

Smithsonian Associates

Accordion Book Structures

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Note: For the longer sheets of paper, you can use pages from an 18"x 24" sketchbook

Book 1 (please label all pieces with a A):

- Decorative Paper:
 - Cover: 1 piece cut to 4" x 12" with patterns going horizontally (label A1)
 - Endpages: 2 pieces cut to 3" x 12" with patterns going vertically (label each A2)
- Paper: 1 piece cut to a 4" x 24" strip
- Book Board (preferred) or cereal boxes: 2 pieces cut to 3" x 4"

Book 2 (please label all pieces with a B:

- One 12 x 12 Medium/heavy piece of scrap book paper (that doesn't break when folded)
- Book Board (preferred) or cereal boxes: 2 pieces cut to 4 1/8 x 6 1/4,
- one piece cut to 1/2" by 6 1/4"
- Scrapbook Paper: 1 piece cut to 6" x 12"
- Sketch pad Paper: 2 pieces cut into 6" x 24" strips

Other structures (as time allows):

- 2 pieces cut to 5" x 24" strips
- Leftover board, scrapbook paper (optional)

Tools

- Glue or Gluestick
- Ruler
- Bone folder (link)
- X-acto or utility knife and cutting board (use these to cut down your boards too)
- Pencil

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