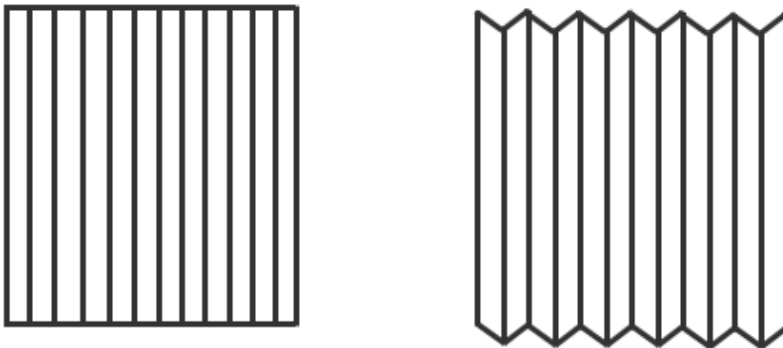


# FLAG BOOK

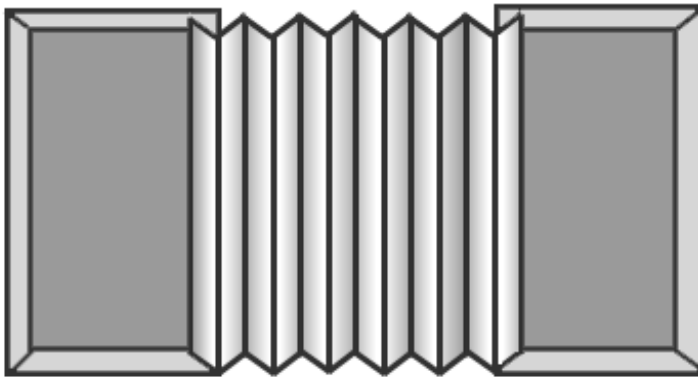
The Flag book, sometimes known as the criss-cross or flap book, takes its name from its pages, usually rectangular in shape, which cross back and forth over each other when the book is pulled to extend it.

## Directions

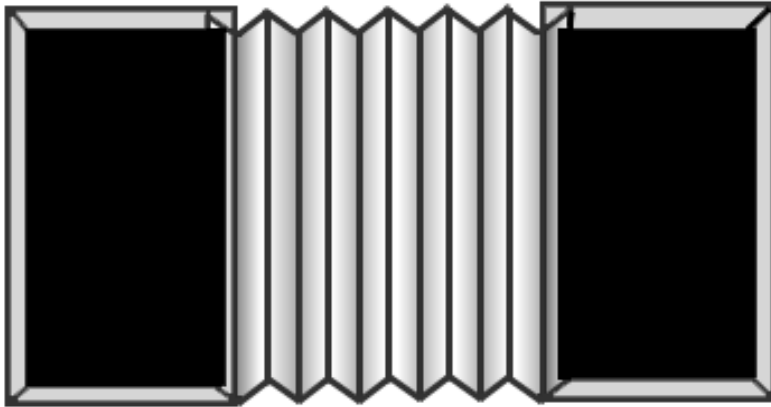
- 1 Decorate both sides of the watercolor paper, using dyes, inks and/or paints. Use additional drawing media to further personalize the paper.
- 2 Cut 15  $3\frac{1}{4}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$  " pages from the decorated paper. Design the pages according to the theme, cutting out sections, adding on other pieces, collaging, figuring out patterning. [his is an important step in creating the book.
- 3 For the spine, cut a piece of watercolor paper 10 x 12". Mark this piece every 1" along the 12" side and then fan-fold along each marked line.



