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Creations by Nancy Penner Dormer. Clockwise from top left.
 1. Birthday card – St. Armand handmade paper, 16" square folds to 4" x 4".
 2. Card journal with wrap cover – 9.75" x 17" folds to 4.25" x 5".
 3. New York journal – St. Armand handmade paper, 24" square folds to 6" x 6".
 4. Cuba journals, 2 in a cigar box – printer paper, 8.5" x 11" folds to 2.5" x 3.25".



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take your paper for a walk

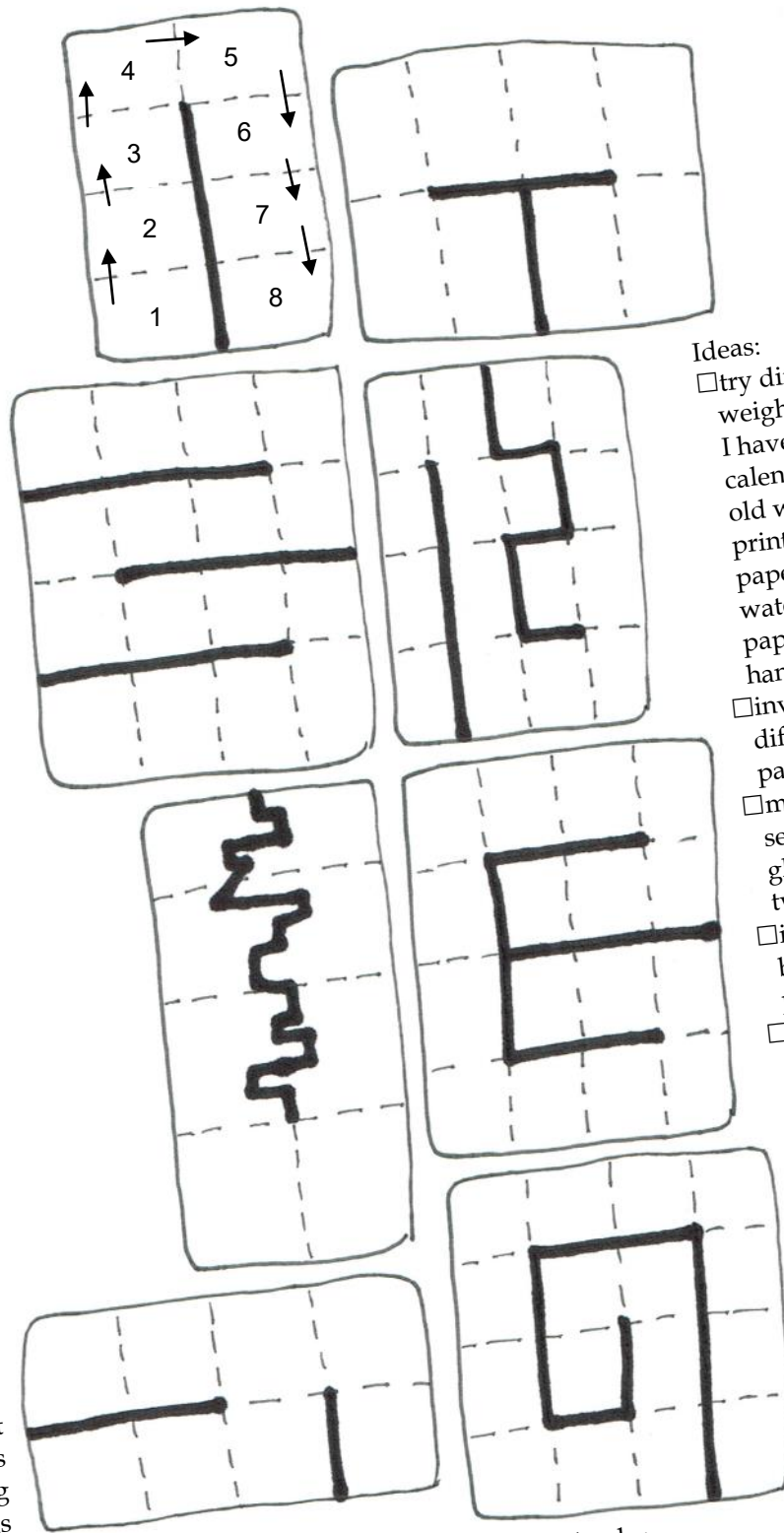
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Start with a single piece of paper. It can be a square or rectangle, just make sure it folds easily.

Tools you might use: scissors or craft knife, a ruler and a bone folder (for making nice creases). Crease your paper equally in each direction, as indicated by the dashed lines. Unfold.

Cut some of the crease lines, as indicated by the dark solid lines. Start folding from one of the edges into an accordion style book.

- make sure one cut goes to one edge but not all the way to the opposite edge
- each cut must still allow every section to connect to two other sections
- you can also try folding paper in thirds
- whichever way you fold will be correct!



Ideas:

- try different weights of paper. I have used calendar pages, old worksheets, printmaking paper, 90 lb watercolour paper, and handmade paper
- invent a different cutting pattern
- make pockets by sewing, taping or gluing edges on two sides closed
- insert a smaller booklet into a pocket
- add covers by attaching pieces of matboard or similar, to the front and back
- draw, letter, paint one side of the paper before cutting

Shereen LaPlantz called these meandering booklets 'mazes.'

Look for more information in these books:
 Cover to Cover by Shereen La Plantz
 Magic Books by Esther K Smith

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