

Handmade Hard-Bound Scrapbook Cover

Equipment

- Guillotine paper cutter
- Mod Podge roller applicator
- Mod Podge roller
- Paper folding knife
- The Cinch binding machine
- Scissors
- Iron
- Wire cutters

Materials

- 15 inch x 20 ½ inch book board
- 1 fabric fat block or fabric scrap that measures approximately 21 ½ inches by 11 inches
- Mod Podge
- 10 sheets of 8 inch by 8 inch card stock printed with patterns or 8 inch by 8 inch top loading scrapbook sleeves
- 2 sheets of white card stock 8.5 inches by 11 inches
- 1 inch owire
- Optional embellishments for the spine and outside front cover

Instructions

Prepare the Book Cover Pieces

1. Using the guillotine paper cutter, cut two 9 inch by 9 inch and one 9 inch by 1 inch pieces from the book board.



2. Press the fabric flat
3. Dry fit the pieces by laying the fabric out on a flat surface wrong side up and set the book board pieces on it in the following order keeping the edges of the book board centered on the fabric:
 - a. 9 inch by 9 inch piece
 - b. Leaving a space about the width of the thickness of the book board; 9 inch by 1 inch piece
 - c. Leaving a space about the width of the thickness of the book board; 9 inch by 9 inch piece



Glue the Book Board to the Fabric

1. Pick up the first piece of book board.
2. Apply Mod Podge to the entire surface using the roller applicator. (Figure 1 below)
3. Turn the book board over and set in place with the glued side to the wrong side of the fabric.
4. Pick up the 9 inch by 1 inch piece of book board and apply Mod Podge to one entire surface. (Figure 2 below)
5. Turn the 9 inch by 1 inch piece over and set it back in place.
6. Repeat the process with the last 9 inch by 9 inch piece of book board. (Figure 3 below)



Figure 1.



Figure 2



Figure 3



7. Carefully turn the full piece over and use the roller to remove any bubbles or wrinkles.



8. Let the glue dry for about half an hour.

9. Turn the piece over so that the inside is up.

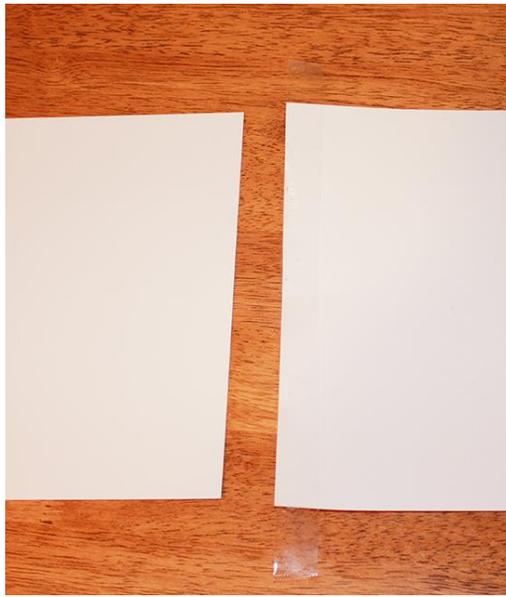
10. Glue all around the edges of the book board and then fold the fabric edges over the glued section.

11. Used the roller to smooth out any bubbles or wrinkles.



Prepare the Inside Book Cover

1. Apply doubled sided tape to one piece of 8 ½ inch by 11 inch card stock on the 8 ½ inch side.



2. Carefully line up the second sheet of 8 ½ inch by 11 inch paper over the tape on the first paper and press to adhere.
3. Cut off the excess tape.
4. Carefully fold the newly created sheet of paper in half and use the paper folding knife to make a nice crease.

