

William Oakes, Isaac Sprague, **B.W. Thayer & co. Lith., Wm. Crosby and H.P. Nichols**, Scenery of the White Mountains, 1848. Bound book, 15 1/16 in. x 12 1/4 in. x 5/8 in.
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Walter Monteith Aikman, *Bookplate of Louis Childs Madeira*, 1911, engraving on paper, neutral black ink, 4 5/8 in. x 3 3/16 in., Gift of Arnold Cogswell



Unknown European, *Paper-Covered Album of Hand-Colored Lithographs*, 1800 – 1825, lithographs on paper in album, 6 1/2 in. x 8 1/4 in. x 2 13/16 in.

Based on the book *A Place to Read* by Leigh Hodgkinson, we will be making our own accordion style book. You can use your homemade book to write your own story, make sketches and art, or use it as a journal. Be sure to think about the cover of your book too. Here are a few examples of books from the Currier's collection.

Activity: Accordion bookbinding

Materials:

- Printer paper (or any kind of paper you have)
- Cereal box (or cardboard/chipboard)
- Glue stick
- Scissors or knife
- Spoon (or bone folder)
- Ruler
- pencil

Directions:

- Take your printer paper and cut it in half the long way.
- Measure out a half inch line on each half of your paper. Fold along this line. Using your spoon or bone folder press over each fold.
- One piece of paper at a time, fold into an accordion (like making a fan). I fold the paper in half, and then use the previous fold to continue to make my folds until you have the desired size. I folded my paper in quarters. Do this with as many pieces of paper as you desire. I used 2 sheets of printer paper, which gave me 16 pages in my book.
- Once all your pages are folded, use your glue stick to attach the 1/2" tabs to the next section. Cut off the extra tab on the last section.

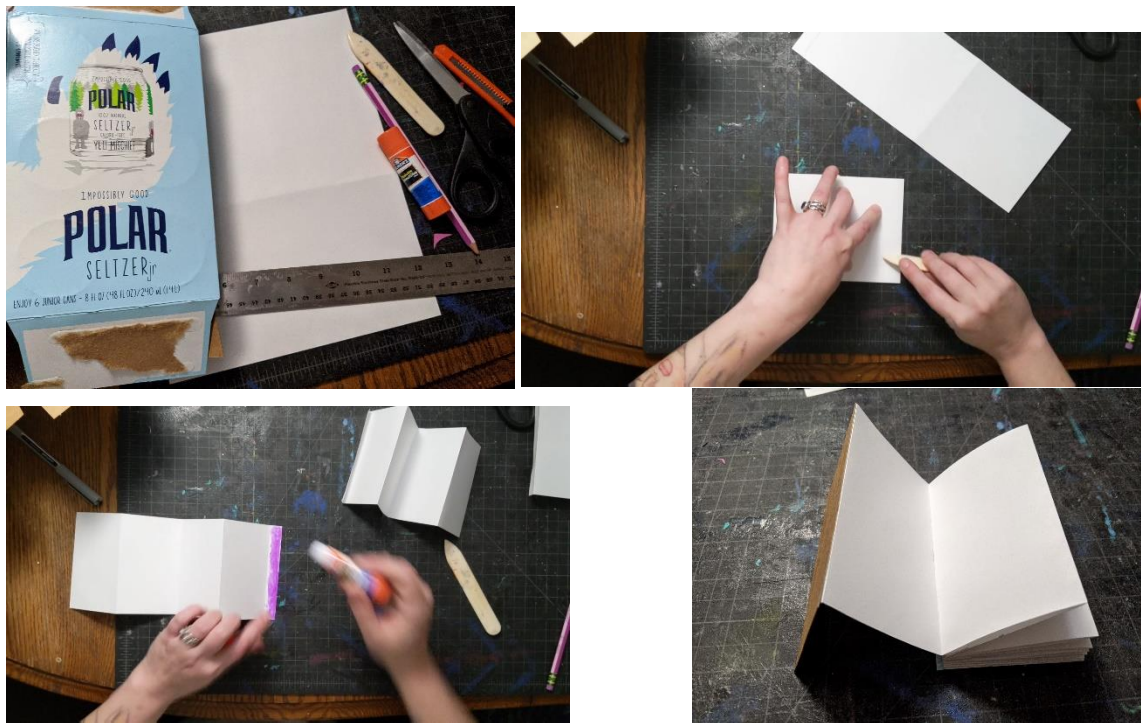
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- Put your pages on top of your flattened cereal box and trace the size twice.
- Cut both rectangles out.
- Glue the front page of your accordion to one piece of cardboard, you can decide if you want the design from the cereal box to show or covered by your paper. Do the same thing for the last page of your accordion and your other piece of cardboard.
- You now have a completed accordion book. You can use any art materials to decorate the covers.

Tips:

- Use your spoon or bonefolder on every fold so that your pages will be crisp.
- Try to be accurate with your accordion folding, otherwise your book might get a little crooked.
- Have fun filling you book with whatever you choose.



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