

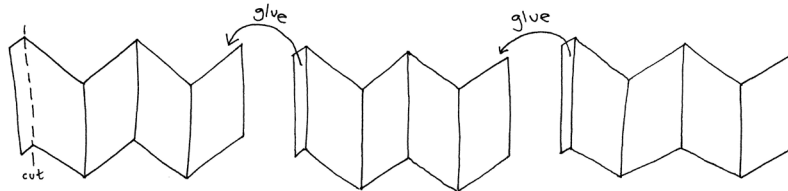
# Accordion Book with Removable Spine Covers

## Text block

*The text block of an accordion book is created by folding a long piece of paper (or several pieces glued together) back and forth into equal sections. Accordion books can be made in any dimension and can be easily added onto, even after they are “finished.”*

## To make an 8”x 10” twelve page accordion from several sheets:

1. Start with 3 sheets that measure 33” x 10” (grain short).
2. Measure, fold, and score a 1” tab on each sheet of paper. Keep this tab folded in for the next step.
3. Fold each sheet into four 8” sections by folding the sheet in half, then by folding each section in half.
4. Join the three folded sheets, by gluing the front of each tab to the back of the preceding page. Trim off the one extra tab.
5. Score all of the folds

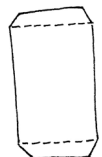
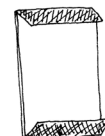


## Cover

*The removable spine cover allows for flexibility. The accordion can be contained so that it can be read from page to page, or it can be unbound so that the whole text block can be viewed at once. The boards are covered in decorative paper without the use of glue or other adhesives. The spine can be easily remade to accommodate more pages added to the accordion.*

## To cover the boards:

1. The cover boards should be cut just slightly (no more than 1/16”) larger than your text block on all sides. Cover boards can be made from mat board, cardboard, book board, or doubled up oak tag.
2. You will need two pieces of paper that are 2” wider than the cover (10” x 10”) and two pieces of paper that are 2” taller than the cover (8” x 12”).
3. Center the cover board on the wide piece. Bring the extra paper up and around the cover. Score the folds.
4. Center the cover board on the tall piece. Bring the extra paper up and around the cover. Score the folds. Trim the flaps just slightly as shown.
5. To cover the board, fold the wide piece around the cover board, and then fold the tall piece around, tucking in the flaps at the top and the bottom.
6. Repeat for the back cover.



**To make the spine:**

1. You will need a piece of paper that is cut to the height of the cover. The width should measure 2" plus the thickness of the text block.  
(To take the measurement of the text block, simply fold a piece of scrap paper around it.)
2. Measure and mark the width of the text block from each edge. One side at a time, bring the edge of the paper over to the opposite mark, then fold and score.  
This will put two creases in the center of the paper, text-block-thickness apart.

**To Assemble the book:**

1. Slide each end sheet of the accordion into the slit between the two cover papers.
2. Bind the accordion by sliding the flaps of the spine piece into the same slots.