

Cut and fold instructions.

Whilst it looks complex, it really is very simple to produce the finished book. There are 2 main cut and fold types.

Standard cut and fold

This is where you measure and mark every page in the book according to the pattern guide. You then cut each page and fold back to produce the pattern.

Inset cut and fold pattern.

This is where like a normal pattern you mark and cut the pages as per the pattern HOWEVER you miss a page every other page.

We will explain how each of these work in more detail later. But first things first

1: Find a book that is at least 20cm tall (the pages not the cover).

2: Look at the pattern and see what the last set of numbers is. If it is 250 then that means you need 250 Leaves for the pattern (a leaf is a single piece of paper). You ALWAYS double this number for the book you need. So 250 leaves mean's you need a book with at least 500 numbered pages. If you find a book with more than you need, do not worry you can just tear out the ones you do not need. However, do not do this if the book you find has 700 numbered pages for instance. Try to find a book that matches the number you actually need.

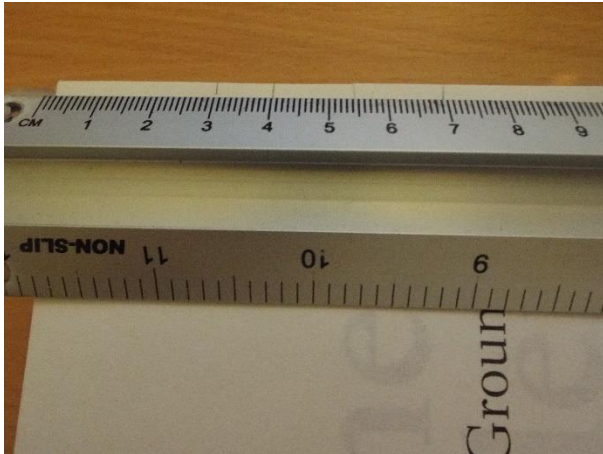
To make the pattern you will need:

1. A sharp pencil
2. A ruler
3. A rubber
4. A pair of scissors

Marking your book:

Take you book and turn it to the side so the spine faces your stomach.

Look at the pattern and see the first set of measurements. Measure from the "top left" corner of the book and mark each measure at the edge of the page. Sometimes for a simple pattern there may be 4 sets of measures, but for a complicated pattern they may be as many as 40. Make sure your measures are neat and right at the edge of the page



Follow the full set on measures through the entire book.

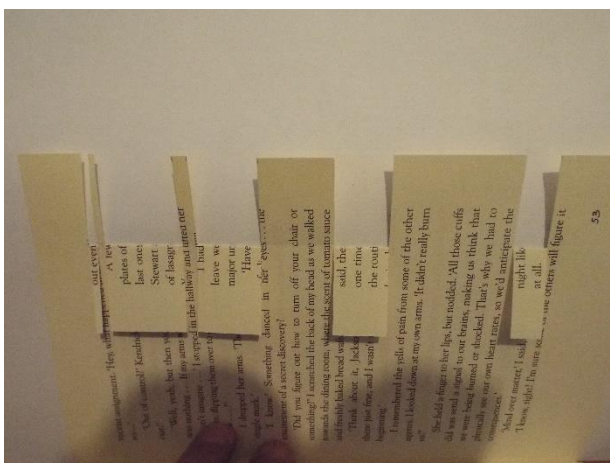
For a standard cut and fold you will measure every leaf as per the pattern

If your pattern is a standard cut and fold pattern, we now cut along EVERY line we marked at the edge of the page. Cut approx. 2cm into the page, do not worry if it is not exact. Continue until you have cut all the lines you marked throughout the book.

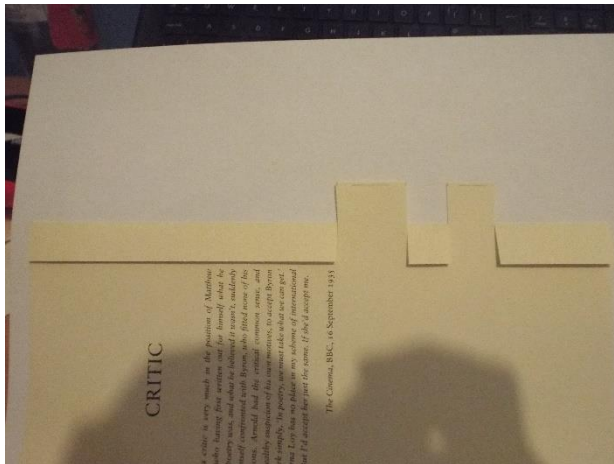
You now have 2 options:

You can make the image go into the book, or you make it protrude out of the book.

If you want the image to go into the book, fold every leaf between your cuts. Fold the paper approx. 1 cm towards the spine. Some people make a card template to fit into the book and press it into the spine to get even folds. Others fold over to the edge of the text, again this gives a uniform line for each fold. See the image for how your page should look for an image to go into the book.



If you want your image to protrude then you fold outside of the cuts you made as shown in the image below. Most pattern's look best folded inwards:



For a standard fold that's it. Just repeat the process throughout the book and watch the image appear like magic.

Inset page patterns:

You may find some patterns have a set of measures like this

1: 4.5 6.5 8.9 10.3

2:

3: 4.6 8.8 10.3 12.3 14.2 16.5

You will note that the second set of numbers has no measures. This is called an "inset page".

For this type you mark leaf one as per the pattern, then completely miss a leaf, and measure the third leaf with the third set of measures. You then miss a leaf and so on. This is the same for a "shadow fold" pattern.

Inset pages are used for pattern's that perhaps do not need to have every page measured and cut.

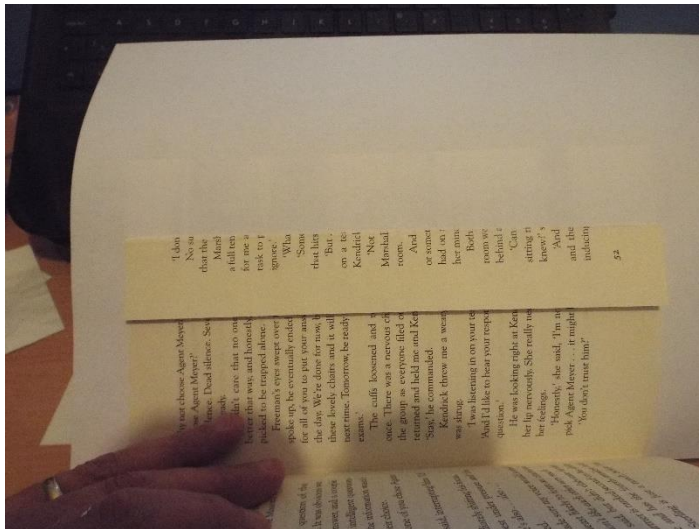
The process is exactly the same, but offer an additional option.

You mark and measure every other page of the book according to the pattern instructions. Then cut in exactly the same way. BUT you have 2 options as to how you proceed once you have measured and cut your pattern. Our advice is to do the following

Simply leave the pages that you didn't need to measure and mark alone. BUT cut and fold the ones that you have measured. The pattern will appear as a shadow on the book. Many patterns look great like this and it is called a shadow fold.

If you do not like it this way and prefer a more defined look then simply fold the pages you did not mark and cut inward towards the spine using the card template you made, or if you folded to the edge of the text, then fold then to the edge the exact same way you did the pages you cut. This will give you much more depth to the pattern.

Image of none measured leaves folded.



That's it. It really is simple and you will find the more you do the quicker you will get.

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