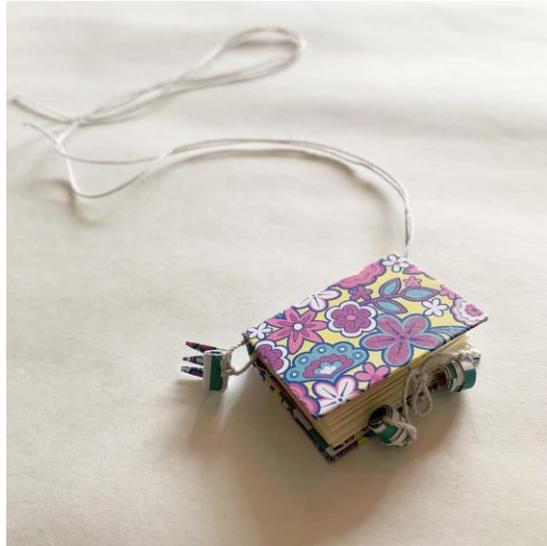


**ART AT HOME: Mini Book Necklace**  
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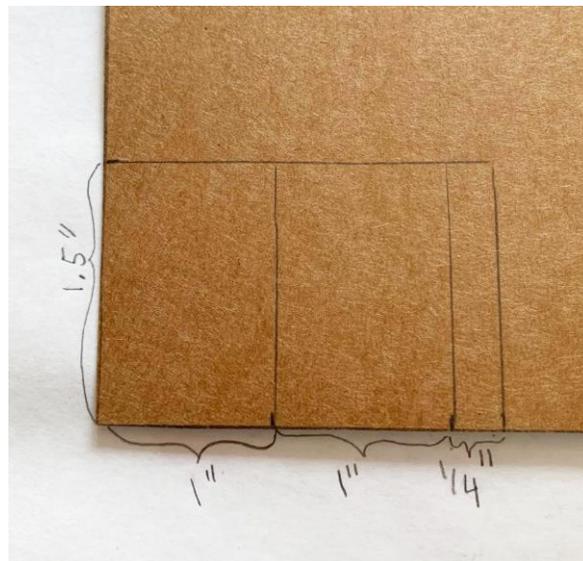
We love making books! Today we will show you how to make a mini book necklace. You can leave the necklace part out, if you would prefer just the book. You can also adapt the size and dimensions, if you'd rather have a bigger book to use for art journaling, writing or sketching.

Materials needed:

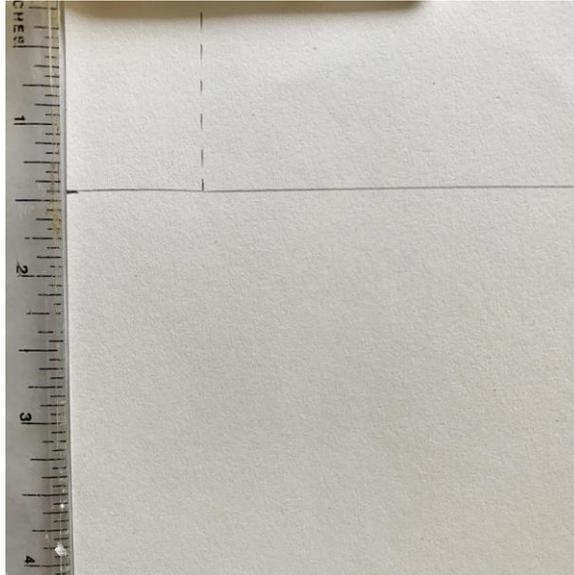
- scissors
- paper
- paper scraps, magazines, or marbled paper (check out our tutorial on Shaving Cream Marbling, <http://www.thecreativecenter.org/tcc/programs/virtual-art-making-activities>)
- cardboard from a cereal or pasta box
- string
- pencil
- ruler (optional)
- Glue stick
- Paper beads (check out our tutorial on paper beads!)



