

Wonder Wednesday 57: Make a Pressed Flower Accordion Book

Welcome to the world of Wings, Worms, and Wonder - where creatively connecting with nature is at the heart of it all! To watch the instructional video for this project, visit:

<https://vimeo.com/219123755>

Materials & Supplies

- * Some pressed flowers of your liking
- * A strip of paper, longer than it is tall, for the accordion part of your book. The size can vary, but the key is to have the height of this strip the height you want your book to be. The length can be as long as you like!
- * Card stock or cardboard for the covers.
- * Glue - Any kind will do. I used paste and rice glue in the video as examples.
Personally, I like to glue the covers on with paste and the flowers in with rice glue - ideally. Rice glue has a nice consistency of not too wet and not too sticky and not too goopy.
- * A small paintbrush for glue.
- * Pencil -for sketching, drawing, measuring, and anything else you like
- * Pens and or markers - for sketching, drawing, labeling, decorating, and anything else you like
- * Ruler - to measure your interior accordion paper and covers
- * Scissors - to cut your interior accordion paper and covers
- * Optional - any decorative items you'd like to use on your cover or interior

Preparation

Pick and press some flowers to fill the interior of your book. You can do this project in 2 parts and make the book during the week while the flowers are pressing.

Procedure

- * Decide how long you want your book to be. My strip of paper is 20 inches long x 6 inches tall. 20 inches long makes 4 interior pages on each side. Then, cut your paper accordingly.
- * Then fold into equal squares or rectangles, depending on the length of your strip. If it doesn't fold equally, and there is extra paper at one or both ends, just trim it with scissors.
- * Then use a template, like I did, or measure and cut your covers. I used decorative scrapbook style card stock, but any heavier paper will work. The covers should be slightly taller than the interior paper. they can also be slightly wider, but make sure the extra width is on the outer edge of the book when you glue or it won't fold correctly.
- * Glue the cover papers onto the outer sides of the accordion folded interior paper.
- * You can decorate the covers at this point once the glue is dry or at any other point from here. Make sure the back cover decorations aren't upside down when you flip the book if you decide to make your book 2 sided.
- * Now fill your book with pressed flowers, sketches, thoughts, facts, names, and whatever you like. Again, make sure the interior flowers and drawings correlate directionally with the cover and aren't upside down when you flip the book if you decide to make your book 2 sided.
- * Voila! You made an accordion style pressed flower book!