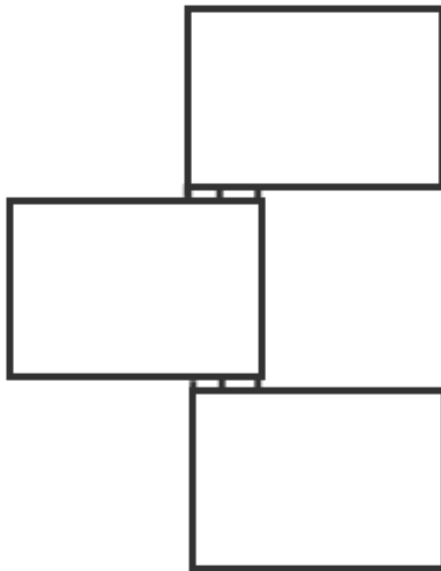
- 4 Cut two 7 X 10" pieces from the chipboard for the covers. Cover them individually with 10 x 13" pieces of watercolor paper. Glue the end folds of the accordion spine to the cover pieces. Make sure that the bottom of the accordion is flush with the bottom of the cover.



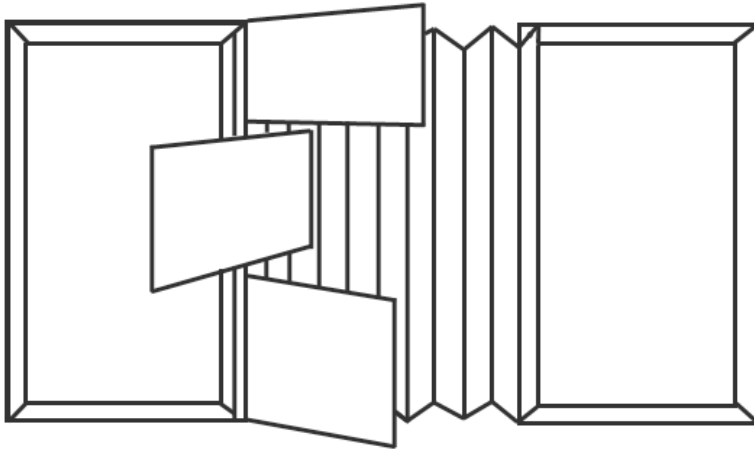
- 5 The end pages may be glued on now, covering the glued down end folds.



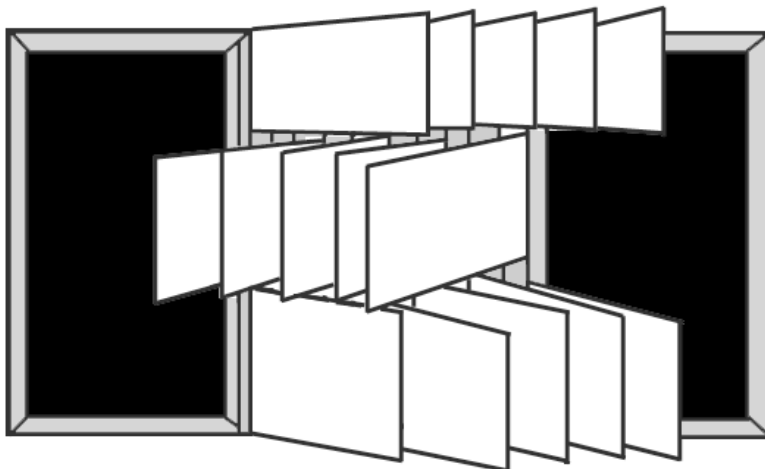
- 6 Begin gluing the decorated and cut pages onto the spine. The top and bottom sections of each page will be glued onto the fold going to the right, and the middle section of each page will be glued onto the fold going to the left. Leave about 1/8 " between the page sections so that the pages criss cross easily when opened.



**7** It is very important that the bottom sections be glued flush to the bottom of the accordion spine so that the book does not tip over when displayed.



**8** Continue gluing on each section, until the accordion spine is filled with the pages. There will be 10 sections to the right and 5 sections to the left.



The book can be displayed as a traditional book, with the accordion extended and the pages crossed or, by pulling the covers around, back to back, and tying them so that the book pages fan out in a circular format. Any way that it is done, the display and viewing of this type of sculptural book will certainly draw attention.