**FREE FAMILY ART KIT: MINI ACCORDION BOOK**

**CREATE THE COVER PAGES**

1. Place a square of scrapbook paper patterned/decorative side down (plain side up) on your work surface.
2. Cover the colored side (not the brown side) of a thin cardboard square in glue.
3. Center the glue-covered thin cardboard square over the scrapbook paper square, with the glue side facing down.
4. Glue the thin cardboard square to the scrapbook paper square.
5. Turn the cardboard square over and rub the scrapbook paper in place to ensure it is completely adhered and free of air bubbles.
6. Turn the cardboard square back over and cut the corners of the scrapbook paper border at a diagonal.

**MATERIALS (PER BOOK):**
- 5 sheets origami paper (approx. 6-inch square each; plain colors)
- 2 pieces thin cardboard (3.25-inch square each)
- 2 pieces patterned/decorative/scrapbook paper (approx. 4-inch square each)
- Glue stick
- 18-inch length of ribbon paper

**FOLD THE INTERIOR PAGES**

1. Grab a square sheet of origami paper.
2. Make four folds:
   a) First fold: line up the edges of the paper and fold in half (hamburger/hotdog style). Crease along the folded edge.
   b) Second fold: line up the opposite edges of the paper and fold in half again to make a “+” crease along the folded edge.
   c) Third fold: line up two corners of the paper and fold in half along the diagonal. Crease along the folded edge.
   d) Fourth fold: line up the opposite corners of the paper and fold in half again to make a “x”. Crease along the folded edge. Your paper will now have four fold lines forming a * shape.
3. Flatten your paper.
4. Reverse-fold the paper to make a diamond shape:
   a) Work along a diagonal fold line crease from the center of the paper to a corner, press the crease inward to bring the perpendicular creases of the + sign together. (See Fig. 1 and Fig. 2)
5. Repeat steps 1 - 6 for the remaining 4 sheets of origami paper.
6. Stack your diamond-folded papers, making sure that the closed points are all aligned.

**Fig. 1**

**Fig. 2**

**Fig. 3**
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TO MAKE A BOOK (CONTINUED):

**ASSEMBLE THE COVER**
1. Place the two cover pages with the outside/scrapbook paper side down on your work surface.
2. Rotate the covers to they are diamond-shape and line them up corner-to-corner or point-to-point, leaving about a 1/2-inch gap between the two corners.
3. Lay the ribbon across both covers, from the left-most corner of the first cover to the right-most corner of the second cover, leaving a little ribbon loose/dangling at each end.
4. Glue the ribbon to each cover.

**ASSEMBLE THE PAGES**
1. Keep your cover pages facing upside down.
2. Take one diamond-folded origami paper, align the closed point with the interior corner of one cover (make sure the open end of the diamond-folded paper is facing out to where the loose ribbon end is hanging).
3. Apply glue to the bottom surface of the diamond folded paper and glue it to the inside of the cover (over the ribbon).
4. Take a second diamond-folded origami paper, align its closed point with the closed point of the folded paper you just glued down (make sure its open end is facing out), apply glue to its bottom surface and glue it to the top of the paper already in place.
5. Repeat step 4 for the remaining three diamond-folded papers.
6. Complete the process by gluing the top surface of the last diamond folded paper to the inside of the second cover, aligning the edges of the covers. Press firmly to make sure everything is adhered.

Now your mini book is ready to fill with stories, poems, drawings, observations, thoughts, questions, song lyrics, doodles, memories—all sorts of summer adventures!