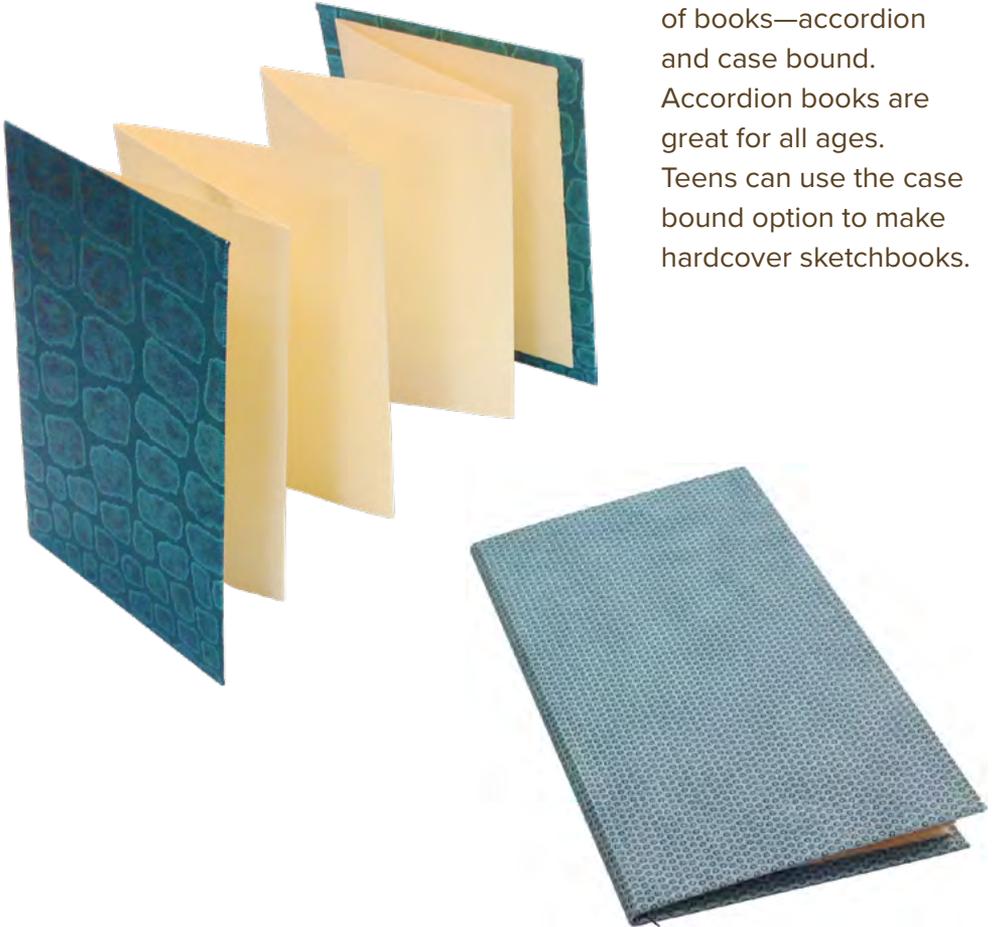




Book Making

Family Friday Project

This pamphlet includes directions for two kinds of books—accordion and case bound. Accordion books are great for all ages. Teens can use the case bound option to make hardcover sketchbooks.



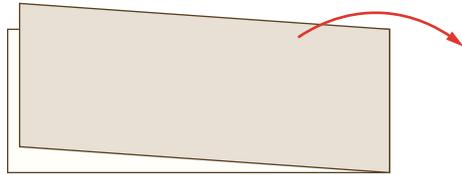
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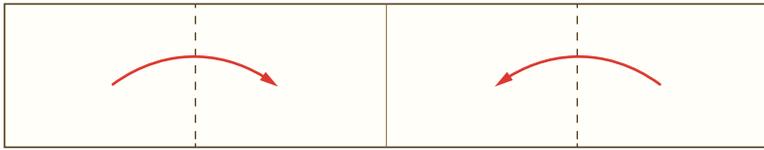
Accordion Book

Pages

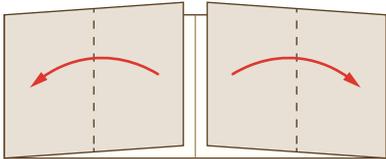
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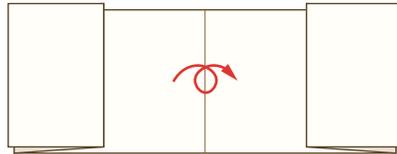
- 2 Fold the outside edges in to the center crease.



