
Six Pocket Keepsake Book with Jody Alexander

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

(bright music) - This is the six pocket origami book. This is a wonderful little folded book that is really just kind of a little pamphlet book, but it has six pockets. It has one on the front, one kind of secret one here in the middle, and then two inside, another one in the middle, and another one on the back. And you can glue down those little corners of it if they pop up. This is all made from one sheet of paper. There's all sorts of papers that work well for this. Be aware that it really folds down from a large piece of paper, so this folds down from a large piece of art paper, like a Canson or a Strathmore. And it folds down to about an eighth of its size, so just be aware of that. I'm gonna show you the folding technique for a six pocket origami book. (bright music)

Chapter 2 - Materials

Materials and variations

- This is a half sheet of the art paper. You could also use a map. Using a paper that's printed on two sides is really nice, because then you get printing all the way through it. I wouldn't do that on my first time, because maps already have folds in them and you might get mixed up on which are your folds and which are their folds. This is from an atlas page. An old, out-of-date atlas that I used. And that came out really, really nice. I'll show you what happens when you fold a one-sided piece of papers, you get a lot of this white space. So, be aware of that. This is a really nice marbled piece of paper that I had, but only marbled on one side, so now I'm having all this white space that I don't love. This is just a little tiny book that's folded down from an 8 1/2 by 11 piece of paper.

Chapter 3 - Create Book

Fold six pocket keepsake book

- I'm going to show you the folding technique. This is a half piece I've already torn this piece in half. I'm going to take it and fold it in half. All you need for this is a bone folder. That's the only tool that you'll need. So I'm going to use my hands to fold, but then also use my bone folder to help me really crease down that fold. Just once in one way is fine. You don't have to keep folding it back or fourth or anything. Open it back up. And then we're going to flatten it out. And you're going to meet the edge to that centerfold. And again I use my fingers to start down my crease, but then I use my bone folder to get the crease nice and crisp. You could open that back up again. Meet this edge to that centerfold. Use the bone folder. Open it back up again. Now we're going to fold in these short edges just about a half of an inch. That's a real approximation. You don't really even have to measure, but if you doing a smaller piece of paper, you might want to make that more like a quarter of an inch; a larger piece of paper about a half an inch. So again I'm not even going to measure, I'm just going to fold it down about a half an inch. It really doesn't have to be terribly exact. I use my bone folder to help that crease. I'm going to do it again on the other side. Just use my fingers to kind of guide it to hopefully keep it pretty straight. If it's a little crooked, it's okay. Alright so this is what we have so far. Now we're going to fold down each of these corners and we're going to meet it to the fold. We're going to meet this edge to this fold. We're going to do that to all four sides. Again using my fingers and the bone folder just really helps you get that crease nice and crisp. So we're getting there. Alright, so this is what it should look like now. We're ready to just fold these in. This fold is

already created so you're just, you know, folding where you've already folded. Make sure everything at this point is nice and crisp. Alright, then we're going to flip the whole thing over. And never, it doesn't hurt to just keep boning down there. Okay, so now we're on the side where you don't see any of the folds and we're going to do, again, about a half an inch or maybe even for this side it's about five eighths of an inch fold on this edge. So if you feel more comfortable measuring, you can do that, or you can just kind of eyeball it. Which I really like to do. Just eyeball it. So I'm just kind of using my fingers to crease, and then my bone folder to make that nice and crisp. And now you're going to start seeing it take shape. So now this is what we have. I'm going to fold this piece in half that we have that already has a lot of folds in it. And we're going to meet that to the top. And again crease it with the bone folder. This piece of paper is a little thick but it works fine. If your paper is a little thicker, you're just going to have to work just a little harder. Alright, so now we have these little corners to tuck into; however, if you just tuck them in now, you're going to have kind of this bulkiness here that doesn't quite fit. So what's suggested that you do, before you tuck those in there, is that you pull this pocket just a little bit to the center and you're re-creasing this just a little bit. Just a little bit. So it's going to fit in there a little nicer. Okay, and I'm going to do that again. I'm going to pull on this corner of the pocket. I'm just going to pull it in, get my bone folder, and just give it kind of a new little crease. And it's really not noticeable, but it really helps the whole book fit together here in the end. So after I fit that in there, I am again, just going to use my bone folder to help crease this down. And now we're ready to fold the whole thing together. And there, we've got our six pocket origami book. If you're worried about these popping out a little bit, you could just put a little bit of glue. A little bit of PVA glue in there, and let it dry for a little while and those will really stay nice and tight.