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## Accordion Art Books



### Supplies

- Thick white paper or cardstock
- 1 sheet of construction or decorative paper
- Cardboard (from a cereal box, for example)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Ribbon
- Markers, colored pencils, any other drawing materials
- Magazines/other printed images

### Accordion Page Directions

1. Cut the white card stock in half, lengthwise. You will have two pieces of 4.25 x 11 inch paper.
2. Fold each piece accordion style.
3. Fold in half lengthwise. Fold top piece back, and match ends. Flip paper and fold back top piece to match crease. Your cardstock should look like a W.
4. Repeat to the second rectangle piece.
5. Glue two pieces together, end to end, to create a long accordion insert.

### Cover Directions

6. Cut two pieces of cardboard into approximately 3 x 4.5 inch pieces—slightly larger than the accordion-folded cardstock when folded together.
7. Cut two pieces of 3.5 x 5 inch or larger rectangles from construction paper, cardstock, or decorative paper.
8. Glue each piece to cardboard. These pieces should extend off the cardboard piece.
9. Cut each of the four corners of cardstock (or decorative paper), fold flaps around cardboard, and glue down.
10. Glue ribbon to one end cardboard piece. The ribbon will wrap around and can be used to tie the book closed.
11. Glue cardboard cover to each end of accordion book.

### To Finish

12. Decorate the cover, if blank. Draw a picture with markers, crayons, or colored pencil. OR, cut out images and letters from magazines to create a collage cover.
13. Title your book.
14. Add a story on the inside with illustrations, or use this as your art journal for drawings and sketches.