

# Accordion Poetry Book

## Materials

- Cardstock or good water color paper: 3 pieces, 8 " square
- Cover paper: 2 pieces, 4 1/4" square
- Ribbon: 25-30" piece
- 2 squares of 4.5x4.5 matt board
- Rubber Cement
- Poem

## Instructions:

- Fold a piece of cardstock in half lengthwise. Open it up and fold it the other way, lengthwise again, so that you have creases going both ways. You are creating smaller squares within the big square.
- Turn the piece of cardstock over so that the creased edges are pointing up, forming a "mountain." Fold it in half diagonally, one time, taking one corner up to meet the other corner. (This time, just do one fold.)



- Do the same folding technique with the other two pieces of cardstock.
- Once all three pieces are folded, lay them out in front of you so that the first and third form "valleys" while the middle one forms a "mountain." (See picture.)



- Glue the three pieces of cardstock together as shown in the photo and as described below:
  - Glue the left piece to the middle piece by completely covering the far right square on the left piece with the far left square of the middle piece.
  - Glue the right piece to the middle piece by completely covering the far left square on the right piece with the far right square of the middle piece.
- Add poem to your book; illustrate it using five techniques.



- Let your work dry, and then fold your book back up.



- Using rubber cement, adhere a piece of matt board to the back of each piece of patterned paper. Fold the edges of the patterned paper around the board like you are wrapping a present.
- Choose which piece of matt board will be the back of the album. Glue the ribbon to the center of this board. This will make a tie closure.
- Glue the cardstock to the back piece matt board, so that the ribbon is hidden inside. Then glue the top piece on.

