

Accordion Book



The culminating activity for the Poetry unit will be an accordion book, which will highlight your subject using text and, depending on availability, visuals like photographs, computer or original art, and artifacts.

1. You will need to fill seven 8 1/2" x 11" sheets of cardstock, divided in half, so you will be working with fourteen surfaces. Cover the inside front and back surfaces with cardstock that complements one of the colors you used in your cover paper.
2. Place your poems and graphics on each of the fourteen available surfaces. The first page must be a title page, including an original title and the author's name.
3. On six 8 1/2" x 11" sheets of the cardstock provided, print text and graphics in landscape format with pages divided in half. **Make a mock-up of your pages before using good papers.**

Materials

1. Davey board for covers - 2 pieces for front and back
2. Decorated watercolor paper for covers
3. Eight sheets of cardstock: seven for pages and one for spine
4. One more sheet of cardstock for inside covers
5. **Optional** - Ribbon (or other ties) - two 9" pieces
6. **Optional** - Cover ornaments, scrapbook additions

Procedure

1. Using template, trace and cut two cover papers.
2. Spread glue on one side of cover board. Place cover board glue-side down in center of cover paper.
3. **Mitering corners**, glue paper to inside of both front and back boards. Place between waxed paper and press under heavy books. **Ask someone for assistance if you don't know how to miter corners. Points will be deducted for improperly constructed corners.**
4. Fan-fold one sheet of cardstock for spine using technique displayed in class.
5. Fold **printed** inside papers in half. Using glue or waxed papers to protect existing printed pages, apply glue to both sides of "peak" fan-folds. Attach printed paper to peaks.
6. Glue ends of fan-folded spine to inside front and back board covers.
7. **Optional** - Glue ribbon(if desired) to middle of inside front and back board covers, opposite spine.
8. Apply adhesive to wrong side of inside front and back cover paper and glue to inside front and back cover boards. Place waxed paper between inside front and back covers and text paper. Press until dry.
9. Remove waxed paper, tie ribbon if used, add any cover ornaments desired