Instructions for Making Different Books







Padded Binder



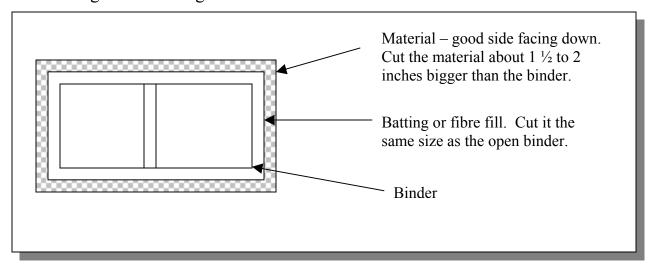
You will need:

- 3 ring binder
- Cover material
- Batting (fibre fill)

- Glue gun
- Scissors
- Page protectors

How to make it:

- 1. Gather your supplies. Choose your cover material depending on what the book will be used for baby book, Christmas, etc.
- 2. Cut the cover material. Lay the cover material on a flat surface. Put the open binder on top of it. Now cut the material so that it is about 1 ½ to 2 inches larger than the open binder.
- 3. Lay the batting (fibre fill) out on a flat surface. Put the open binder on top of it. Cut the batting so that it is the same size as the binder.
- 4. Put the cover material (good side facing down) on a flat surface, put the batting on top of the material, and then put the open binder on top of the batting. See the diagram below.







Padded Binder (Continued)

- 5. Put a line of glue on one edge of the binder with the glue gun. Pull the material over and attach it to the binder.
- 6. Repeat this for each side. It is best to do only a small section at a time because your glue will cool down and it won't stick.
- 7. You can cover the inside cover. Cut a piece of light cardboard or Bristol board (cereal boxes work well too) so that it is large enough to cover the inside cover.



- 8. Now cut a piece of material that is a bit larger than the cardboard. Use the glue gun to glue the material to the cardboard.
- 9. Now glue the covered cardboard to the inside front cover. Repeat this for the back cover.
- 10. Put your page protectors in the binder.
- 11. Your project is now complete and ready to fill!



You can use these padded keepsake books for many things:

- Baby books
- School books to keep report cards, journals, school pictures, and projects
- Family photo albums
- Christmas or birthday albums to keep letters to Santa, artwork done at the special times and photos of your child
- Journals



Bound Book

To make a simple bound book, similar to a hardcover book, all you need is a few readily available supplies:

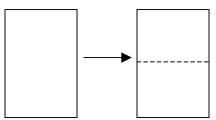
You will need:

- 8 pieces of 8 ½ X 11" paper
- Ruler
- Pen
- Sharp craft knife
- Adhesive shelf paper

- Cardboard
- Packaging tape
- Button thread or other thick thread
- Large needle
- Rubber Cement or glue

How to do it:

Take 8 pieces of 8 ½" x 11" paper and fold the paper in half to form a 16-page booklet measuring 8 ½" x 5 ½"



- Thread your needle with about 24 inches of heavy thread
- Beginning at one end of the booklet's centre crease, sew large stitches about 1 inch apart. Leave a 2-inch 'tail' hanging from the first needle hole. When you reach the end of the crease, turn the booklet over. Now sew back, bringing the needle through the same holes on the other side of the book. When you are finished stitching the pages together, tie the two ends of your thread together on the outside of your booklet. Trim the ends.





Bound Book

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- Cut two 6" x 9" rectangles from cardboard. You may find the craft knife makes neater cuts than scissors.
- Lay the cut pieces side by side, leaving a half-inch space between them. Cover the center gap with packaging tape, attaching the cardboard pieces together. This is the spine of your book. If you tape the front and back covers together without leaving the space between them, your book will not shut!
- Cut a piece of adhesive backed shelf paper 15 x 20 inches. Do not peel off the backing yet! Place your book cover in the center of the shelf paper. At each corner you will want to trim off a triangle before you peel the backing from the

adhesive paper. Mark a diagonal line about one half inch from the corner of the paper and trim. Now peel off the backing from the shelf paper and place your book cover in the centre on the sticky side of the paper.

