

Origami Books



Write your own story!

You've seen our stories - now write your own
with this easy to make origami book.

Supplies:

- Ten (10) rectangular (or square) pieces of paper, roughly the same size.

Instructions:

- Separate your ten sheets of paper into four (4) piles (pages, connector units, covers, & spine) of three (3), four (4), two (2), and one (1) sheets of paper respectively.

Pages & Covers -

- Position your paper with a short side of the rectangle facing your belly button and the wrong (unseen, undecorated) side of the paper facing up.
- Fold the bottom edge to lie in the middle of the sheet. No need to be exact (**Fig. 1**).
- Fold the top edge to meet the other in the middle (**Fig. 2**). Your result will be a rectangle split horizontally.
- Fold the rectangle in half, so the right hand edge meets the left, with the horizontal split on the inside as in **Fig. 3**.
- Repeat the above steps until you have three (3) pages and two (2) covers folded.

Connector Units -

- Position your paper with a short side of the rectangle facing your belly button.
- Fold the bottom edge to lie in the middle of the sheet. No need to be exact (**Fig. 4**).
- Fold the top edge to overlap the other in the middle, by about one eighth inch (1/8"). See **Fig. 5 & 6**. Your result will be a rectangle split horizontally, slightly shorter than the folded pages.
- Fold the rectangle in half, so the right hand edge meets the left, with the horizontal split on the inside as in **Fig. 7**.
- Repeat the above steps until you have four (4) connector units folded.

Spine -

- Position your paper with a short side of the rectangle facing your belly button.



Spine, Continued -

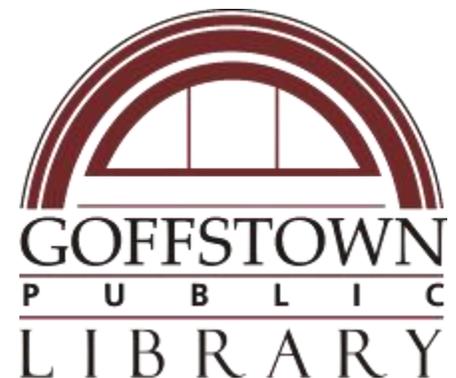
- Fold the bottom edge to lie in the middle of the sheet. No need to be exact.
- Fold the top edge to overlap the other in the middle by about one eighth inch (1/8"). Your result will be a rectangle split horizontally, slightly shorter than the folded covers.
- Create a valley fold by bringing the right hand side of the rectangle to lie about one quarter inch (1/4") away from the left hand side. See **Fig. 8**. Crease and unfold. Repeat with the left hand side as in **Fig. 9**. Crease and unfold. Your result will resemble **Fig. 10**.

Assemble the Book -

- Slip a connector (shown in black in **Fig. 11**) into a page (shown in white).
- Using the opposite side of the same connector, add another page, as in **Fig. 12**.
- When folded, the black connector should bind the pages together as in **Fig. 13**. Repeat until all pages are connected.
- To attach the covers, slip one side of the connector unit (shown in black in **Fig. 14**) into a page (shown in white) and one side into a cover (shown in a pattern).
- Finally, slip the spine (shown in gray in **Fig. 15**) into the remaining flap on one of the covers (shown in a pattern).
- Slip the spine into the last available cover flap, without unfolding the cover if possible. See **Fig. 16**.
- The valley fold should hide the connector units from sight as in **Fig. 17**.

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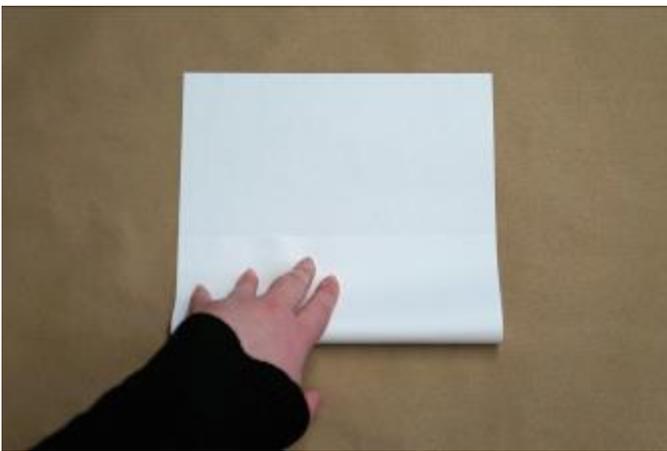


