

Red Rose Accordion Album



The center of the album has spaces for 4x4 inch square photos which are surrounded by smaller, triangular shaped spaces perfect for journaling. The completed book measures 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches and is tied closed with a ribbon making it a perfect brag book or gift mini scrapbook.

I made this accordion album using the Genteel Ladies from Paper Whimsy, and some of the hybrid botanicals. I type out text from Robert Burns "Red, Red Rose" poetry in the Scottish Gaelic wording.

Supply List

Scoring blade	8 x8 inch Cardstock
Double-sided tape	Ribbon
Computer Fonts/Text	White glitter (optional)
4 ½ inch chipboard/cardboard	Pattern Papers
Scissors	Matte Photo Paper
Paper Whimsy Art Bits 02 PNG	Paper Whimsy Botanique 10 PNG
Paper Whimsy Genteel Lady 05	Paper Whimsy Genteel Lady 06
Paper Whimsy Genteel Lady 07	Paper Whimsy Genteel Lady 08
Paper Whimsy Old Book 03 PNG	Paper Whimsy Backgrounds 01 PNG
Computer fonts/text	Glue Stick

Supply Dimensions

Book Cover: Cut two 4 1/2 inch pieces of chipboard or heavy cardboard.

Paper Book Cover - Cut two 5 1/2 inch pieces of paper for the covers of the book,

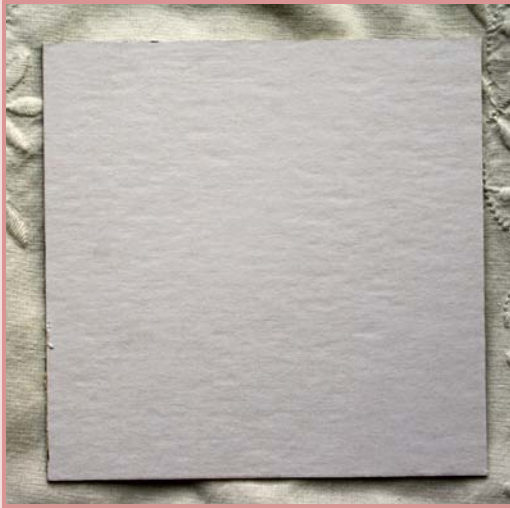
Book Pages: Three pieces of 8 inch square cardstock for the pages,

Ribbon tie: 16 inch piece of ribbon.

If you want a book with more inside pages, add them in odd numbers, i.e. cut five 8 inch squares of cardstock instead of three.

Print all images on to matte photo paper and cut out.

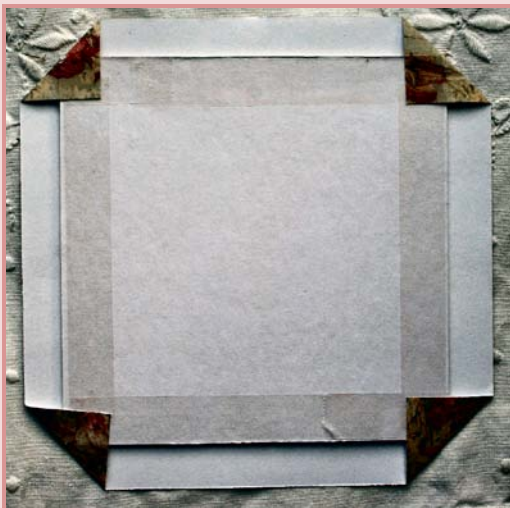
Book Cover



Cut two pieces of chipboard or heavy cardboard measuring 4.5 inches by 4.5 inches.



Cover all four edges of chipboard/cardboard with double sided tape. Remove tape backing and center on the wrong side of 5.5 x 5.5 pattern paper.



Add double sided tape to the backside of chipboard/cardboard piece and start to fold corners for cover.



Fold remaining corners of pattern paper on to double-sided tape and chipboard cover. Repeat this process to second cover. Set aside covers to attach to folded paper album later.

Scoring Pages



Cut 3 sheets of cardstock to measure 8 x 8 inches. Score the cardstock at 4 inches (vertically and horizontally), and one more score diagonally across.

Fold each of the score lines and open them up once again. Make sure that your folds are neat.

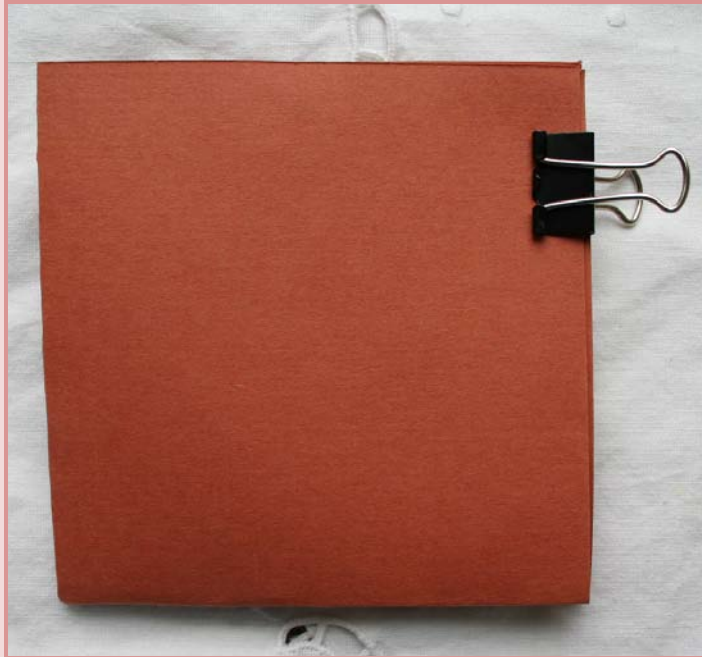
Fold each square into a mountain fold. Bring these folds together toward the center of the fold.



Fold each square into a smaller square by creating "mountain folds" along the diagonal score lines. Bring these folds together toward the center of the square.



You will need to fold each square as shown in the photo. Remember the old "cootie catchers" we made back in school? This album folds in a similar fashion.



Repeat the last step with all three 8 inch squares. Press them down and again crease very well. You will have three folded squares that look like the photo shown here.



Open up the folded inside pages and turn one over lining them up as shown in this photo. Line up the small squares on each piece overlapping it with a square on the next piece. Attach these squares together with photo tape to hold the pages securing in place. This will create the accordion inside pages component of the album.

EXAMPLE:

1st cardstock piece - attach at the bottom right hand corner and top left hand corner of the 2nd cardstock piece.

2nd cardstock piece - attach to upper left hand corner using double sided tape.

3rd cardstock piece - attach to bottom right hand corner of 2nd cardstock piece.



The folded areas of the cardstock are 4 x 4 inch. I cut my pattern papers a smidgen under so just the border of cardstock was peeking through.

For the diagonal areas, just cut your pattern paper square at the diagonal and attach with glue.



Begin adding images to the fold out album. You may also add quotes and embellishments if you wish. I cut many of the labels in half so they could be attached where the diagonal folds lay.



Place double sided tape to secure the folded pages to the inside of the book covers, making sure the cover is centered. The pages should cover the chipboard that may be showing on the back and inside pages.

I have placed my ribbon at the back cover of the book, centering it so it is secure. You may also wrap the ribbon around the outside of the book and tie in a bow.



The cover can be decorated any way you please. I added some Paper Whimsy text and a label from Hybrids. You could also added embellishments to the front.

If you have questions or get stuck when constructing the album, just email me: sugarlumpstudios@yahoo.com