

Castlewood Makerspace Makers Moment DIY Sketchbook

Learn how to create your own sketchbook



I recommend reading through the entire tutorial before starting

Materials Needed

- Copy Paper
(5 sheets or more)
- X-acto Knife / Scissors
- Bone folder (optional)
- Embroidery Thread
- Cutting Mat
- 12x12 Cardstock
- Ruler
- Safety Pin
- Thick Needle



Step 1

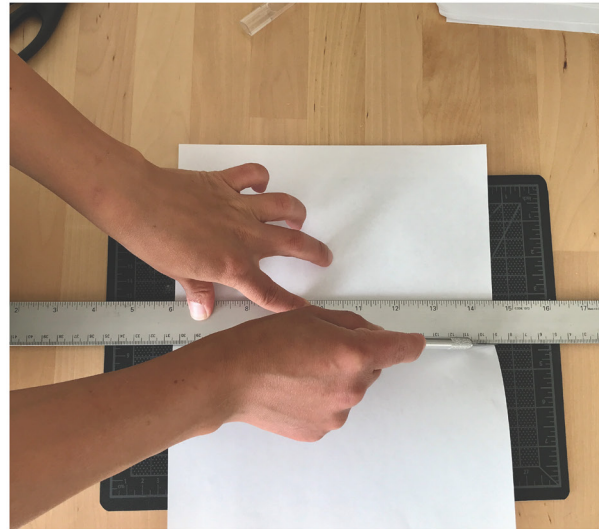
Gather all materials

Fold all your copy paper sheets in half



Step 2

Cut the paper using scissors or an x-acto knife and a ruler for a straight cut.

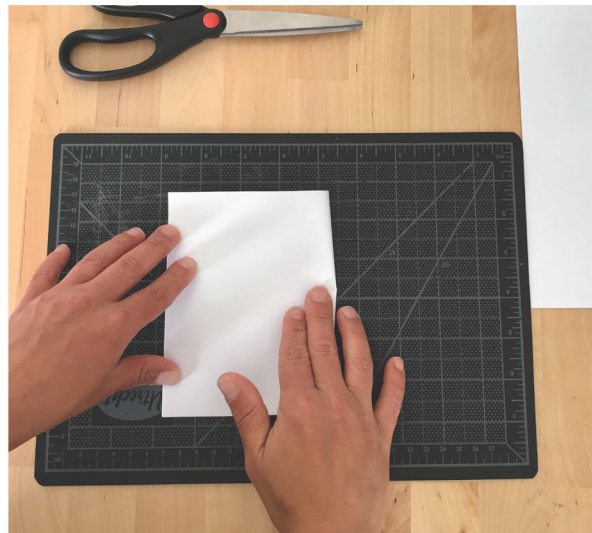


Step 3

With the half cut sheets, fold those sheets in half

You may use your fingers or a bone folder for crisp folds

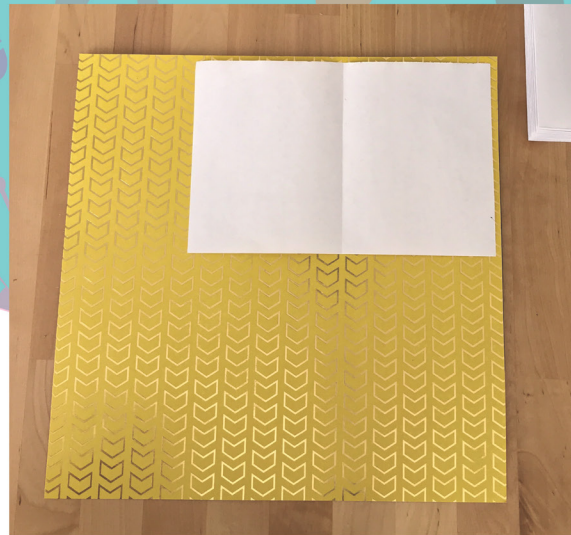
Follow the same steps with the rest of the sheets, until you have a stack



