

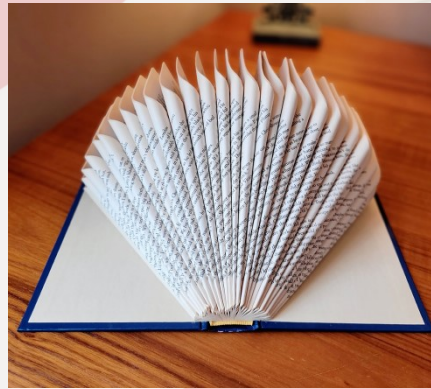
FOLDED PAGE BOOK ART

Supplies Needed:

- Hardcover book(s) *If planning to display as a group, you may consider books of similar size.*
- Hanging device *Only if planning to hang on a wall. Hook and loop picture hanging strips, twine, or ribbon*

These instructions were created using a 600 page book. More or less pages may require changing the technique some. The more pages per book, the more folds it will require. For style, we used approximately 20 pages at a time. Keep folds uniform for best results - tucking evenly and deeply means there is no need to glue or permanently attach the folds. Because there are no additional supplies or steps, we've highlighted three different folding styles. Try these or let them inspire you to make your own design!

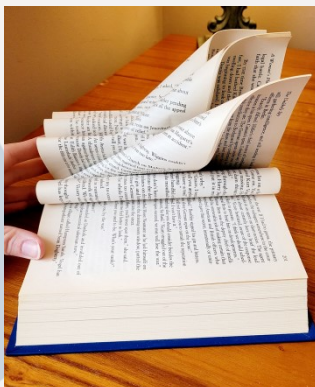
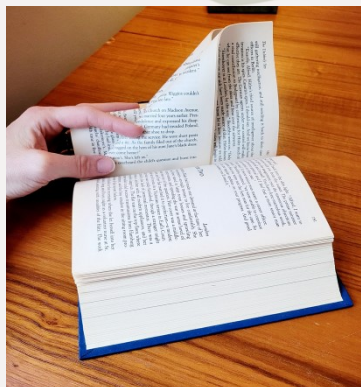
Style One: Working from the left, fold approximately 20 pages from the left bottom corner into the center of the spine. Continue this fold in even page amounts until all pages are folded. *(These are "soft" folds. DO NOT crease the paper.)*



Style Two: Taking approximately 20 pages per fold, fold the entire vertical edge of the pages into the center spine. Continue until all pages have been used. ***This one can double as a jewelry display!***



Style Three: This style alternates between **Style One** and **Style Two** folds. Begin with **Style One** using approximately 20 pages and folding the bottom left corner into the center of the spine. The next 20 pages will be **Style Two**, folding the entire vertical edge into the spine. Alternate styles every 20 pages until all pages are folded.



TIPS: If your book has images in it that you do not want disrupting your piece, simply add or subtract another page to use. Single page differences will not disrupt uniformity. Or remove the page as close to the binding as possible.

Consider the directionality of your piece also! One single style may look completely different when hung upside down or laid flat.

If desired, attach your hanging mechanism of choice after you are done folding and decorating so that you know which direction you want upward. Attach the device on the top outer corners. If using ribbon/twine, be sure to glue extra length onto the covers so that the glue can bear the weight of the book.

Now it's your turn to play! Get creative! Try different alternating techniques. Change fold directions or starting corners! Have fun and show us what you discover!

Personalization: SO much can be done with these inexpensive and classy decor pieces. If you have time, try painting the outer edges while the book is closed to help the design pop! Or paint each folded section individually. Decorate the inside of the covers with paper, pages, photos or fabric and trim. Use ink pads to age or color the exposed page edges. Or add jewels, beads, or puff paint to give dimension! Use music books! The possibilities are endless!

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