



MAKE A MINIATURE SKETCHBOOK

Many artists carry a sketchbook everywhere they go. Your sketchbook is a safe space to express your feelings through drawing, writing, or in any way you choose. Today, we will create a miniature sketchbook small enough to fit in your pocket. Make a promise to yourself to carry it with you, even if you are at home, and use it to record the feelings you experience throughout the day. Once the book is filled, you may choose to share your entries with a close friend or adult family member.

MATERIALS

One sheet of paper, cardboard or construction paper, pencil or pen, glue, scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Fold a sheet of paper in half vertically. Make sure both sides are even.
- 2 Tear or cut the sheet of paper along the fold to make two half-sheets. Try to keep the cut line straight.
- 3 Make a 1/2-inch fold at the bottom of each half-sheet by folding the edge of the paper away from you. Set one of the half-sheets aside.
- 4 With the bottom edge still folded, fold the bottom edge of the paper up to the top, making sure the corners match.



- 5 Fold the front flap of the sheet down towards you to meet the bottom fold. Turn the piece of paper over and fold the top of the sheet down to meet the fold. You should now have a small accordion shape.



- 6 Repeat steps 4 and 5 on the second half-sheet of paper.
- 7 Once both sheets are folded, glue the 1/2 inch folds together. You should now have a long accordion shape.



- 8 Cut two pieces of cardboard or construction paper that are the same size as the first and last flaps of your accordion. These two pieces will be the front and back covers of your sketchbook.



- 9 Glue your front and back covers to the first and last flaps of the accordion.
- 10 After the glue has dried, decorate the front and back covers of your sketchbook.



When the cover designs are complete, you can start writing and sketching your ideas or make another miniature sketchbook!



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