Step 4

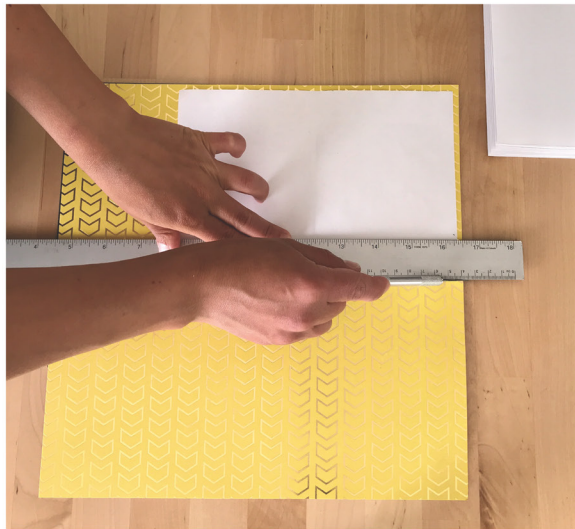
Cover will be 8.5" x 6"

Fold your 12 x 12 sheet in half and use the bone folder or the back end of some scissors to have a crisp fold.



Step 5

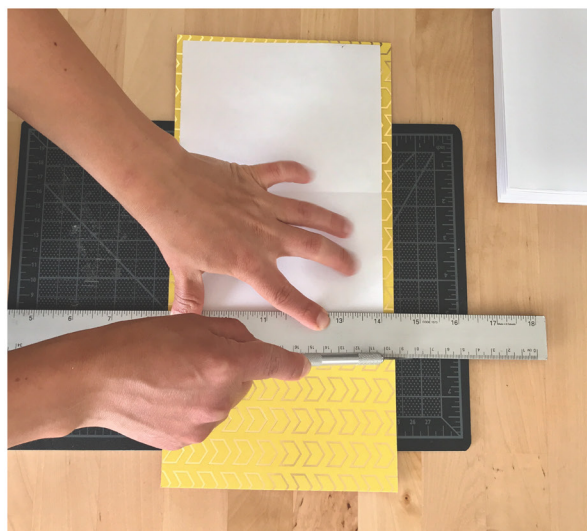
Using a ruler and an x-acto knife, cut lengthwise



Step 6

Use the ruler to measure 8.5" on top and bottom of your sheet.

With the x-acto knife cut at the 8.5" mark.