Adhesive Back Shelf Paper

Fold over the edges and your cover is done.

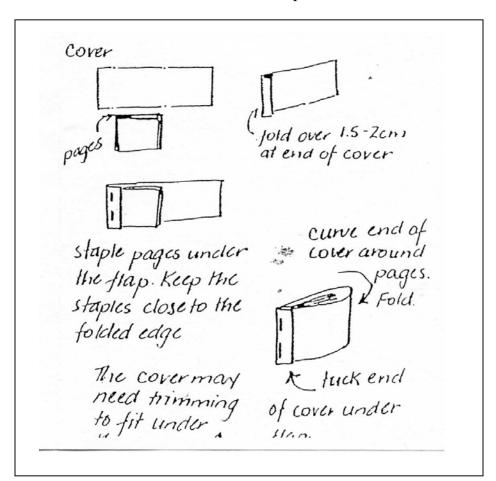
- Put the pages and cover together by taping the pages in. This will add extra stability and wearability. Put the closed pages into the open cover, with the centre of the booklet, sewn edge in, at the center of the book cover's spine. Tape it in place. Repeat the process on the other side.
- The first and last pages of your booklet are the endpapers. Glue the first page flat against the cover. Rubber cement makes fewer wrinkles on your endpapers than regular glue, although regular glue will work fine.





Match Book

- 1. Make a cover for your book by cutting a piece of Bristol board or construction paper.
- 2. Fold the end 1.5 to 2 cm at the end of the cover.
- 3. Take several $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inch pieces of paper and fold them in half.
- 4. Staple the pages under the flap on the cover. Keep the staples close to the folded edge.
- 5. Curve the end of the cover around the pages and then fold.
- 6. The cover may need trimming to fit under
- 7. Tuck the end of the cover under the flap.

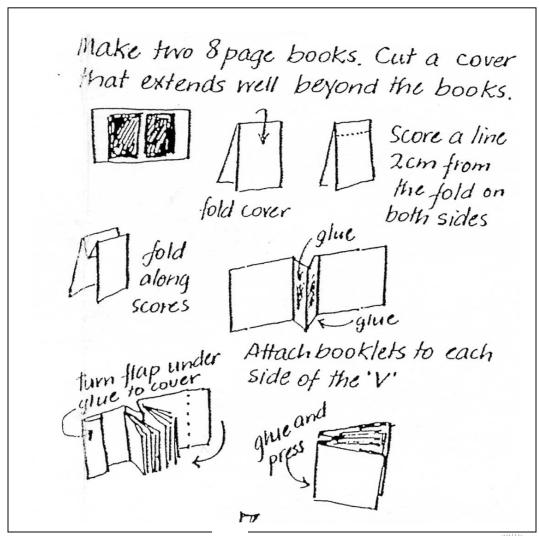






Sixteen Page Book

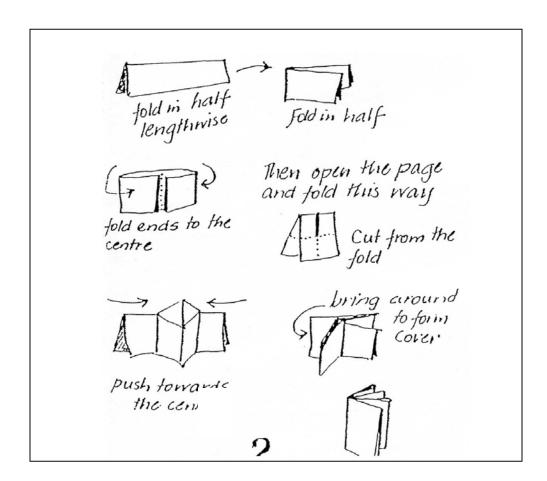
- 1. Make two 8-page books by folding 4 sheets of 8 ½ X 11-inch pages in half.
- 2. Cut a cover that extends well beyond the books. Fold it in half and then fold and crease a line 2 cm from the top fold.
- 3. Attach the booklets to each side of the 'V' with glue.
- 4. Turn the cover flap under and glue it to the inside of the cover.
- 5. Put glue between the spines and glue together.





