

# Concertina Book

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The final album is approx. 5.5 x 5.5 inches

## You will need:

two sheets each of 12x12 cardstock (two colours - I used PINK and BLUE)

a selection of patterned 6x6 paper

two 5.5 x 5.5 chipboard covers

one yard/metre of ribbon

four large eyelets

6 thick Pop Dots

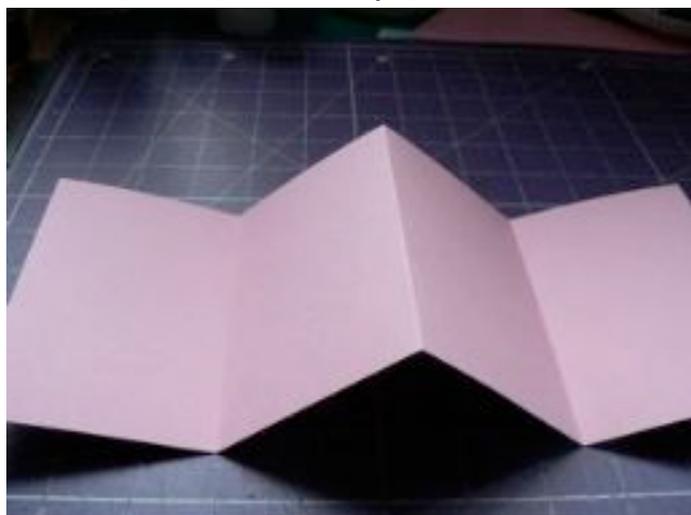
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**1.** Cut your cardstock - you will need FOUR  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x 12 inch strips (two pink, two blue) Set aside the two pink and one of the blue strips.

**2.** From the leftover bits of PINK cut one  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x 2 inch strip.

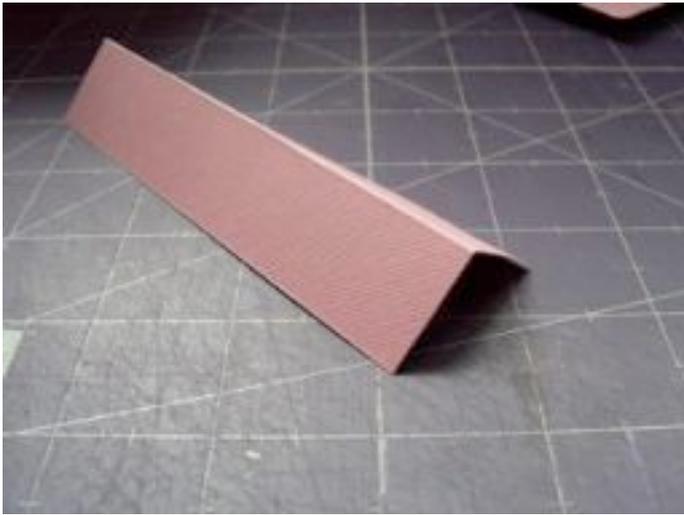
**3.** Cut the other  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x 12 inch strip of blue into two pieces, one  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x 6 inches and one  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x 2 inch strip.



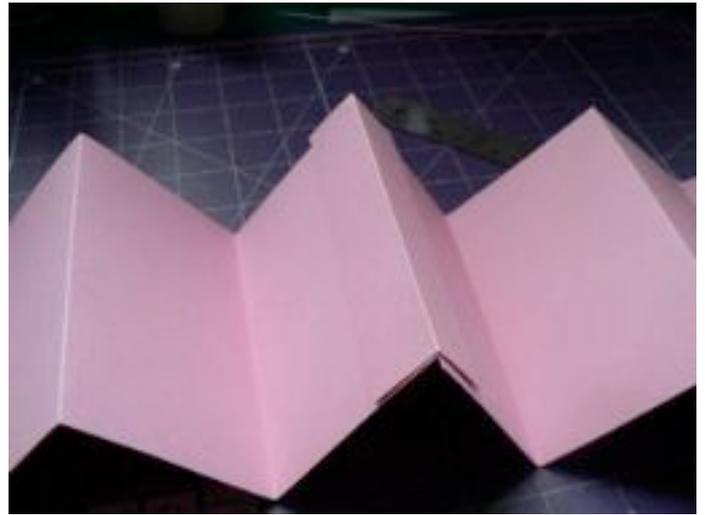
**4.** The book requires on strip of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x 24 inches and one strip of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x 18 inches so you will have to piece the cut bits to get the right sizes.

