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Mini Book Magnets

Choose from 32 popular YA book covers and make tiny book magnets to decorate your locker or another magnetic surface. Yes, the books open and can be written in.



Ingredients (Included):

- Strip of black cardstock
- 2 strips of white accordion-style book pages
- Glue stick
- Magnetic tape
- Mini binder clip
- 2 pages of YA book covers

You Supply:

- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- X-acto knife (optional)

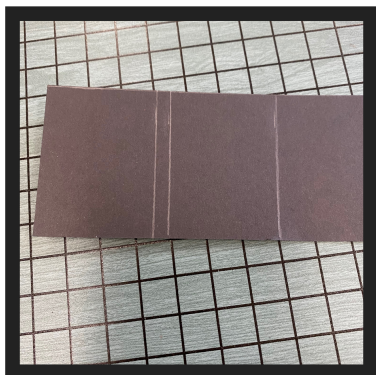
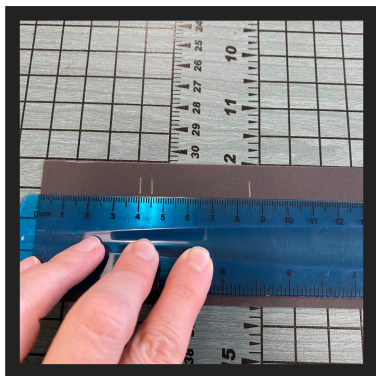
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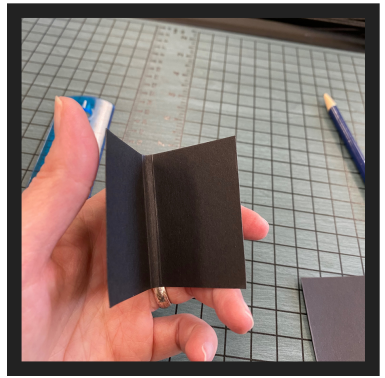
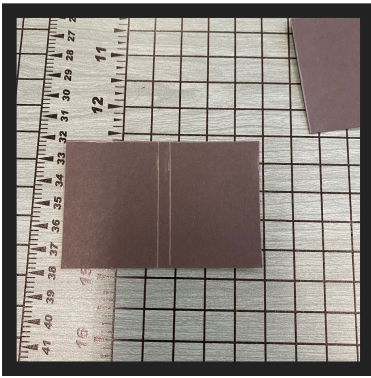
The black cardstock will be the front and back book covers. There is enough to make two book covers

Using a ruler and pencil, measure out a rectangle that is 4cm wide. (The strip should already be at 5.5 cm, which is the length of the book cover.) Draw a line. This will be your front cover.

Then measure another $1/2$ cm and draw a line. This will be the spine of the book.

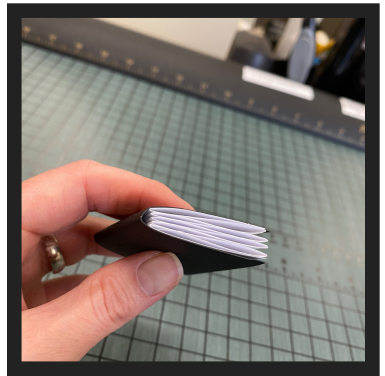
Then measure another 4 cm next to that. This will be your back cover.



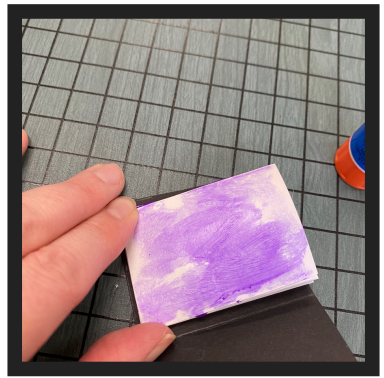
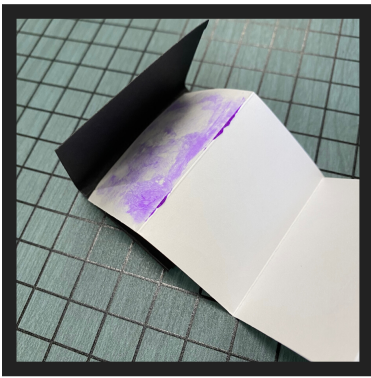


Cut out where you drew your final line, ending up with a piece of cardstock with pencil lines at 4cm, 1/2cm, 4cm.

Using the lines as a guide, fold your front and back cover up to form a book shape. You can use an x-acto knife to score, VERY LIGHTLY, along the lines of the spine to make the folding easier. Do not cut at the spine, however.

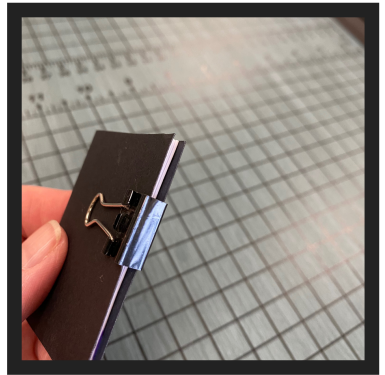
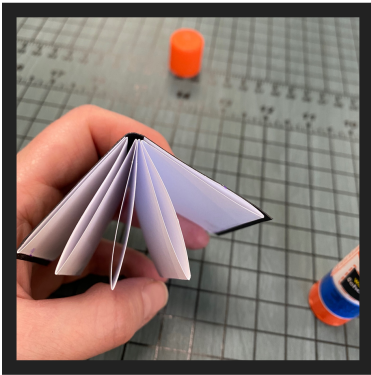


Next, turn to your white book pages. Fold these accordion style, then slide inside the black cardstock book to check the fit.



Add glue to the front and back pages of the accordion book and adhere to the black cardstock, fitting the pages all the way into the spine of the book.

Use the binder clip to hold it together while the glue dries.



The longer you leave on the binder clip, the less the accordion pages fan out when the clip is eventually taken off. It's up to you how you want the book to look when finished!

Once you're ready, choose your YA book cover from the sheet and cut it out. Glue it to the book's front cover.

Next, take your piece of self-adhesive magnet tape, remove the white lining, and stick it to the back of your book.

Your first mini book magnet is finished! You should have enough to make one more!

Don't like any of the YA book covers included? You can make your own. Find an image of the book cover you want, save it and re-size it to 4cm x 5.5 cm in an image editing program or even in Word or Publisher, and print it out.

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