

# Photo Tutorial for All Books in The Eloise Wilkin Book Collection



## 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.
- Tweezers, detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat (cardboard will ruin your blades and project)
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- An acid free glue stick
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Flat artist's paint brush to apply glue
- A metal binder clip
- A fluid tube of plastic or household cement for gluing the laminated storage box sleeve. Toothpick for spreading plastic cement.
- Fine grit sandpaper to rough-up the laminate on the box sleeve.

**NOTE:** the book used in the photos may be different from the one you are assembling, but the construction is identical to your book. You can print out these instructions, however, using the tutorial on-line allows you to zoom in on the photos.



1. Cut out book parts. Use scissors instead of the blade tool to cut the laminated box sleeve in order to avoid slippage while cutting.
2. Fan-fold all page strips taking care that the raw edges line up perfectly. There is a little tab at one end of one or more of the panels. **Note:** use the table top to keep the pages even.
3. Use the glue stick to glue the little tabs to the back of the respective panel of pages. You now have a long accordion strip.



4. Next, carefully add a layer of glue stick to the back side of the strip. You may wish to do a little at a time in conjunction with the next step. **DO NOT SPREAD GLUE TO BACKS OF END BOARDS!**

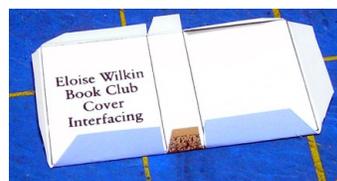
**Note:** I like to make one stripe of glue down the center lengthwise. The pages seem to be more flexible, less stiff, than if the backs were completely covered with glue.



5. 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.

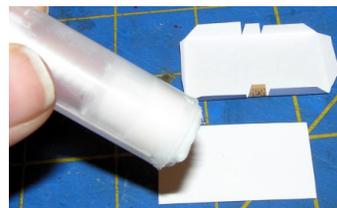


6. Compress the stack of pages and pinch pages with the office clip leaving the spine side exposed. To avoid dents, you may insert scraps of cardboard between clip and pages. Use the artist's brush to paint a thick even coat of glue to the length of the pages along the spine (or use the glue bottle spout). Set aside to dry thoroughly.



7. Take the ruler and fold the perimeter of the book cover

8. Next insert the cover's interfacing panel and position it in the center of the cover to check fit.



9. Paint a layer of glue to the interfacing piece. Place in position in the cover and press smooth. You may use glue stick for this step.



10. Paint glue to the perimeter tabs and glue down to interfacing. Take care to pull the diagonal corner seams close to each other.



11. There are two guidelines on the interfacing. These designate where the spine is to be. Use the edge of a ruler to fold at those guidelines.



12. Next take the stack of pages and position it inside the cover to ensure that the fit is good. Paint glue to the blank side of the 'end boards' and the pages spine. Use plenty of glue so it stays wet long enough for you to position the pages before a sticking bond occurs.

13. Position the unit carefully on the inside of the book cover. Flatten out edges.



14. To accurately position the dust jacket, fold the front cover's flap and slip over front cover. Firmly hold the printed spine area of the dust jacket right over the spine area of the book. Smooth the dust jacket across the back of the book and then fold the back cover's flap.

**Note:** the original Little Golden Books do not have dust jackets and storage sleeves. Nevertheless, I think it is important for you to have these extra protections for your collection. The book has a reproduction of the whimsical "golden" spine, the dust jacket and storage sleeve do not so you can read the title if the books are kept in a book case.



15. Fold the laminated storage sleeve at its seams.

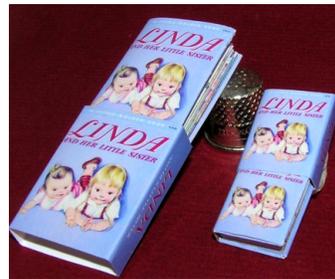


16. Scuff the side tab (the one without text) with the fine grit sandpaper.



17. Use a toothpick to smear the clear plastic cement on the side tab. Press bond with tweezers. Allow to dry thoroughly before sliding book into place.

**Note:** it is important that the glue is not old. The glue used here came in a packet of small tubes, which is very useful if you do not use much at one time. Contact/plastic cements tend to half harden in the tube with age and is useless at that point, so the small tubes are very handy.



18. Slip book into box sleeve when all parts are dry. If you have trouble removing the book from it's protective sleeve, use the eraser end of a pencil to gently push the book out. Using fingernails will scratch the dust jacket of your book.

