

1. Depending on your chosen theme or purpose, create pocket insertions of cardstock, images and embellishment, objects or photographs as desired. Insert one into each pocket.
2. Add any desired text using collage, stamps or writing.