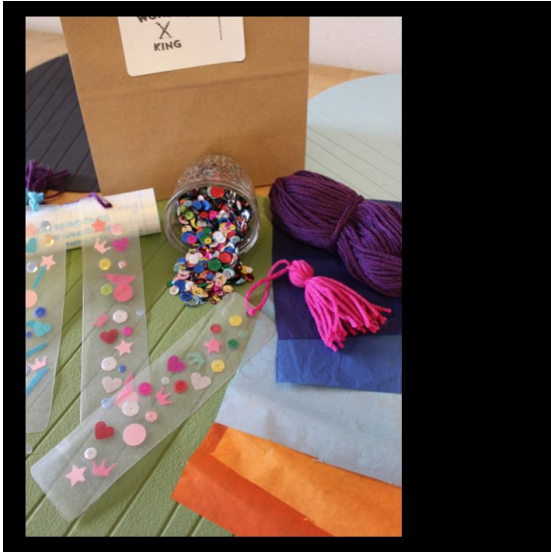


Contact Paper Bookmarks & Accordion Books



Supplies:

- Contact paper
- Scissors, hole punch
- Sequins, tissue paper, confetti, etc...
- Yarn
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Scissors, ruler, pencil, glue stick
- Scrapbook paper, KRAFT paper, magazine or catalog pages
- Cardboard



Contact Paper Bookmark Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of contact paper 8 squares wide by about 16 squares tall. Peel off the back and lay the paper sticky side up on the grid (that you just peeled off-as a guide).

2. Place any 2-dimensional ephemera like sequins or confetti on the left hand side of the contact paper. Don't go too close to any of the 3 edges (top, left, bottom). Also, leave a small amount of room at the top to punch the hole into.

3. Once finished with the layout, fold the contact paper in half and seal it. Trim the edges to be rounded.

4. Take some yarn and wrap it approx. 15-20 times around your 4 fingers. Snip the end. Then cut a piece of yarn maybe 8" long, feed it through the loops

of the bundle from your fingers, and tie 2 knots. Then snip the loops apart at the bottom so you have double the amount of loose yarn that makes the tassel. Lay the tassel down, cut another piece of yarn approximately 8-10" long, lay it under the top 1/3 of the yarn tassel, wrap it around to create a little "head" and tie a knot. Trim all the ends to be one equal length. Tie a knot at the top of the tassel and feed it through the hole of the contact paper. Yay - you have a fun bookmark! Get reading!

Accordion Book Instructions

1. Take a few pieces of 8.5" x 11" plain paper (you can use as many as you want, this will determine how many pages your book eventually has, in the demo I've used 2 sheets of paper). You can also use sketch or watercolor paper if you want a sketchbook or artist's book, just be sure you don't choose paper TOO thick or it will be challenging to fold.
2. Fold the paper in half vertically and cut it to create long rectangles. Repeat with all sheets of paper.
3. With each rectangle, fold the paper in half, then fold the ends to the center fold, to create an "M" or a "W" depending on how you look at it.
4. Align all the folded pieces in alternating direction, so M W M W, etc...
5. Starting with the first 2 letters of paper, glue the ends to each other using just a bit of glue stick. Be sure to fix any misalignment before the glue sets. Repeat alternating until you are finished with all the paper pages.
6. To make the covers of your book, using the 2 template pieces of cardboard, lay them onto your piece of cover paper (either scrapbook paper, kraft, pages from a magazine - your choice), with about an inch to an inch and a half border around all sides.
7. Glue them down, and then cut them each out, again keeping a border of 1.5-2". Trim each of the 4 corners right up to the edge of the cardboard.
8. Now one by one glue and fold in each flap of paper onto the cardboard to make the inside of the book cover. Repeat for the 2nd cover.
9. Lay the 2 covers out side by side, and glue in the book's pages, one end, and then the other. You are doing this by eye, so try to glue the end sheets in as close as you can to center, and then adjust before you rub the glue in. And there you have your own accordion book!