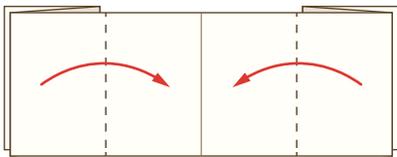
- 3 Fold those edges back out to line up with the outer folds.



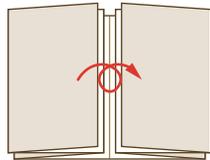
- 4 Flip the paper over.



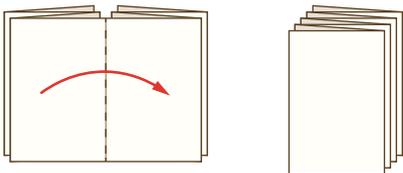
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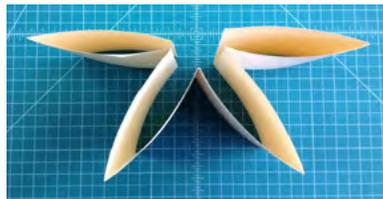
- 6 Flip the paper over.



- 7 Fold it in half



- 8 You should have 8 sections.



Covers

- 1 Gather the wallpaper piece, two boards, a scissors, and a ruler or straight edge.



Cut the wallpaper into two equal pieces.

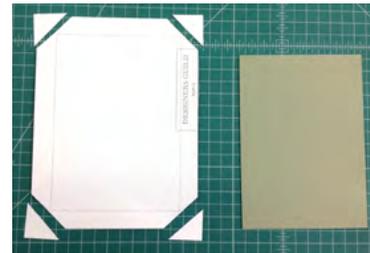
- 2 Center and trace a board on the back of one piece of wallpaper.



- 3 Draw a diagonal line across each corner, about 1/8 inch away from the traced corners.



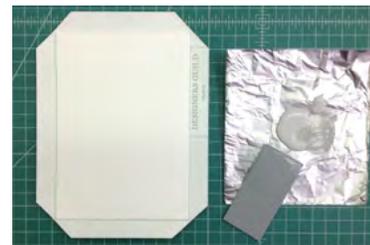
- 4 Cut off the corners.



- 5 Spread glue inside the tracing.



- 6 Place the board and press down firmly

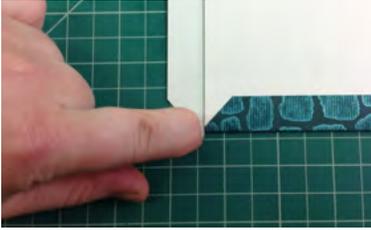


- 7 Spread glue along a flap and fold it in.



Covers (continued)

- 8 Repeat step 7 for each flap, pinching down the corner first if there is overlap.

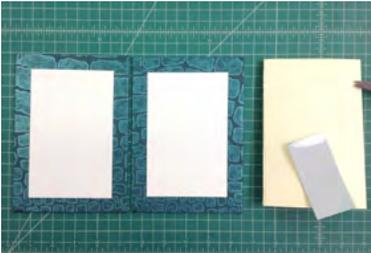


- 9 Repeat steps 2–8 with the second board.

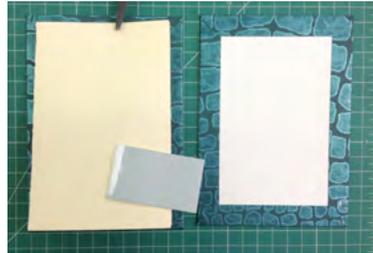


Put it all together

- 1 With the accordion pages compressed, spread glue on the front cover and spread glue on the top page.



- 2 Adhere the pages to the front cover and spread glue on the back page.



- 3 Adhere the pages to the back cover and press flat.



- 4 You made it! Now what will you fill your book with?



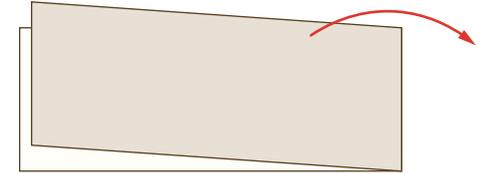
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Case Bound Book

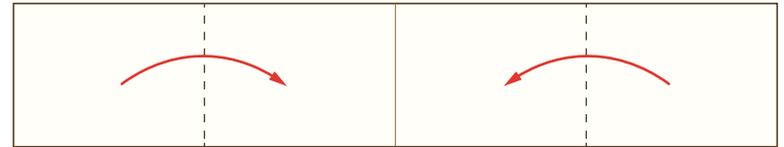
Pages

In addition to what is in the kit, you'll need a scissors, pencil, ruler, needle, thread, strip of cloth, two binder clips, extra paper (optional), and an awl or xacto knife.

