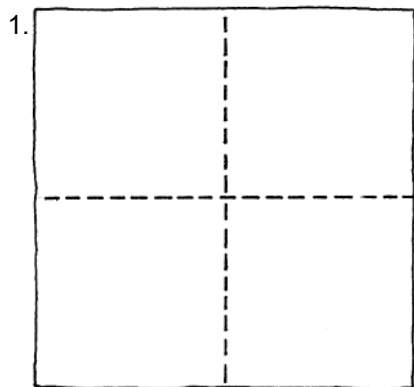


Studio Challenge

Make a pocket album

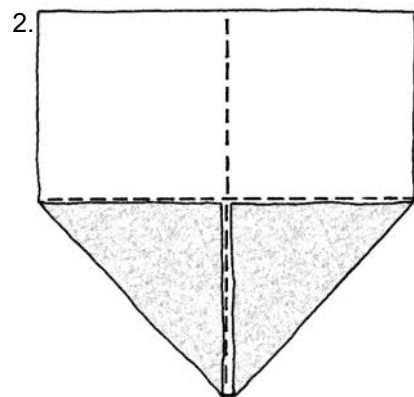
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This album is ideal for holding items such as CDs or photos. If you create one with twelve pockets, you can organize your monthly greeting cards for a whole year. Thank you to Fran Sayles and Sharon London for sharing this project with us as a fund raiser at our 2009 Show and Sale.

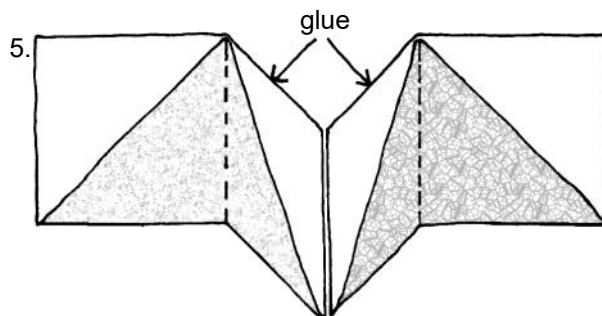
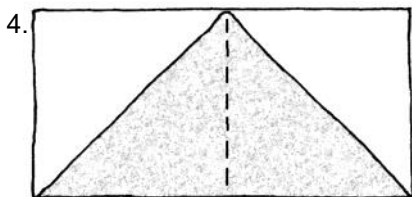
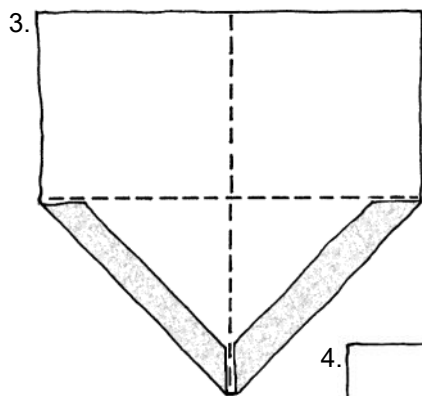
Supplies and tools:

- ◆ sheets of 12 x 12 inch double-sided scrapbook cardstock, different patterns or all the same. Each sheet will create two pockets so you decide how many you want. Note that you do not need extras for the covers.
- ◆ bone folder.
- ◆ pencil, ruler, craft knife and cutting mat.
- ◆ glue stick and old magazines for gluing upon.
- ◆ damp cloth for keeping fingers free of glue.
- ◆ ribbon and embellishments.

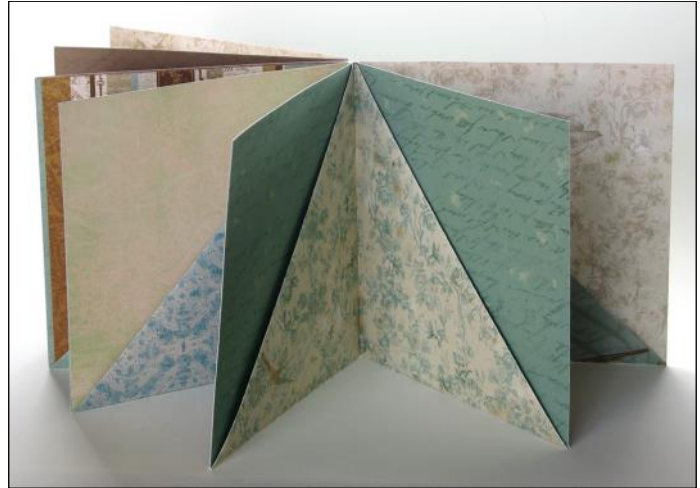


Instructions:

1. Fold each sheet in quarters. First fold in half vertically, then horizontally.
2. Continuing with each sheet, fold bottom corners up to near the centre, leaving fold lines visible and a tiny gap of $\frac{1}{16}$ inch.
3. Reduce bulk by cutting off these bottom corners, leaving only $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 inch on the folded over flap. Hint: Use the first discarded triangle as a template for marking the remaining cut lines.
4. Fold the bottom point up to the top to form two pockets.
5. Assemble the album by gluing the backs of the sheets together. The back right gets glued to the back left of the next sheet, and so on. Note that it is important to leave one inch at the spine unglued so the album is able to expand; this means that it will look much like an accordion at the spine. Hint: Flip down the pockets as gluing of single thicknesses is much easier.
6. Attach the ribbon. Because the album must be able to expand, it is important to not permanently fix the ribbon to both covers. Cutting two slits in both covers and slipping the ribbon through, will allow the ribbon to move back and forth.
7. Add the embellishments.



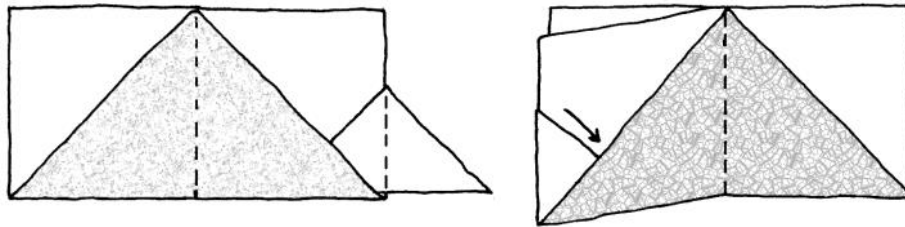
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Pocket corners

The ribbon will keep the items from slipping sideways out of the pockets. But if you wish to further secure the items, or to eliminate the ribbon altogether, the discarded triangles could be glued into the outside corners to add depth to the pockets.

- ◆ Fold a discarded triangle in half.
- ◆ For placement, drop one point into the lower right corner.
- ◆ Wrap the triangle around to the next page, and insert the other point into that lower left corner.
- ◆ For gluing, drop down the flaps and apply the glue. You will know where.



But wait! Don't toss those extra triangles.

Make a tree card

- ◆ Cut each triangle in half, even in quarters for tiny trees.
- ◆ Tear the long edges of the new triangles, pulling the paper upward to expose the white interior of the paper.
- ◆ Tear a small strip for the tree trunk.
- ◆ Starting at the bottom, glue the trunk to the front of the card.
- ◆ Then glue on the bottom layer of branches.
- ◆ Continue to the top of the tree, overlapping as you go.
- ◆ Add embellishments as you wish.

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