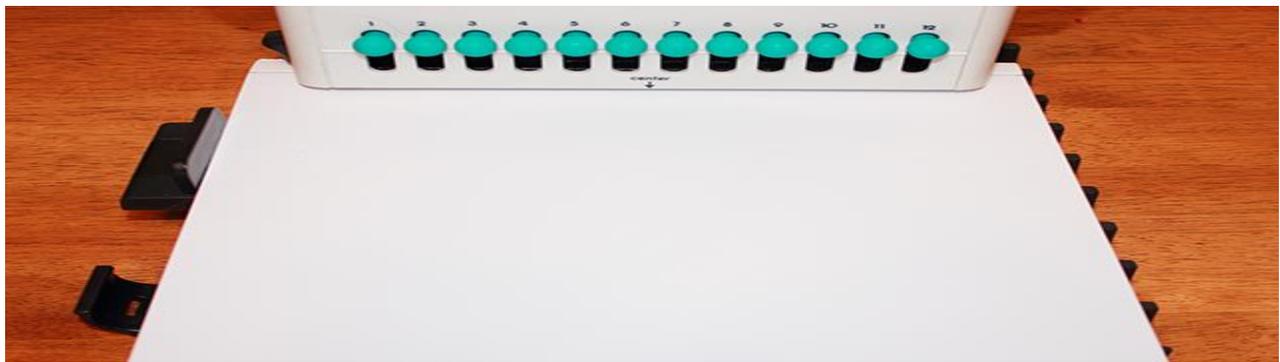


5. Make a pencil line on both edges on the folded side of the paper ½ to ¾ inch from the fold.
6. Fold on the lines you just created and use the paper folding knife to smooth the edges.
7. Repeat with the other side.
8. You should have a fold that looks similar to Figure 4



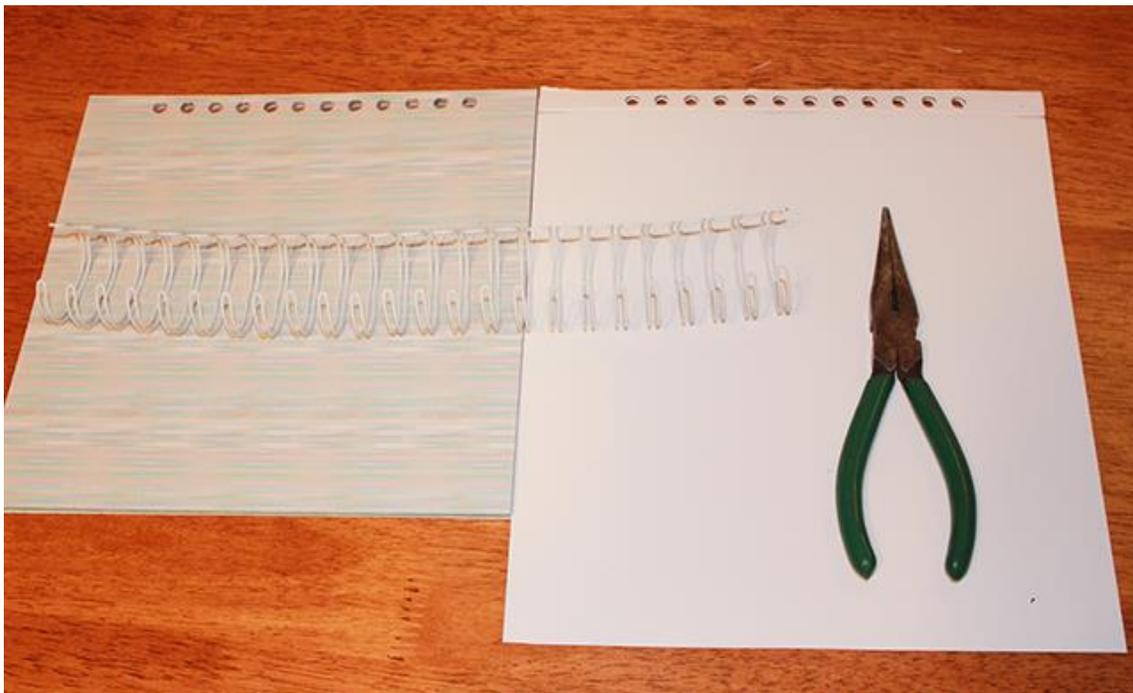
Figure 4.

9. Unfold the two folds just created so the paper is only folded once.
10. Insert the folded side into The Cinch, centering the paper, and punch the holes.