Step 7

Using your fingers or a bone folder, fold your cover sheet in half



Step 8

Line up your copy sheet on top of your cover sheet and center

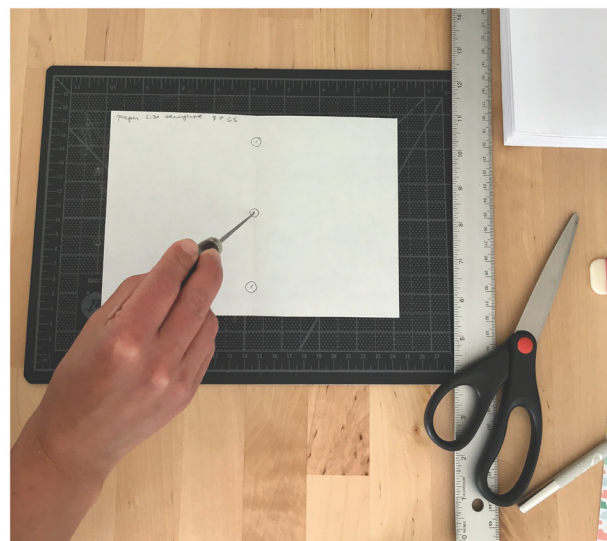


Step 9

Using the awl or a nail
Eyeball the center, top,
and bottom of your
sheets

Make 3 small holes

Poke your holes on all
the copy sheets



Step 10

Insert your thread through the needle

Cut a long piece of thread- line the ends and make a knot

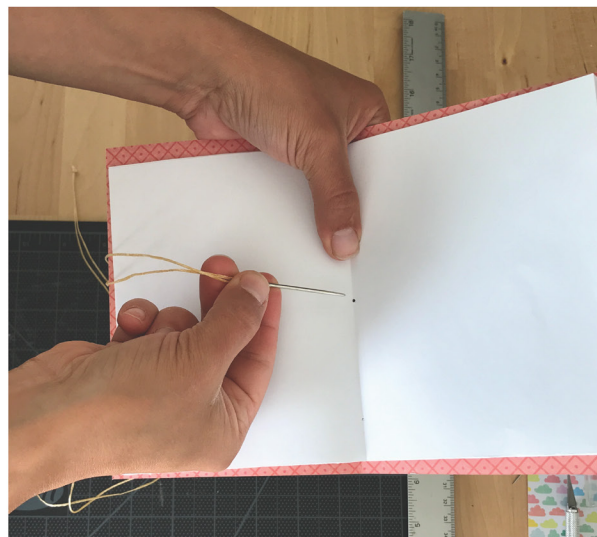


Step 11

Stack your cover and sheets

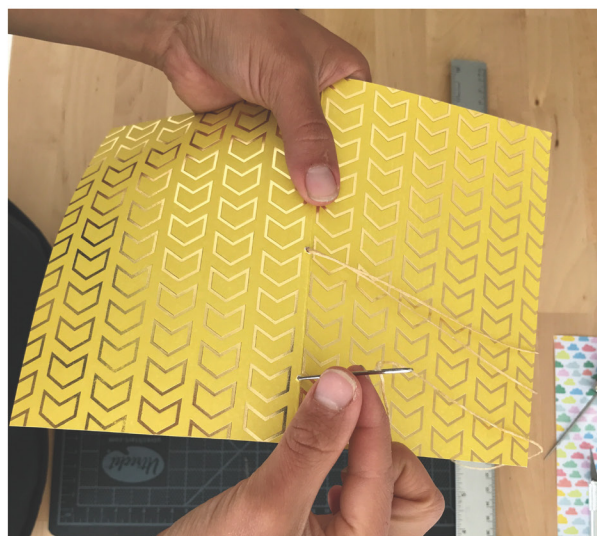
Insert your needle through the center hole from the inside of your book

The knot sits on the inside



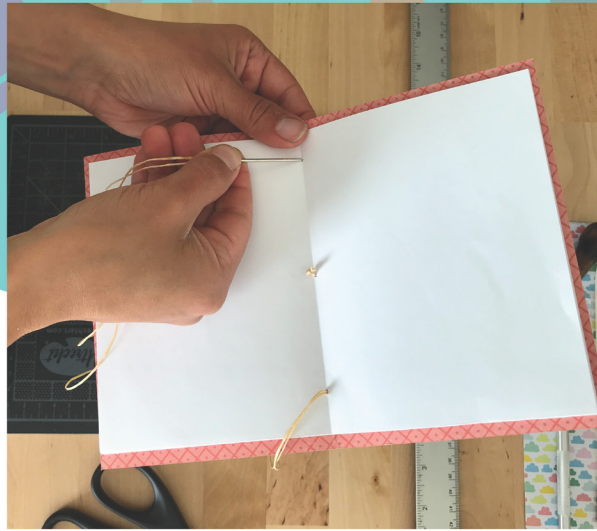
Step 12

From the outside, insert your needle through the top hole of the book



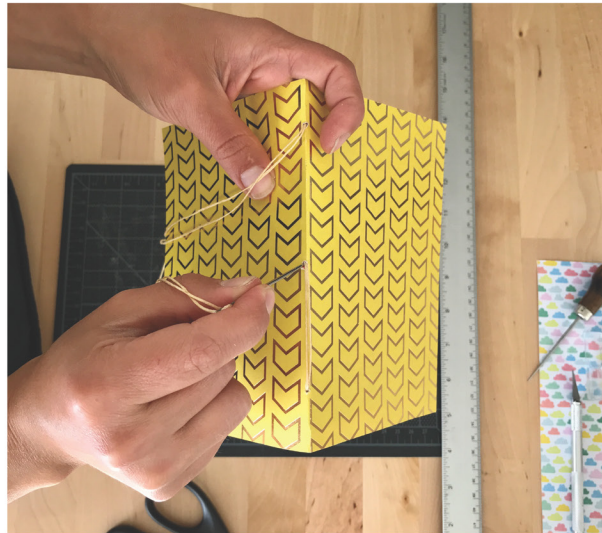
Step 13

Then, from the inside of the book insert the needle on the bottom hole



Step 14

From the front cover, insert the needle through the center hole again



Step 15

Finally, create a square knot on the inside of the book

Cut excess thread



Awesome!

You've made your own sketchbook!



Here are some ideas to get started using your sketchbook:

Art Journaling
Bullet Journaling
Note Taker
Sketching
Doodling
Planner
Diary