

Fold over Accordion Journal Handout

6th grade

Handout and artwork created by Danielle Penney

Materials

2- 6" x 8" pieces of matt board (covers)

1- 3/4" x 8" piece of matt board (spine)

4- pieces of paper 22" x 7 1/2" (paper inside book)

1 piece of wall paper 10" x 15" (for outside cover)

1 piece of wall paper 9" x 7 3/4" (cover up inside)

1 piece of wall paper 5 1/2" x 7 1/2" (to put over end of folded paper in back cover)

Uhu glue stick

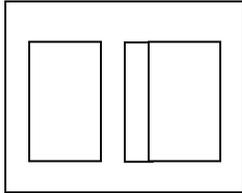
Bone folder (I use countertop tile sampled from home depot)

Scissors

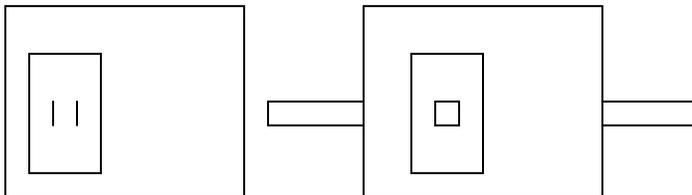
Ribbon (about 18")

Directions

1. Set 10" x 15" piece of wall paper on the table, print side down
2. Trace the three pieces of mat board on the wall paper so that there is about a 1/2" boarder all the way around the matt board pieces. Leave a gap a 1/4" between the first cover and the spine and 1/16" between the other side of the spine and the second cover.



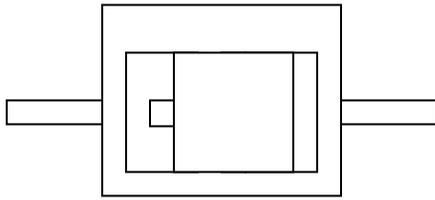
3. The cover that has the 1/4" space between it and the spine is your front cover. On the backside (side without print) using an exacto knife you will create two small slits the width of your ribbon so your ribbon can be pulled through the front cover. Pull your ribbon through.



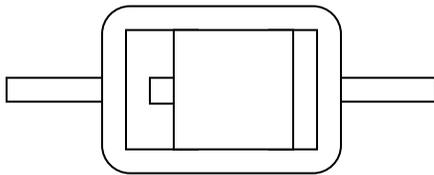
- Place glue in the traced space of the front cover, set the matt board back inside this space. Use a bone folder on the reverse side to permanently stick the paper to the cover. Follow this procedure with the spine and back cover as well.



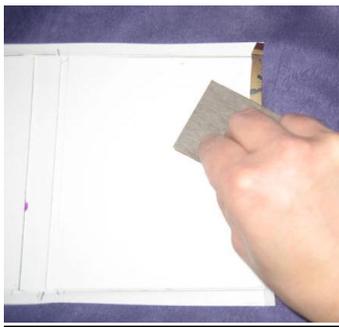
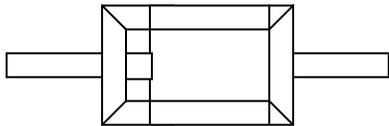
- Glue the 9: x 7 3/4" piece of wall paper over the front cover and the spine of the book, use a bone folder to press this down.



- Cut off all four corners to ensure smooth folding edges all around the cover



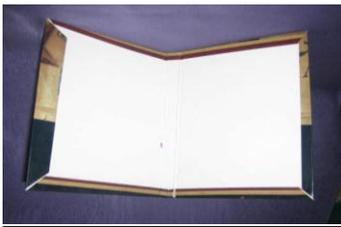
- Fold over all the excess paper using a bone folder to push it tightly to the edge. You need to fold it before you glue it. This way you will know if you need to trim any corners further. (there is a bone folder in my hand in the image below)



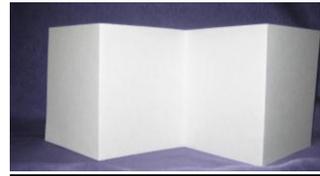
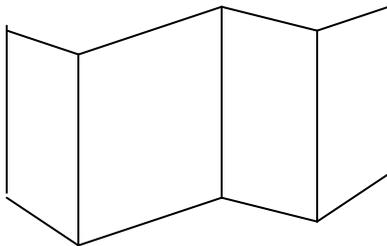
8. Place glue on each of the folded pieces of paper and use the bone folder to press the paper down tightly



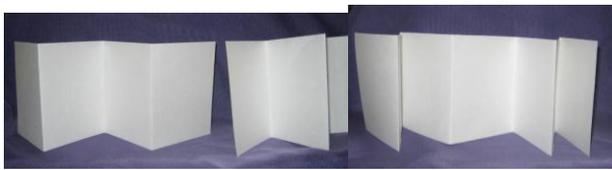
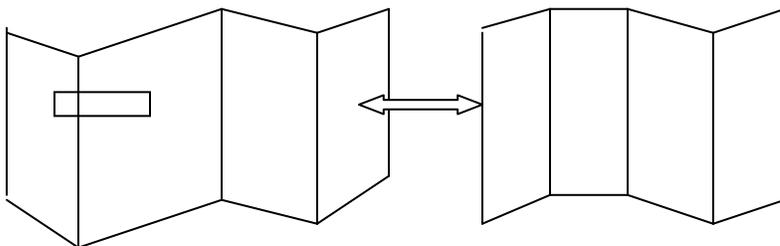
9. Use the bone folder to define the folds of the book cover from the inside of the book.



10. Take your 4 pieces of paper and fold each one in half individually. Then fold each of the sides out in the opposite direction so that you create a W or M shape.



11. Once all of your paper is folded, then you should use a glue stick and a bone folder to stick them together (unfolded edge to folded edge) so that they create a long accordion of paper.

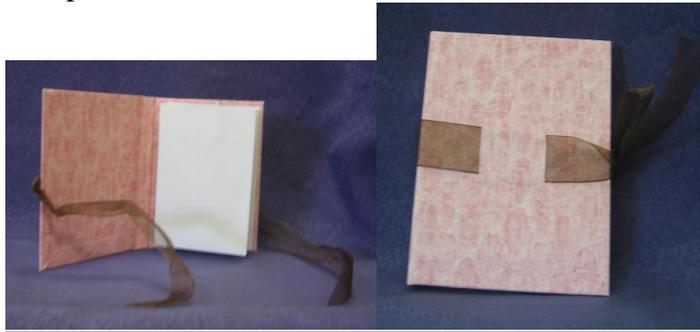


12. Once the paper is dry it should be glued to the back of the book (where there is still matt board exposed). Apply glue to one end of the paper and use the bone folder to press it firmly to the back cover.

13. Now use the 5 ½” x 7 ½” piece of wall paper to cover the white paper on the back cover. This will help hold the paper onto the book and make it look pretty.



14. Completed book



Instructional Resources

This journal was inspired by accordion journals I learned about during a course titled *Visual Journaling: Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum*, instructed by Professor Karen Horan of UW-Eau-Claire, retired and Dr. Tamara Lindsey of UW-Eau Claire.