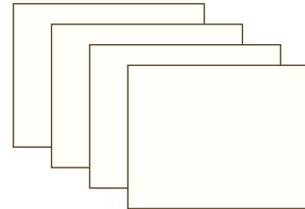
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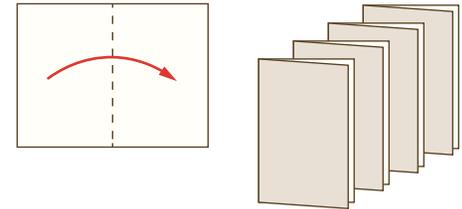
- 2 Fold the outside edges in to the center crease.



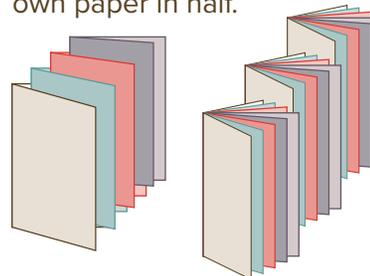
- 3 Cut along each crease to make four equal pieces.



- 4 Fold each piece in half.



- 5 You can add more pages by folding equal stacks of your own paper in half.

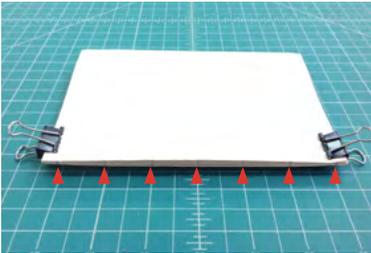


- 6 Line up all of your papers along their folds and clip them together.

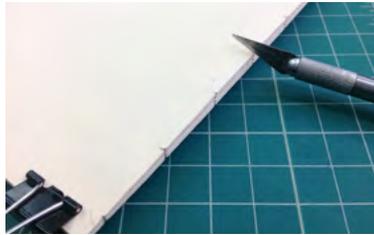


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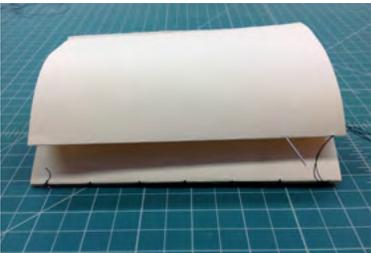
- 7 Draw evenly spaced lines across all the folds as indicated.



- 8 Make holes for sewing, either by cutting across the folds on the lines or opening the groups of pages and punching holes through the stacks with an awl.



- 9 Sew the pages together following this tutorial: <https://youtu.be/9O4kFTOEh6k?t=46>



- 10 Glue a strip of fabric over the sewn side.



- 11 Fold over and glue the ends of the fabric so they are flush with the edges of the pages.



- 12 Close the pages.



Cover

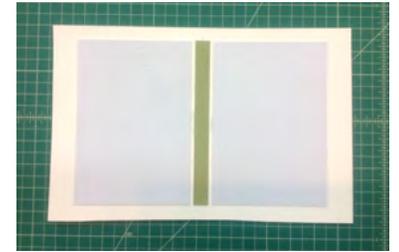
- 1 Measure the thickness of the sewn together pages. Cut a strip of cardboard or thick paper that width—this will be the book's spine.



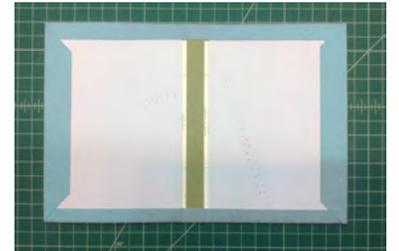
- 3 Cut the corners, leaving a distance of about 1/8 inch between your cut and the board corners.



- 2 Arrange the two boards and spine on the back of the wallpaper as shown. Be sure to leave gaps at least as wide as the thickness of the spine and cover combined.

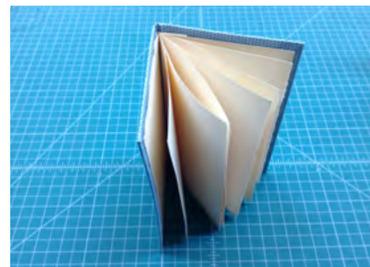


- 4 Spread glue on all the flaps and fold them in.



Put it all together

- 1 Spread glue on the front and back of the page bundle and close the covers around it.



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Artist Spotlight



Melissa Wagner-Lawler

Melissa Wagner-Lawler prints and binds her own artists' books, many of which use the accordion fold. Melissa teaches at UW-Milwaukee and will be teaching a workshop at PenArt in 2021.

Melissa's book pictured here was inspired by a book called *The Grammar of Ornament* by Owen Jones published in 1856 and by the American Geographical Society Library Digital Map collections. In her book, she uses samples of ornamentation and map boundaries to create a new landscape.



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