Score both long pink strips every 3 inches  
Score both larger blue pieces every 3 inches

Accordion fold all pieces, as shown. Start with a valley fold on both.

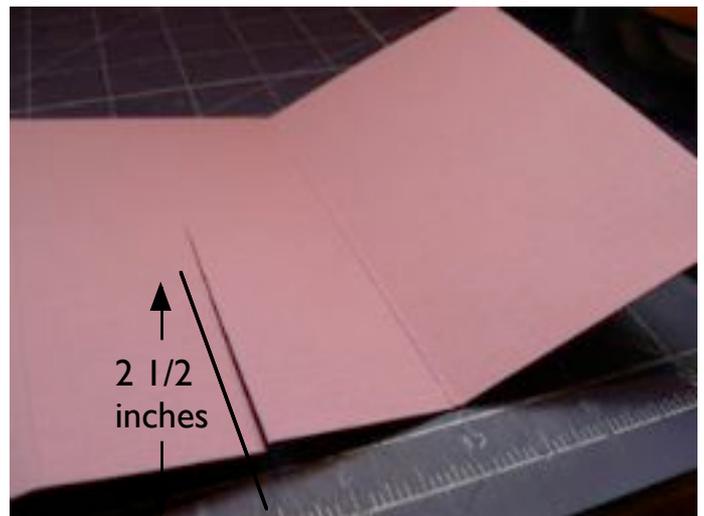
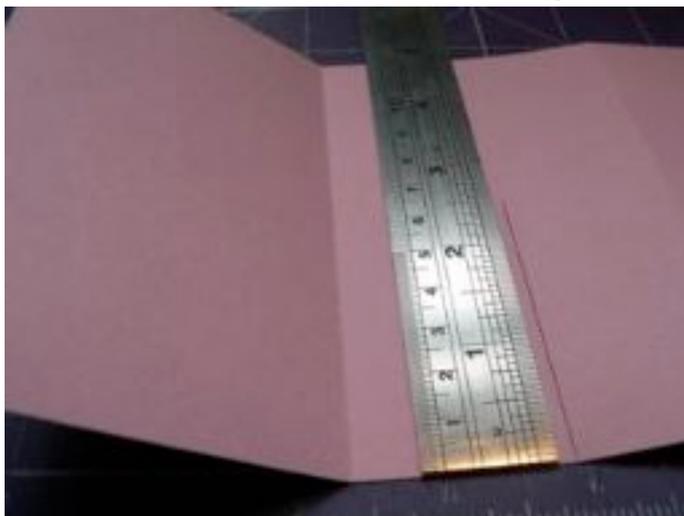


**5.** Score both the pink and the blue smaller pieces in half, lengthways.



**6.** Arrange the longer strips and stick the hinges to join, as shown. Double-sided tape or ATG makes a good strong join.

You will now have one strip of 8 pages and one strip of 6 pages

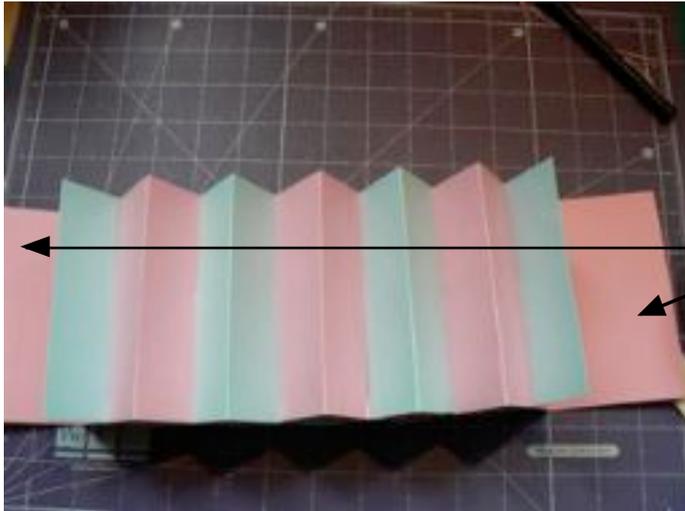


**7.** On the longer strip (pink, in my case) skip the first page and cut a 2 1/2 inch slit in all 6 middle pages from the bottom. On the blue strip, cut the slit on every page



