

## Glossary of bookbinding terms:

- **Signature**- group of folded papers stitched into a book or pamphlet
- **Awl**- tool for making holes for stitching signatures
- **Bone folder**- flat tool for scoring paper for folding or smoothing folds in paper
- **Peaks and Valleys**- describes the folds in an accordion style book

### Accordion book with stitched signatures

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1. Paper- heavy drawing paper, card stock or similar. This pc is 5 inches high and 20 wide.

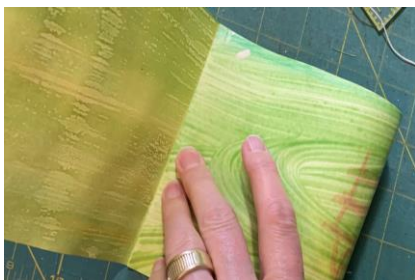
**Tools:** knife, pencil, bone folder, Awl, thin Awl, cotton thread, ruler, binder's needles (small head), and ribbon.  
There are many household items you can substitute for these. The self healing cutting matt and the clear quilting ruler are my favorite tools.

This green paper has been wheat paste painted by kids. I fished it out of a blue bin. ☺



2 .Fold in half.

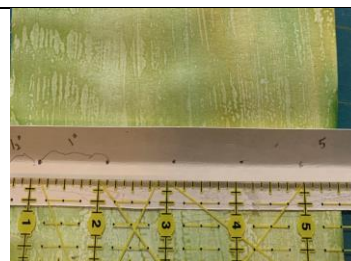
3. Fold both halves in half again.



4. Voila! An accordion. Now cut 3 more papers the same size in half to make 6 pc's 5" X 10". Fold them in half to make 5" X 5" signatures. 3 groups of 2.

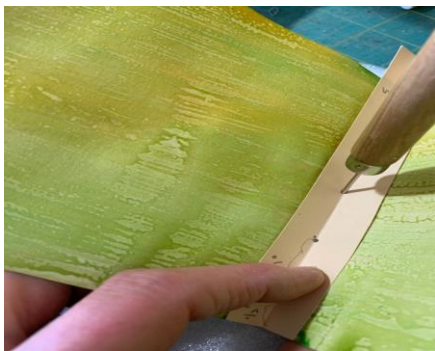


5. Take each signature (2 papers nested together) and trim the open edge so that they are 5" high and 4 3/4" wide. (My fingers are on the folded edge.,)



6. Use a folded strip of card stock to mark where you need to punch holes.

7. Line up the guide to the left edge. Measure in 1/2 inch, then 1" – 3 times. The 5<sup>th</sup> hole will be 1/2" in from right hand edge. Use an odd number of holes.



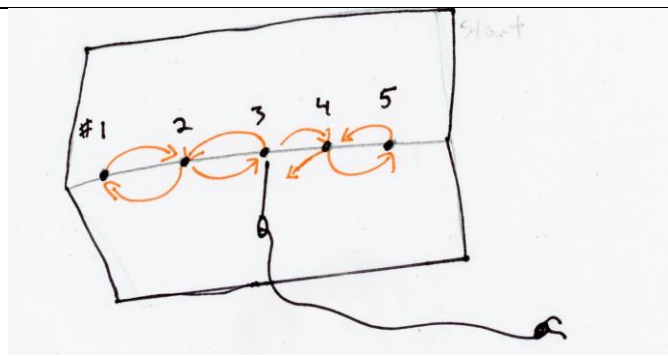
8. Line up the guide to the left edge for each signature, and the accordion itself. Each valley will get a signature. If there is a top-(design or text) keep that in mind so everything stays right side up.



9. Thread your needle, make a knot about 2" from the end, start stitching from the inside of the first signature to the outside through hole # 3. Come back in to the centre through #2, back out #1, back in #2, out #3, in #4, out #5, in #4 and .....

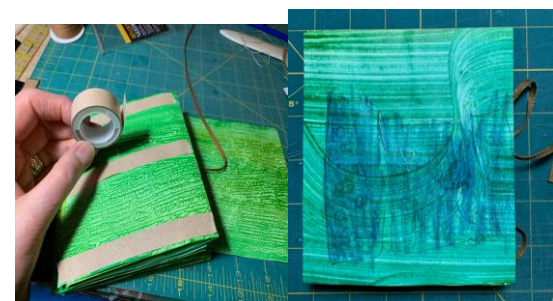


... pass the needle under the stitch as shown, tie a couple of knots and trim the ends. While stitching try not to pierce through the thread itself. (There is a stitching diagram at the end.)

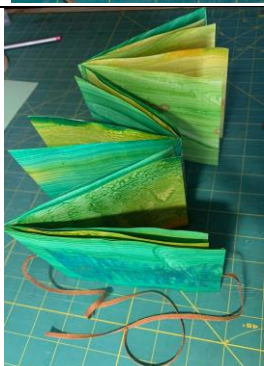


10. Attach a ribbon closure to the front of the book with double sided tape or glue.

11. When cutting the cover, make it an 1/8" bigger than the book, if possible. Then attach the cover on top of that.



The cover is attached and ribbon closure tied. That will help make it look tidy and finished



Done! Variations are endless. Have Fun! Cheers