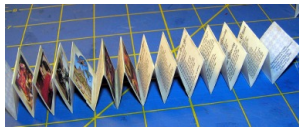


## Version 5 Book Construction for Paper Minis Books



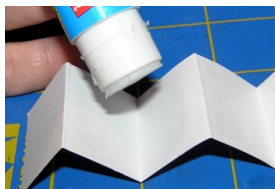
### Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straight-edge ruler and/or bone folder. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Tweezers, detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat
- 1-2 small office clip
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- A glue stick
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paint brush to apply glue
- Toothpick (for Book of Shadows only)



1. Cut out the page strips. Fan fold all page strips taking care that the raw edges line up perfectly. There are little tab panels at one end of most panels, that are not shown in this photo. Those will be used to connect the panels together.

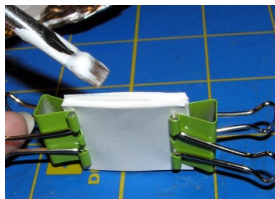
2. Use the glue stick to glue the little connecting panels to the back of its respective partner. You will end up with a long accordion.



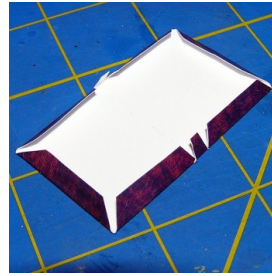
3. Next, carefully add a layer of glue to the back side of the strip ensuring the edges are covered. You may wish to do a little at a time in conjunction with the next step. **DO NOT PAINT GLUE TO END BOARDS!**



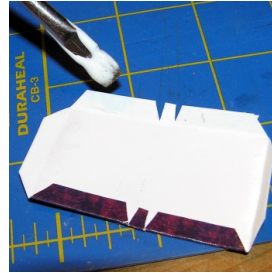
4. One-by-one, press the blank sides of the pages together. Be careful to align the raw edges of the pages as perfectly as possible.



5. Pinch the fan-folded pages in order and carefully line up the stack's perimeter edges. Pinch pages with the office clips leaving the spine side exposed. If you would like to prevent the clips from denting the book's pages, sandwich a lightweight piece of cardboard between the clips and the book. Use the artist's brush to paint a thick even coat of glue to the length of the pages at the spine. Set aside to dry thoroughly.



6. Move now to the book's cover and fold the perimeter tabs. Try to crease the folds exactly along the fold lines. Use the metal straight-edge ruler to press a clean straight crease. Take care not to crack or scrap printed surface. If you have rhinestones for the cover, glue them on now. Use a toothpick to help place glue and hold with a pair of tweezers.



7. Paint glue to the tabs and press down carefully, taking care not to damage printed surface.



8. After glue has completely dried, use the straight-edge ruler and press creases along both edges of the spine area along the guidelines found on the printed side of the cover.



9. Take the bundle of pages and make sure that they will fit squarely into the book cover. Then paint glue to the back sides of the end boards and spine area. Use plenty of glue so that it does dry immediately, for you want to have time to position the pages into the book cover.



10. Carefully place the pages inside the book's cover and smooth bond.



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