

Making Small Books

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You will learn to:

Construct several small books using various folding or bookbinding techniques
Create visuals for your books using a wide variety of techniques such as collaging, using found materials, or making marks with pencils or watercolors.

The field of book making is a growing art form. We will learn how to fold and glue sheets of paper in various ways to create several types of small books. We will look at the work of many book artists and examine how they have constructed their books. Books can be made by various folding techniques. For example, you will learn how to create a book by using an accordion fold. Then using that accordion fold as a base, you can create what is called a flag book. The focus of this class is on creating books that are art pieces, small sculptures that you can hold in your hand. This class will encourage your creativity as we experiment with various art techniques within the pages of your book.

September 16: Folding a small book using one sheet of paper. I will supply the paper for this lesson. Bring scissors

September 23: Making a book by a simple accordion fold structure. Bring a paper you like.

September 30: We will make covers for an accordion fold book. Bring lightweight card board or card stock. We will examine ways to create images by creating small collages using cut out images from magazines.

October 7: Introducing the flag fold book. Bring paper to fold, also card stock and glue.

October 14: The dimensional tunnel book. Bring card stock and paper and glue.

October 21: The map fold. Bring material for a cover as well as paper that can be folded.

October 28: Pamphlet stitch. Time for sewing bring a needle and sturdy thread as well as papers

November 4: The stab binding. Bring your needle and some heavy thread or string and paper.

November 18: Our last class. The scroll book.

Supplies

On the first day, just bring scissors. I'll explain more about supplies on the first day of class.

X-acto knife, scissors, and a cutting mat

Bonefolder

Pencil and a metal ruler

Needle and thread and an awl of some sort

Glue - select one that you like, could be YES paste, PVA, glue stick

Various papers that you like

Mark making supplies such as watercolors or gel markers, are always welcome