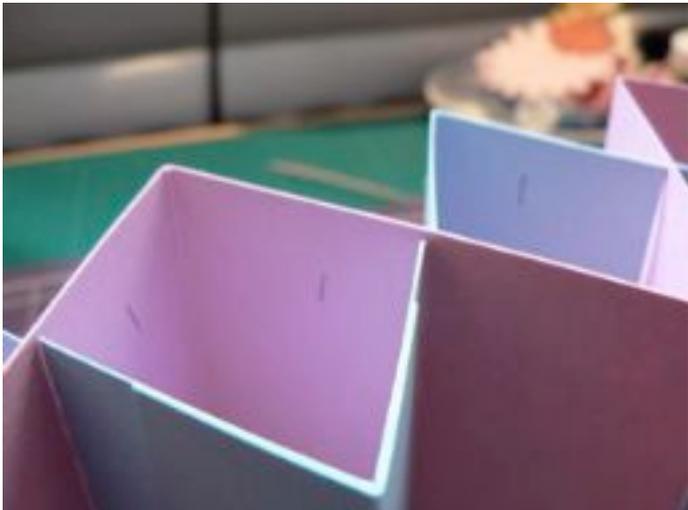
**8.** Now, reverse the smaller strip so the slits go from the middle to the top and leave the longer piece with the slits from the middle to the bottom. Gently slot the two pieces together. When you are done, the top and bottom edges will be even.

If you make our book bigger than 4 3/4 you will need to make the slit longer

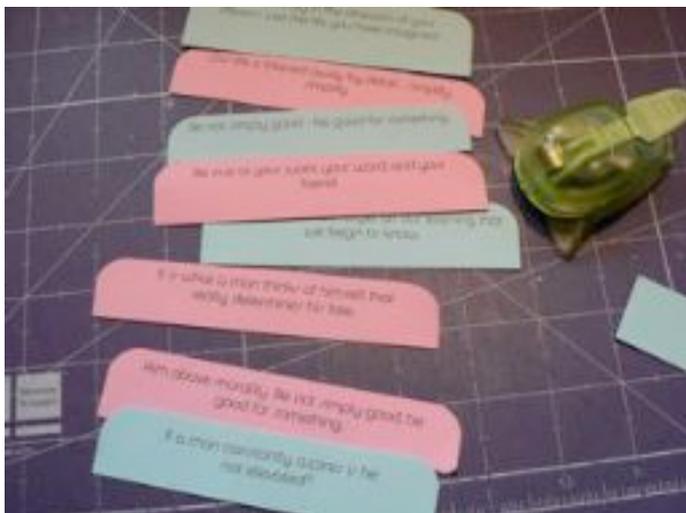


**9.** You should have two “pages” at the front and the back with no slits. These will be used to attach the covers.

I add patterned paper to each back page. decorate. You can skip this if you like and leave the inside as plain cardstock.

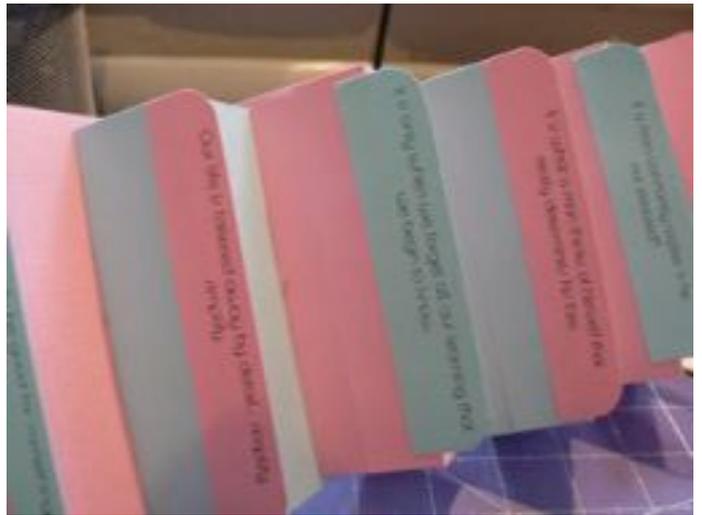
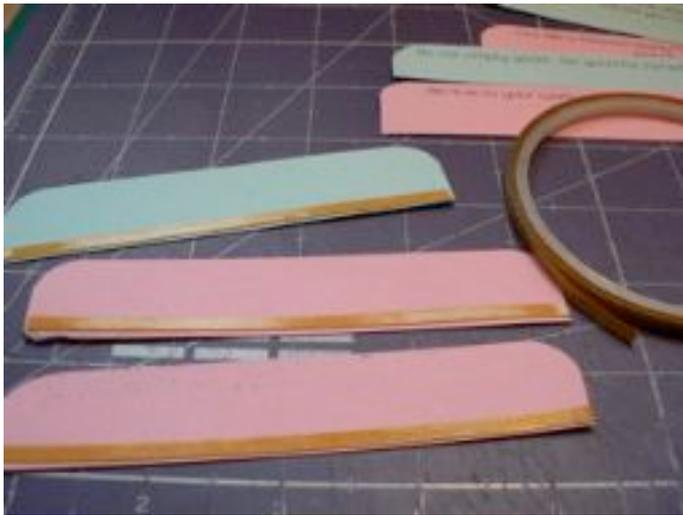