Eight Page Book

- 1. Fold a 8 ½ X 14-inch piece of paper in half lengthwise. Fold it in half again.
- 2. Open it up so that it is folded in half lengthwise again. Now fold the two ends into the centre.
- 3. Open the page and then fold it in half width-wise.
- 4. Cut along the fold as shown in the diagram.
- 5. Open it up lengthwise again and then push the two ends towards the centre.
- 6. Bring the front around to form the cover.

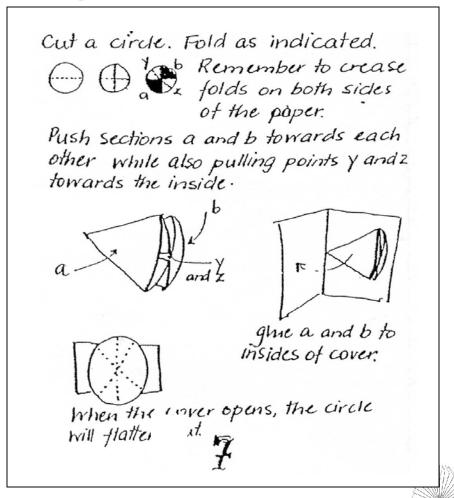






Circle Card

- 1. Cut a circle the size you want to fit in your card.
- 2. Fold it into quarters as shown in the diagram. Remember to crease the folds on both sides of the paper.
- 3. Push sections 'a' and 'b' towards each other while also pulling points 'y' and 'z' towards the inside so that it looks just like the diagram. (I know it sounds confusing!)
- 4. Leave the circle folded and glue it to the inside of the card, gluing sides 'a' to the front and 'b' to the back inside cover.
- 5. When the cover opens, the circle will flatten out.





Quick Book

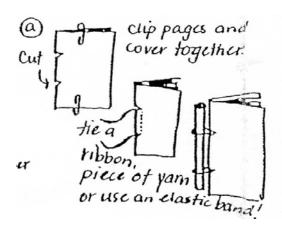
For the spine of a quick book you can use a straw, piece of wood, a twig, coffee stirrer, Popsicle stick, or roll of paper.

- 1. Fold blank 8 ½ X 11-inch paper to make the inside of the book.
- 2. Make a cover out of construction paper and fold as you did for the inside of the book.

You can attach the cover in two different ways...

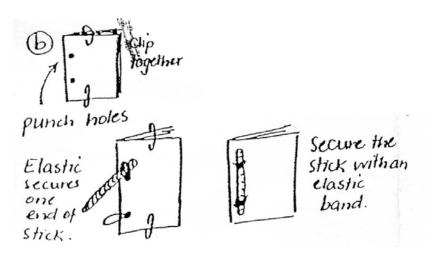
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- Put the cover and pages together and then use a paper clip to keep them together.
- Cut two notches out of the folded side of the book.
- Thread a piece of ribbon, piece of yarn, or an elastic band through the pages and tie it around the stick or whatever you have decided to use.



B.

- Clip the pages together and punch two holes along the folded edge.
- Push an elastic through the holes and then thread the straw through the elastic. The straw will be secured by the elastic band.







Scenic Book

- 1. Select a variety of coloured pages.
- 2. Cut across the page to make different layers.
- 3. Arrange the pages on top of each other so that the shortest page is at the front and the tallest is at the back.



- 4. Glue the pages together along the left side.
- 5. Make a cover and staple over pages.

