

Accordion Fold Book

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General Description

The accordion book comes to us from Asia. It was invented to accommodate scrolls that had become unmanageable because of their size and length.

The accordion book is composed of a continuous folded sheet of paper and is often enclosed between two covers. It can either be expanded outward or kept flat.



Paper used for the inside sheets can be of the weight of drawing paper, heavy wrapping paper, or colored construction paper, or it can be heavier, like tagboard or thin Bristol board. If used as a scrapbook, it will hold as much mounted material as desired without bulging at the open edge.

The inside paper, which is folded into sheets, may be the same size as the card stock cover or slightly smaller. If the book is to stand, stiff paper the same size of the cover will work best.

Accordion books are great for exhibits and displays because you can stand them up and view both sides.

The finished size of the accordion book will vary depending on the size of the paper that you use.

Materials

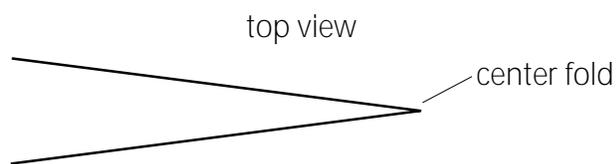
- Strips of paper cut to size
- Cardstock for covers, the same size as the folded text block, two per student
- Bone folder or wooden craft stick
- Glue stick

Preparation

Cut paper and cardstock

Procedure

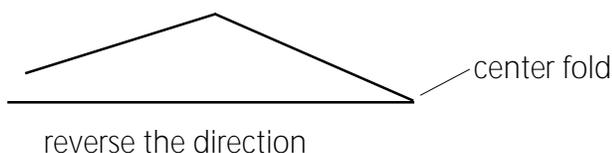
1. Fold paper in half and crease the edge, using a bone folder, tongue depressor or ruler.



2. Fold one end to meet the center fold, creasing the edge of the paper.



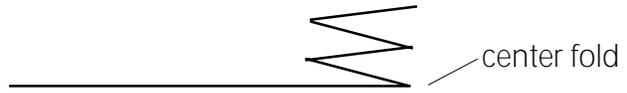
3. Now reverse the direction of this fold.



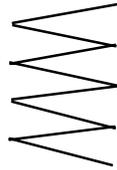
4. Fold the new fold up to meet the center fold.



5. Fold the end to the center fold.



6. Repeat with the other end fold.



7. You will now have an 8 page accordion fold book.

8. If you want 16 pages, keep folding in the same way, always bringing the fold back to the center.

9. Glue the card stock covers to the first and the last page of the text block. Use a bone folder, a tongue depressor or a ruler to "bone down" the edges of the glued cover to the text block.

