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IT IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

The first thing to check is that your book is tall enough for the pattern to work correctly. Measure your book's height, the PAGES not the cover.

Now check that the longest measurement on the pattern is not more than the height of your book.

Example.. If your book is 19cm tall (remember the page not the cover)

And you see that the pattern has a measurement of 20.9cm (just look for the highest number on the pattern) then your book is not tall enough.

Even if the longest measurement you can find is 18.5, still go find a taller book because you will struggle with the folds that you make later in the instructions.

Try to find a book 3 cm taller than the longest measurement on the pattern for best results and ease of folding.

Now we have the correct book we are ready to begin.

If the pattern says you need 330 leaves. That means you need a book with at least 330 individual separate pages. So the book will need to have 660 pages that are numbered.

Count all the pages in your book including pages that are not numbered.

So let's say the book has 658 numbered pages.

divide that by 2 so the number of individual pages is 329.

Now count the pages that aren't numbered. Count the actual pieces of paper.

So let's say there are 12.

So the total workable pages in the book is 329 plus 12. TOTAL 341

Your pattern requires 330 pages so minus this from 341. Which leaves 11 spare pages.

So, to make the book even, simply divide the number of spare pages by 2. Which in this case is an odd number 5.5... Obviously you can't do that so call it 5.

So count 5 individual pieces of paper from the very front of the book. Then start the pattern.

on the 6th page. when you finish the pattern you should be left with 6 pages at the end. Remember we had

11 spare individual pages and left 5 at the front. The pattern was 330 individual pages so

we will have 6 left at the end of the book.

This formula is the same for ALL patterns, and once you get used to using it will become

second nature. Practice it before you start to measure your lines and folding.

Now you're ready to measure and fold

Hold the book as you normally would.

Now turn the book 45 degrees to the left so the spine is facing you. And go to the page you need to start on.

In this case the 6th page, remember it is the 6th actual piece of paper (we left 5).

Measure from the top left corner across the book the first number e.g. 7.1 cm and mark it at the edge of the page.

Then measure the second number on the same page (again across the book) from the top left also

e.g. 10.3 and mark that at the edge of the page.

TRY TO HOLD THE RULER AS CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE PAGE AS POSSIBLE WHEN MARKING AND KEEP IT THE

SAME DISTANCE FROM THE EDGE FOR EVERY PAGE.

Now move to the next page and repeat only this time measuring the 2nd set of numbers

Then the 3rd and so on.

Once you have completed all the measurements you're ready for the next step.

Turn your book back to its normal reading position, and place your ruler adjacent to the spine

on the first page you measured from. Draw a line down the full length of the page letting your

ruler and spine be the guide. Repeat this on every page you placed measurements on.

NOW WE ARE READY TO FOLD!!

Place your ruler at an angle in the top right of the first page as if you were going to join the

mark you measured with your ruler to the end of the line that you drew against the spine. Fold the paper over the ruler

carefully press along the edge of the ruler with your finger. Then remove the ruler from under the

paper and I would suggest using a spoon to flatten the crease you have made again so it is

nice and crisp, repeat this on every page

Once complete, go back to page 1 again, and now join your second lower measurement with

the end of the line at the bottom of the page that you drew. Fold over again and repeat the

steps you did at the top, folding flattening etc.

Repeat until finished. And that's it, you have completed your book.

I would advise leaving your new book overnight front cover down with some weight on it

to flatten out any less tight creases. Then tie a ribbon etc. around it to hold the book semi open.

Some people cover their book, or decorate them.