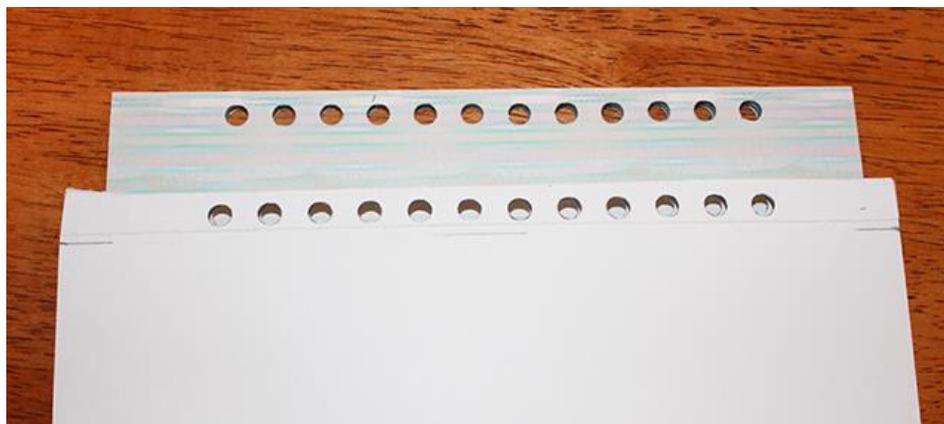


Prepare the Scrapbook Paper and Bind the Inside Cover

1. Insert the 8 inch by 8 inch scrapbook paper in The Cinch, making sure it is centered, and punch the holes.



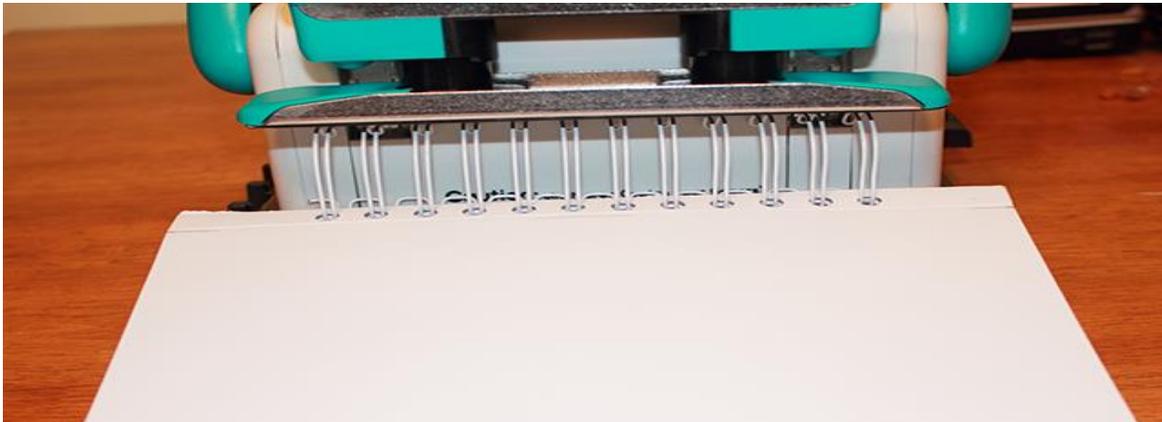
2. With the inside cover folded, place it over the scrapbook pages matching up the holes. Be sure the page you want as the first page is on top of the scrapbook pages. Note: The reason for doing it this way is to make sure that the 'seam' of the wire is in the back of the book making it less visible.



3. Press one side of the wire through the holes.
4. If the wire is too long, use wire cutters to trim it.



5. Using The Cinch, press the wire to close it.



Attach the Inside of the Book to the Hard Cover

1. Dry fit the inside cover. You will need to do a small amount of trimming of the inside cover paper to make it fit as shown in the image below. You want about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of fabric showing on the inside. The inside cover should cover all raw edges of the fabric folded over earlier.
2. Apply an ample amount of Mod Podge to the entire inside surface of the hard board front and back cover. Do not apply Mod Podge to the inside spine.
3. Carefully line up the inside cover, using the center or spine of the book for alignment, with the inside cover fold created earlier making sure all raw fabric edges are covered.
4. Use the roller to remove air bubbles or wrinkles.

Finished inside cover



Finished outside cover (embellished)

