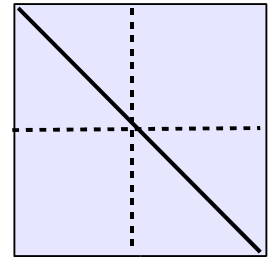


Accordion Fold Mini-Album

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Supplies:

- two 5" squares (printed paper, not cardstock – these are the covers)
- two 4" squares of cardstock (any colour, these are hidden bases for the covers)
- five 8" squares of cardstock (these form the folded blocks of pages)
- 18 or more inches of ribbon- this will tie the album closed
- glue or adhesive

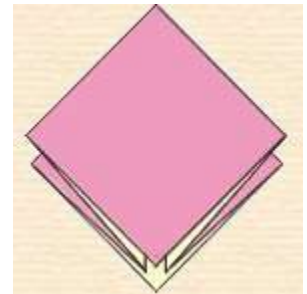


Making the 'Pages'

The five large squares of cardstock are folded into something similar to a basic origami square base, and are then glued together into a collapsing accordion shape.

For each 8" square:

- Bring one side over to meet the opposite side and fold in half. In origami terms, this is a book fold.
- Open and match the two remaining sides and fold in half again. You now have two sets of book fold creases that divide the square into quarters.
- Turn the paper over so the creases appear as 'bumps' rather than valleys, and take one corner and match with the opposite corner, making a diagonal fold. This 'shawl' fold should appear as a valley on the side where the first two folds appear as mountain folds (mountain folds appear as 'bumps' or ridges.)
- With the side facing up that has a mountain diagonal fold, match the corners of the two remaining full squares and tuck in the two squares that are divided into triangles (by the diagonal folds) so that the result looks like this example.



Joining the 'Pages'

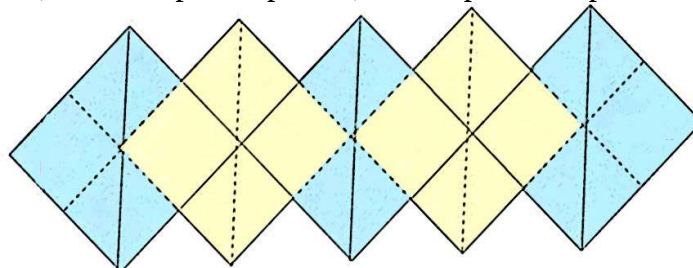
Slip the open ends of one folded page block (the open end is at the bottom of the illustration) into the open end of another block. Glue the top page (full square) of the bottom block and the bottom page of the top block together. Alternate the orientation of the open ends of each of the page block in turn and glue the other 3 to the accordion chain in a similar fashion. When the pages are all joined together, the 4" square stack of album pages will open, accordion fashion, to reveal a folded album over 30 inches long.

Making the Album Covers

Cover each 4" square of cardstock with one of the 5" squares of patterned paper. Trim off the corners of the 5" paper to make a neat (un-lumpy) corner underneath. Attach the length of ribbon across the middle of the back of one of the cover pieces (place the mid-point of the ribbon at the midpoint of the 4" square, the ends of the ribbon extending beyond the sides) Glue each cover piece to the top and bottom squares of the stack of pages. Press while it 'sets'. The ribbon wraps around the mini album and ties it shut.

To use the album

You can add pictures, journalling, autographs, etc., to both sides of the mini-album, which is the perfect for gifts, a purse brag book, etc. **Note:** this album will show wear and tear sooner than 'real' albums, and the pages are not protected, so use duplicate photos, not irreplaceable pictures.



Above, right: *Alternate ribbon placement