**10.** If you do want to decorate the inside, make a mark on each inside surface that you want to cover. Cut paper strips - mine are 1 1/4 x 4 1/2, to leave a slight border, attach to each marked page then re-slot the strips together again.

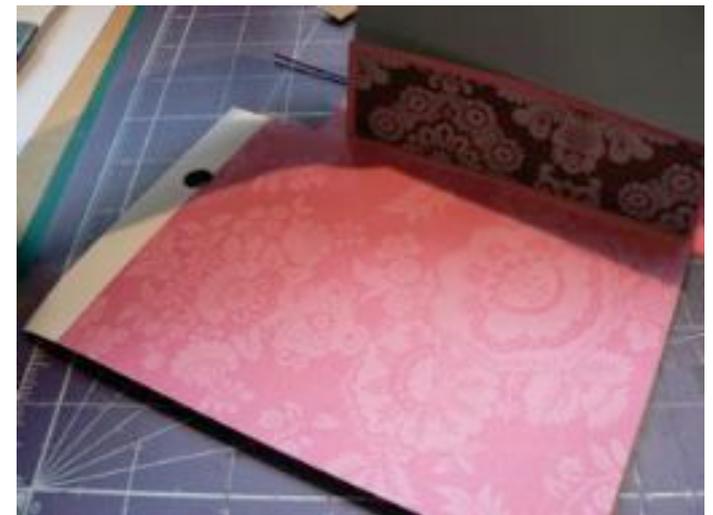


**11.** For my pages I added a 4 1/2 x 1 inch strip of cardstock, with quotes printed on them. The printed area should fill no more than 1/2 inch. You will need 1/2 inch to tuck under your photos, and you don't want more than 1/2 inch added to the pages - unless you cut the covers bigger!

I printed all the quotes then cut and rounded the top corners only.



**12.** Add the thinnest size of double sided tape to the bottom back of each quote tab and stick the quotes to each page. I tend to have my quotes leaning right, but you can make them leaning left if you prefer. You can use a tab punch instead, or pre-made tabs. You can make the smaller. You can omit the quotes and just decorate them. Lots of options.



**13.** Add plenty of strong adhesive to the back of the first uncut page. Stick it to the chipboard cover. Rather than centre it top to bottom, stick it flush to the bottom of the chipboard. This will make sure the book stands up nicely.

**14.** Cover the stuck page and the rest of the inside cover, including the little bit behind the book.

If you prefer, you can stick your patterned paper to both sides of the chipboard covers then stick the uncut book pages OVER the inside cover. It's a little easier and the plain cardstock page makes a mat for a larger photo. I've done both and either way looks fine.



**15.** To make the closure, set the large eyelets. Two in the front cover and two in the back. To be honest you can get away with just the two at the back, thread the ribbon through and wrap to the front to tie closed. If you do that you can use shorter ribbon.



**16.** Use the pop dots to mount the cover embellishment over the ribbon, so the ribbon slides freely behind it.





I edit then print just the bits of the photo I want, with bigger ones for inside the covers and on the cover.

As you can see for some I split the photo into two blocks

And this is what it looks like extended!



Have fun making your own. Any questions, drop a comment on my blog, or message me on YouTube

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