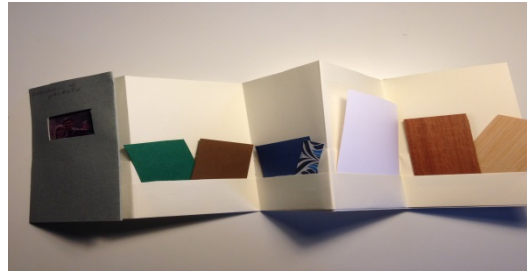


Promise Neighborhood/Octavofest Book Arts Project 1

How to Make An Accordion-Fold Pocket Book



Pocket accordion books are easy to make for keeping notes, souvenirs, reminders and other special items. You can use your first one to keep reminders about the books you're reading by putting small slips of paper in the pockets with the names of the books and notes about whether you liked them or not.

Materials:

- 1 sheet of paper (printer paper works—you can tape pieces together to make one sheet large enough. You can use old giftwrap, pages from calendars, or magazine covers. Newsprint is too thin.)
- 2 sheets of heavy paper or cardboard for covers (could be cut from cereal, Kleenex, or other decorative boxes)
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Decorations: small photos, pictures cut from magazines, stickers, or your own small drawings

Steps:

- 1) Take a piece of paper that is wider than it is high, and that is high enough to be folded up to make a pocket (the first time you make one of these books, start with a pocket that is 1/3 of the height of the page). The pocket must be big enough to hold whatever you plan to store inside, so think about sizes before you start.
- 2) Once you decide on the size of your book, take a sheet of paper that is the height you want (including the pocket height), and whatever width will give you the page size you need. Experiment with a piece of scrap paper first so you can decide what size you need.

Make an accordion out of it as follows:

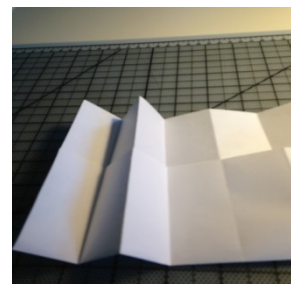
- Fold up the pocket section along the entire width of the paper (it will look like an inside out report cover).
- For a four-panel accordion book, take the ends of your paper and fold them back to the center fold you just made. This creates **mountains** (the highest part, of course!) and **valleys** (the lowest part)
- For an eight-panel book, fold each end to the center crease (just like a four-panel book), then fold each panel to its nearest “mountain” fold.

3) Once you decide on the size of your book, take a sheet of paper that is the height you want (including the pocket height), and whatever width will give you the page size you need. Experiment with a piece of scrap paper first so you can decide what size you need. Make an accordion out of it as follows:

- Fold up the pocket section along the entire width of the paper (it will look like an inside out report cover).
 - For a four-panel accordion book, take the ends of your “report cover” and fold them back to the center fold you just made. This creates **mountains** (the highest part, of course!) and **valleys** (the lowest part),
 - For an eight-panel book, fold each end to the center crease (just like a four-panel book), then fold each panel to its nearest “mountain” fold. You might have to experiment, and you might come up with new ideas in the process!



Mountain and Valley



Pocket fold

- 4) Cut 2 pieces of cardboard the size of one section (now a page) of the accordion to use as a cover and back for your book. Glue or tape them in place.
- Decorate the front and back covers however you’d like. Use the photos/stickers/pretty papers you’ve found. Draw your own pictures. If you want to, you can put a title on the front.



Did you like this project? Watch for another soon at the Little Free Library. Or pick up the next project (and some of the materials) at the Sterling or Woodland Library. And watch for special events coming throughout this year, including:

Art Exhibit:

Sept. 9 – Cleveland Public Library Woodland Branch, 5806 Woodland Ave.

Oct. 14 – Cleveland Public Library Sterling Branch, 2200 E. 30th St.

Bring your projects to display to friends and family.

WatchART!

Oct. 15 – Cleveland Public Library Sterling Branch, 2200 E. 30th St.

See artists at work. Try out small projects. Ask questions about modifying the projects you’ve made.

Also watch for **Weekend Workshops** at the Sterling Library, an **Art Demonstration** at Marion Sterling School Carnival and **much more!**

Book words:

Mountain: The top peak of a fold 2475 E. 22nd St., Cleveland, Ohio 44115
paper www.ClevelandPromiseNeighborhood.org

Valley: The lowest part of a fold

Accordion: A sheet that has

Need help?

1. Follow the steps
2. Experiment with scrap paper
3. Ask your parents or a librarian for help, or come to one of our