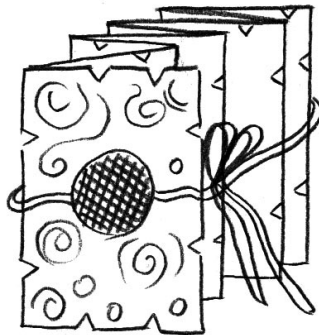


My Accordion Book



SMART
LESSON PLANS

MATERIALS

- ✓ Liquid Watercolor™
- ✓ Heavy white paper, 11" x 14"
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Self-adhesive cardboard circles
- ✓ Yarn

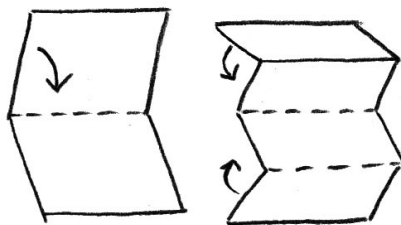
Optional:

- ✓ Tipped lacing yarn

✓ = in Discount School Supply catalog

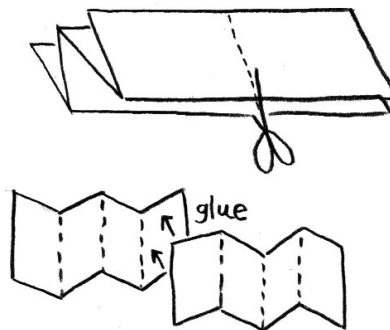
Step 1: Fold Paper

Fold paper in half, then fold each half again as shown.



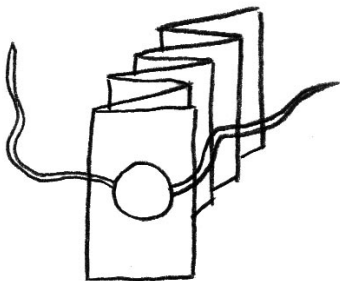
Step 2: Cut and Glue Together

Cut folded paper in half. Glue two halves together as shown.



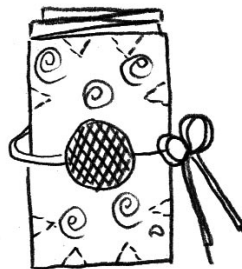
Step 3: Place Sticky Circle

Place self adhesive cardboard circle on top of yarn to create tie close.



Step 4: Trim and Decorate

Trim if desired: round off corners or make paper cuts on folds. Paint/collage.



OUTCOMES

Art is good brain food! This art idea helps children develop:

Cognitive/Thinking Skills

- Measures, calculates
- Makes decisions

Emotional/Feeling Skills

- Individuality
- Emotional release

Social/Relating Skills

- Shares materials
- Respect for own and others work

Physical/Coordinating Skills

- Small motor grasp
- Works within boundaries

Literacy & Language Development

- Book appreciation
- Content and narrative

CLASSROOM TIPS

Extensions

Simplify for young children: Make a 4-page book and skip the glue portion in Step 2. Change the book size by using 9" x 12" or 18" x 24" paper to start. Make a longer book by simply folding, cutting, and gluing on more papers. Cut the top and bottom in curvy or angular lines instead of simple straight lines. Or, create an abstract shape or heart book by cutting the edges into a form, but leave enough surface paper at the fold line so the binding doesn't fall apart. Experiment. Use your imagination and vary the design and content of your book.

Vocabulary

Accordion, Accordion Fold, Measure, Half, Quarter, Eighth.

Ages
4-12

30-45
Min.