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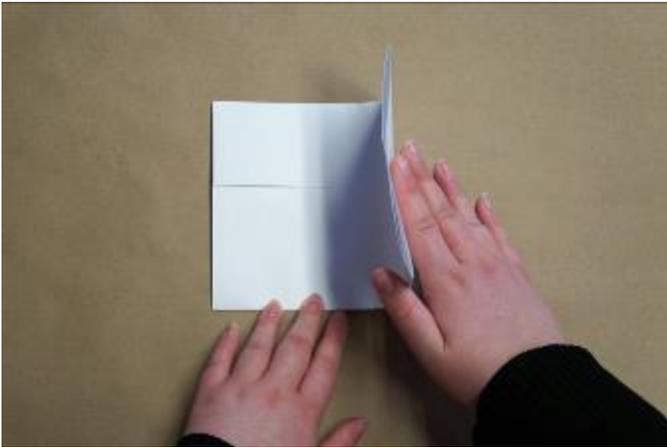


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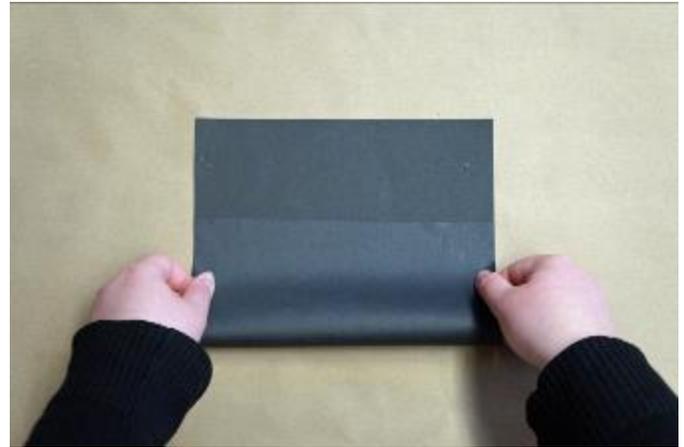


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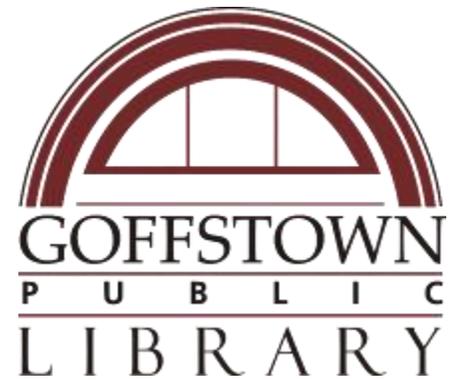
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Figure 7



