



Directions for the Accordion Fold

Accordion books truly have endless possibilities both in design and content. They are fun and easy to make. Here are only a few suggestions on variations for this book format.

Accordion books can vary by:

- Shape (square, rectangle, heart)
- Size (you can even make tiny accordion books into necklaces)
- Cover (paper choices such as wrapping paper)
- Closures (ribbons, buttons, etc.)
- Number of pages

Uses for the accordion book:

- Photo albums and memoirs
- Poems
- Favorite sayings
- Cards (birthday, graduation, congratulatory, retirement)
- Cartoon Strips & graphic books
- Stories (fiction and non-fiction)
- Retelling
- Sequencing
- Facts (math, science)
- Scientific Method

You can make the accordion book using two pieces of card stock or thin cardboard for the covers and a long piece of paper folded accordion style. Below are directions on how to fold the paper for an accordion book.

You'll need:

1. Paper (use thicker paper such as construction paper)
2. Scissors
3. Glue (glue sticks work well)

Directions:

1. Cut paper into strips lengthwise to make long rectangles.
2. Fold one strip in half.
3. Take one end and fold it back to the center fold.
4. Flip over. Take the other end and fold it back to the center fold.
5. Your paper will now look like the letter "M."
6. Repeat this step with another strip of paper.
7. Glue together the end flaps of each strip.
8. Keep going depending on how long you would like to make your accordion book.

If you would like to learn how to add covers to your accordion books, go to: InTheLemonTree.com, click on "Bookmaking" then click on "Accordion Book."