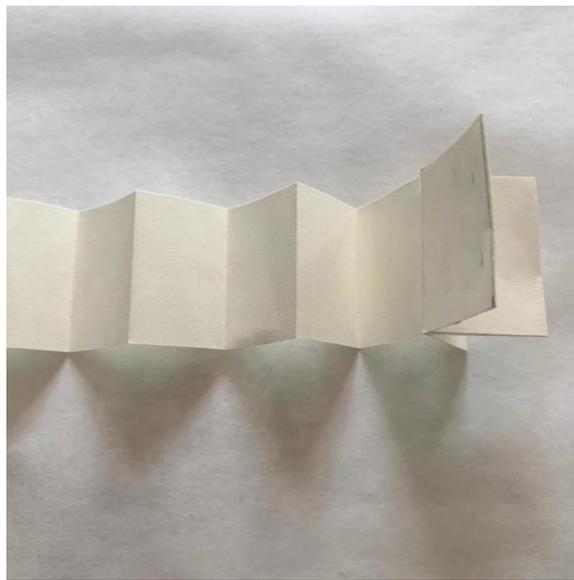
2. Cut the cardboard covers like in the photograph, below. You can adapt the size and dimensions to whatever size you'd like.



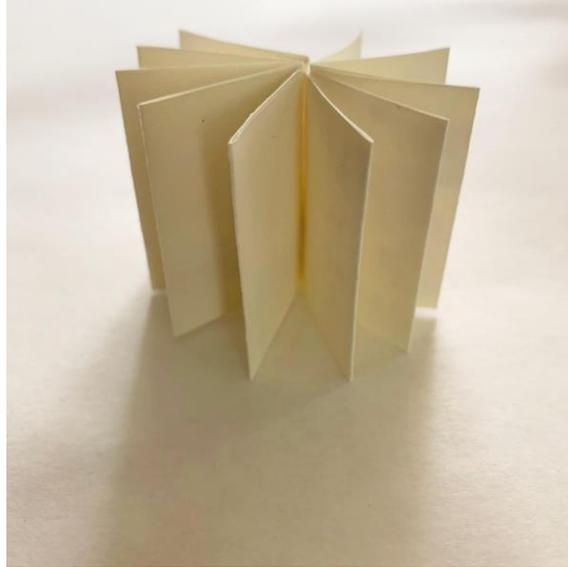
3. Cut strips of paper slightly smaller by about 1/8" and the whole length of the paper sheet.



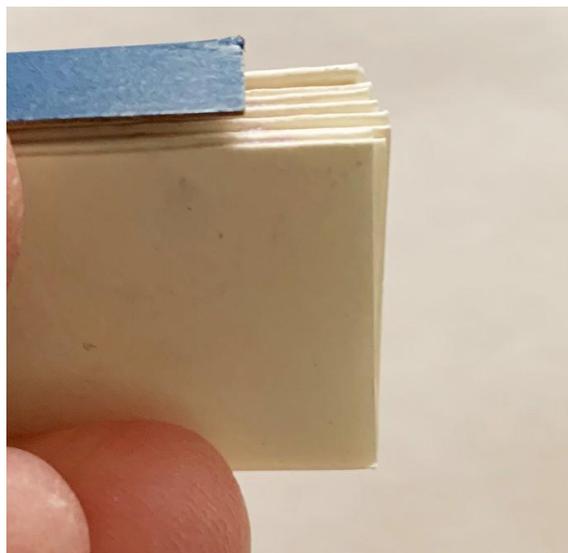
4. Fold the stripes in an accordion fold, unfold and put glue onto the top of the paper.