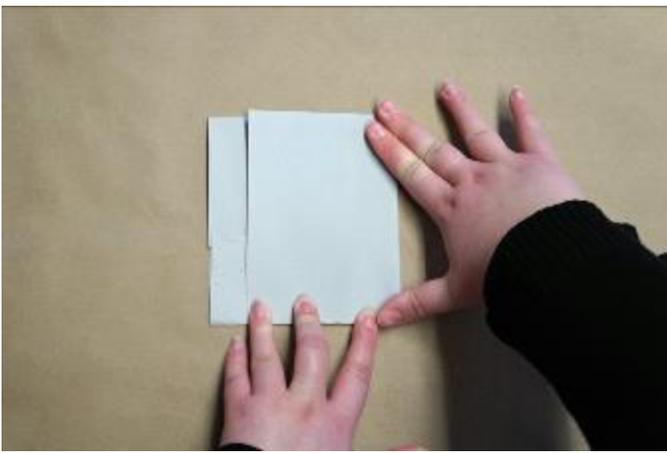


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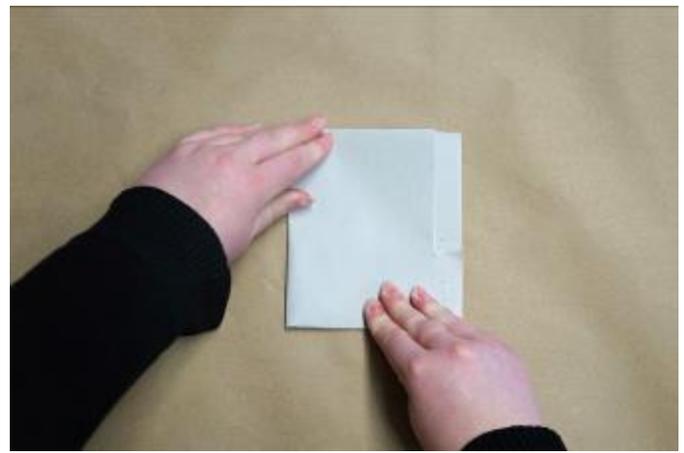


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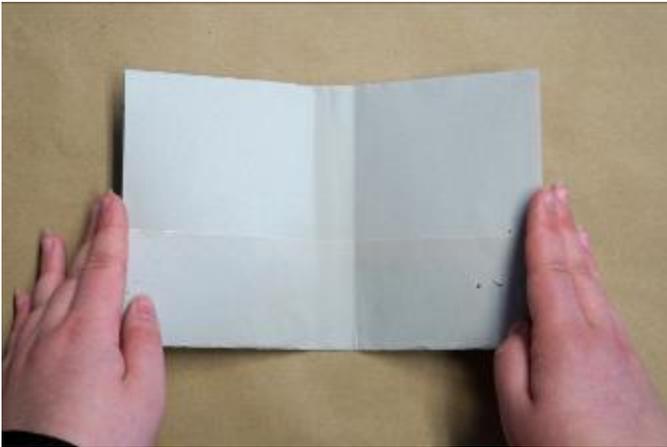


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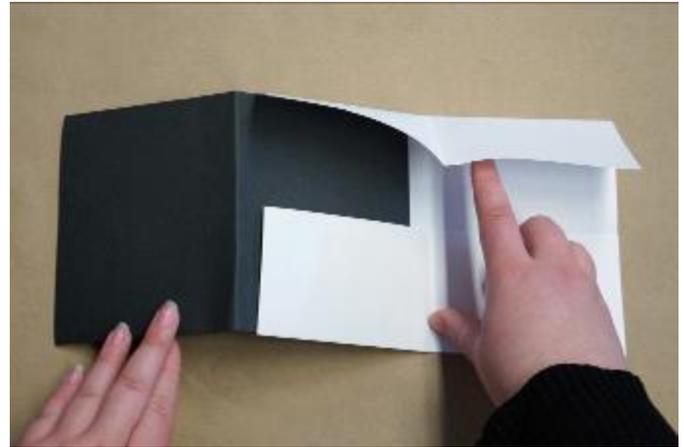


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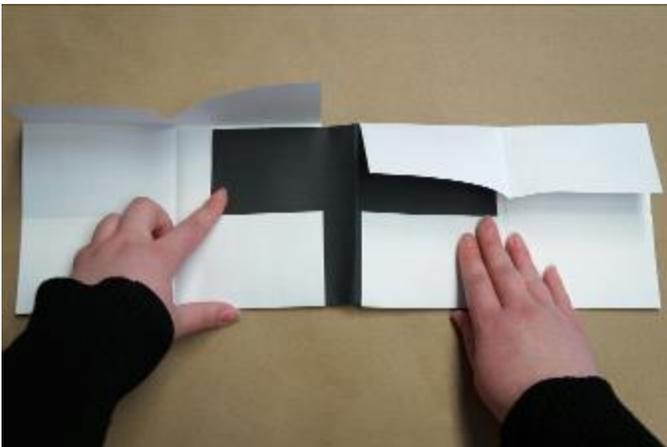


Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14





Figure 15



Figure 16



Figure 17



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