

Book Nightlight

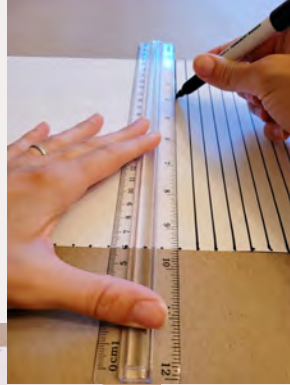
Supplies Needed:

- Sheets of white A4 paper
- Brown paper
- Wooden stylus (included) or dry embosser with round tip
- Ruler with centimeters
- Battery powered fairy lights
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue or double-sided tape

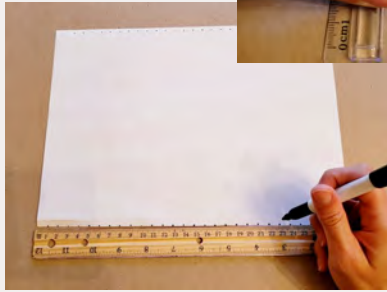
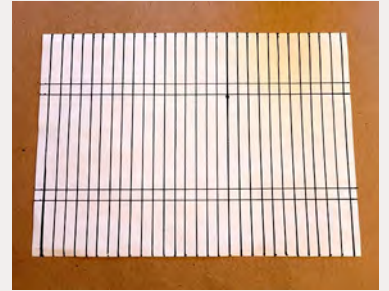


Practicing on a scrap paper, especially through Step Six is highly recommended!

Step One: Place the paper horizontally on a table. Mark with a pencil every centimeter along the top and bottom edges (*the long sides*). Lightly connect the marks at the top and bottom with a vertical line. This creates lines on the sheet of white A4 paper making it easier to fold.



Step Two: Along the short sides of the paper, mark on each side at 5cm and then 6cm from each edge. Lightly connect the marks with lines across the page.

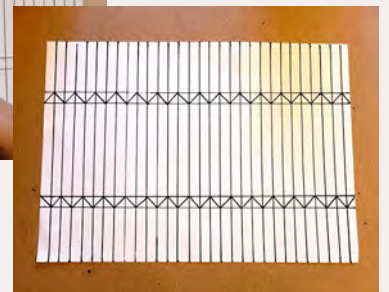
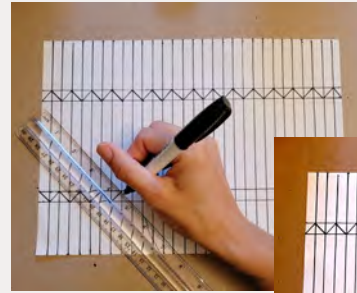


Black Sharpie was used in these photos so the lines can be seen.

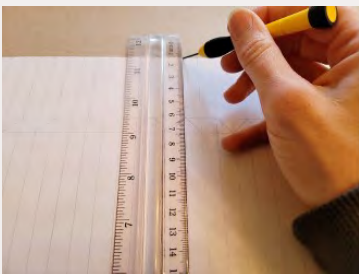
For help, check out this video!



Step Three: In the centimeter squares created horizontally, make diagonal lines. Begin on the left side of the page, alternating directions per square to make a continuous zig-zag across the page. In the top row, from the left, connect the bottom left corner to the top right corner of the first square. The next square will be top left to bottom right. The third square is bottom left to top right. Repeat this pattern all the way across. In the bottom row, from the left, we will use the opposite pattern, beginning with top left to bottom right, then bottom left to top right, and so on.



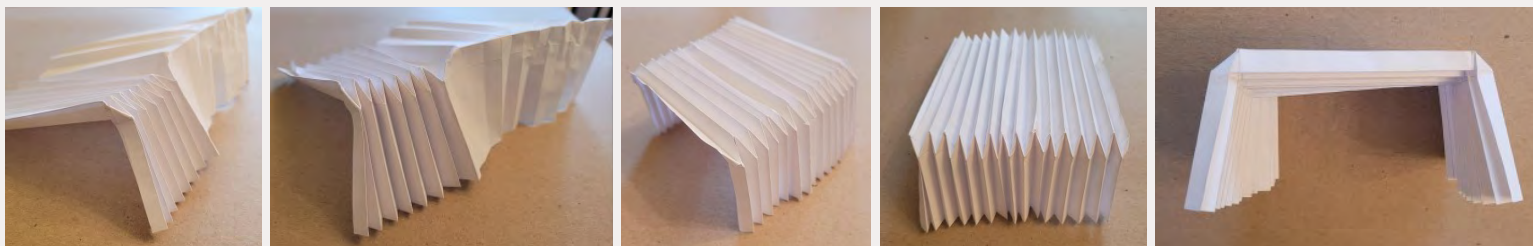
Step Four: Now that the folding grid is complete, go back and score ALL your lines with the wooden stylus, pressing down firmly but not ripping the paper. Scoring the paper will create a valley that allows it to fold easily in the following steps. Try to be as exact as possible. You should be able to feel the score lines on your paper.



Step Five: Accordion fold the paper along the vertical lines. Open and flatten. Then fold along the horizontal lines, open, and flatten.



Step Six: This step can be challenging to start, but once you get flowing, it gets easier! Working on one side at a time, begin refolding the accordion, but this time, folding the legs down. When you get about halfway through switch to the other side. Fold until both sides are folded in. The zig zag lines will guide the accordion so it can continue down the legs. **Tip: If top is folded out, legs are folded in. Once completed, do a happy dance!**



Step Seven: Time to make the cover! Cut the brown paper to 11 cm by 15 cm. Create a 1 cm spine down the center of the brown paper by marking 7 cm and 8 cm on the 15 cm sides. Lightly connect the marks then score with the wooden stylus. Fold each side inward.



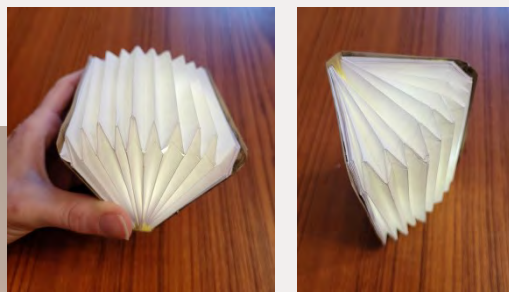
Step Eight: Remove the string lights from packaging and make sure they're working. Then tape to one side of the book's inside cover. Leave enough length so that the switch can be accessed from outside the book.



Step Nine: Glue or use double-sided tape to secure one side of the accordion to the perimeter of one side of the cover. The legs should be slanted slightly towards the center of the book. Compress the accordion and glue the other end to the opposite side of the cover. **Tip: Place a heavy object on the closed book to make sure the pages stay in place while drying. Allow to dry completely.**



Step Ten: If desired, you can tape the switch onto the back of the book. For more detail, round the edges of the book cover. Flip the switch and enjoy your adorable new book nightlight!



Personalization: Decorate the cover! Glue on pictures or draw your own. This would be easiest to do before Step Eight. If you'd like to decorate the pages themselves, you can draw or add stickers before step four. Send us pictures of where your nightlight ended up on our Way Public Library Facebook page!



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