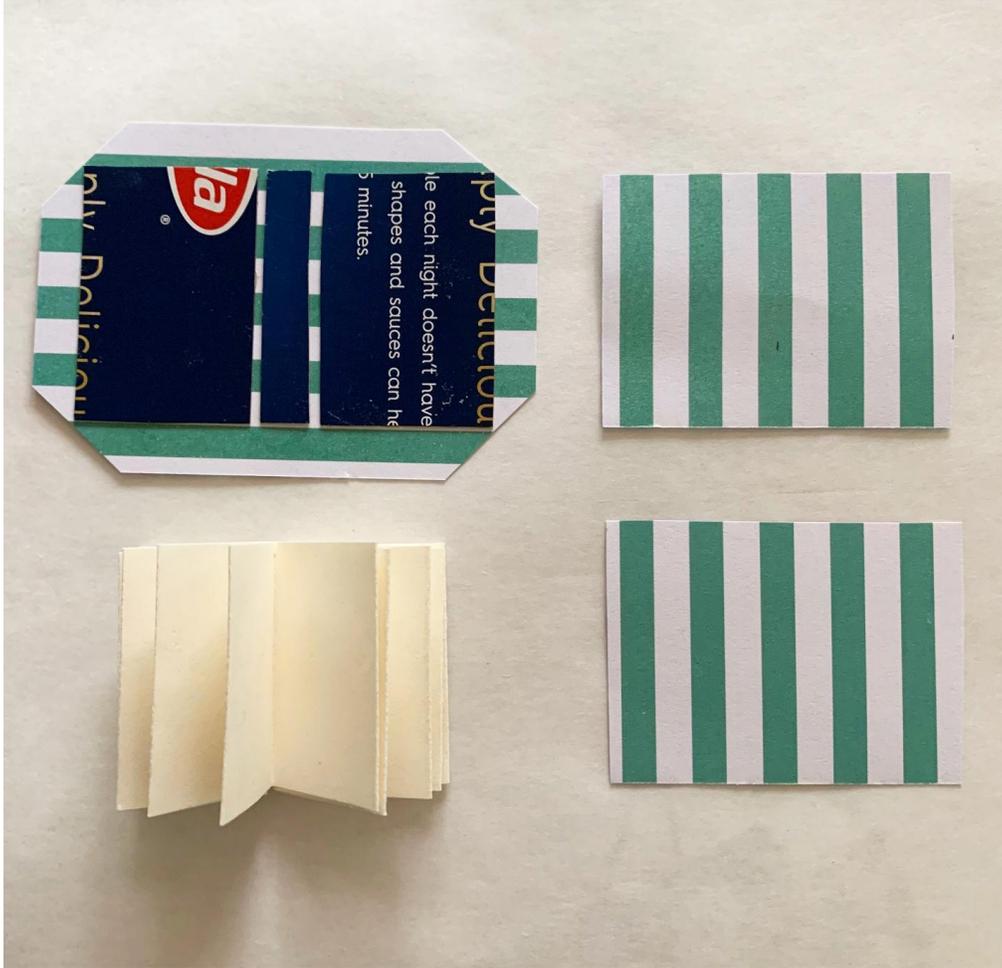
5. Fold the paper like in this picture, gluing half of the pages together. It will look like this:



6. Depending on how thick you want your book to be, you cut the spine of the book from cardboard. I did this already in the beginning.



7. In the left upper corner of the picture you can see how to glue the cardboard pieces onto the patterned paper. Leave a little gap about the size of the thickness of the cardboard between the front, the spine and the back of your book. You will have to cut two more pieces of scrap paper 1 3/8" high and 1 7/8" long.



8. Cut the decorative paper for the cardboard, so that it overhangs all sides by 1/4" and trim off the corners so they're at a 45 degree angle. That way there's less bulk in the corners when you glue them. Apply glue and fold opposite sides together, long sides first, then top and bottom sides like .



9. Gluing the inside is the trickiest. First glue the string for the closing. Then glue the patterned paper as shown in the picture. Fold in half.



10. Glue the first page of the accordion as shown in the picture. Fold up your accordion inside. You can make paper beads, or use beads you have at home, attach them to the string and add it like in the picture to the spine of your book before you tackle the other side of your book. Put glue on the back of the last sheet, add the patterned paper and then carefully center it on the back cover..... HAVE FUN!!!

