

Paper: Valentine Flutterbook

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Materials

12"x12" square of red paper, preferably decorative or handmade
Assorted other decorative papers
Glue stick
Gold pen

1. Select a decorative or handmade paper — 12"x12" is a good size. It is also a standard size of most memory book and scrapbook pages. Canson Mi-Teintes or Tiziano pastel paper will also work nicely.
2. Fold paper into 16 squares by folding in half 4 times. Or, if the paper is quite heavy, fold in quarters, both lengthwise and crosswise. Using a bone folder will help create crisp folds easily without transferring finger prints to the paper.
3. Embellish as desired: collage, decoupage, paste, cut-outs, calligraphy, drawing or paint. Make it as unique as possible. Let dry.
4. Now, fold over (each fold going the opposite way to the previous one) by gathering the mini-pages into a little accordian. Fold the last page over the front of the booklet to create a cover. (It will be a little short but that is okay.)
5. Create an envelope by cutting a band of paper big enough to go around (like a belt), and glue the edges together. To finish: either paste on a heart shape or cut out a heart shape to make a window.

To the right are images of the book shown both open flat and standing up accordian-style. There is no right or wrong way to fold. Each way provides an opportunity for the viewer to see different parts

See the bottom right photo of the book closed with the paper cover in place. The heart shape was cut out of the paper and folds around the book to create a sleeve like envelope.

Variations on this project:

Mother's Day cards, holiday albums, monthly diaries, thank you cards.

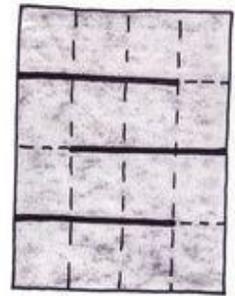


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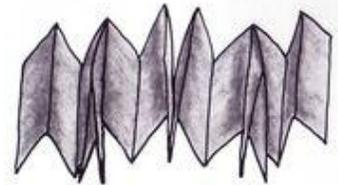


Fig. 30



To the left is a similar book created by artist Sara Norquay. It is a clever limited -edition book using block-printed images.

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