

Generic Paper Minis Book Assembly Version 6 (cover interface and optional ribbon tie)



Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straightedge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Small detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat. Cardboard does not make a good mat, for it will rough up the blade's cuts.
- 2 small black binder clips
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- A glue stick
- Contact cement or other plastic bonding glue and toothpick for application
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paintbrush to apply glue
- Index card to make cover lining



1. This photo tutorial depicts other books, but the assembly is the same for your kit. Cut out all pieces.



2. Fan fold all page strips taking care that the raw edges line up perfectly. There are little tabs at the ends of most panels. Those will be used to connect the panels together.



3. Use the glue stick to glue the little connecting panels to the back of its respective partner.



4. You will end up with a long accordion like this one.



5. 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!**



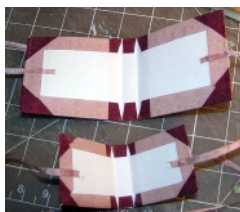
6. One-by-one, press the blank sides of the pages together. Be careful to align the raw edges of the pages as perfectly as possible. Note in this photo a few pages are glued at a time.



7. Pinch the fan-folded pages in the binder 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.



8. Move now to the book's cover and fold the perimeter tabs as shown. Try to crease the folds exactly along the fold lines. Use the metal straightedge ruler to press a clean straight crease. Use the paintbrush to brush glue to inside surfaces of the perimeter tabs and press in place over the lining. Ensure the corner diagonal seams are close.



9. After glue has completely dried, use the straightedge ruler and press creases along both edges of the spine area of the cover.

This step occurs on only a few books: Cut silk ribbon in half. Glue to inside of cover as shown.



10. **This step occurs on only a few books:** Select the language panel of your choice. Use the toothpick to paint contact cement to reverse of panel and place carefully to front cover. Don't use too much glue!!



11. 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 not dry immediately, for you want to have time to position the pages into the book cover. Carefully place the pages inside the book's cover and smooth out the bond.



12. If the book has a dust cover, fold flap at front first and then the back flap.



13. Some books may have a box sleeve. Easy assembly, just glue the side tab and allow to dry before inserting the book.

