

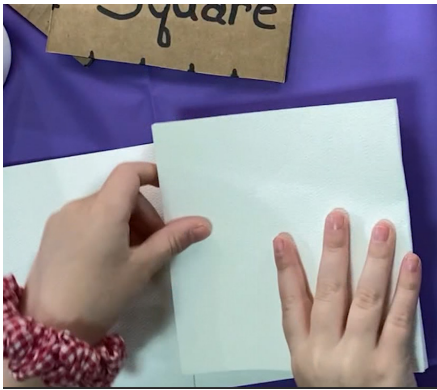
# Activity: Accordion Nature Journal

Cardboard, paper, glue, and ribbon are all you need to create your very own nature journal, accordion-style.

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## THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED

- 2 Squares of Cardboard, 6"x6" each
- 2 Squares of Decorative Paper, 8"x8" each
- Length of Paper, 51"x5" (Watercolor paper or heavyweight kraft paper work well.)
- 42" Length of Ribbon
- Glue
- Paint Brush or Foam Brush
- Collage Materials (Optional)
- 5"x5" Cardboard Template (Optional)



### Step 1

Fold the watercolor paper accordion-style. This will become the pages of your nature journal. Optional: We traced a 5"x5" square template every 5" to guide us with our folds. Trim off any excess.



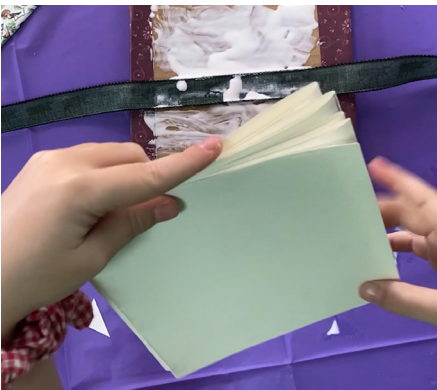
### Step 2

Cover your bookends. Glue decorative paper to the cardboard squares, leaving 1" of paper overhang on all 4 sides. Snip paper corners diagonally, then glue the 1" paper overhang to the back of the cardboard.



### Step 3

Center and glue a ribbon onto the back cover. Optional: Add collage elements to your cover.



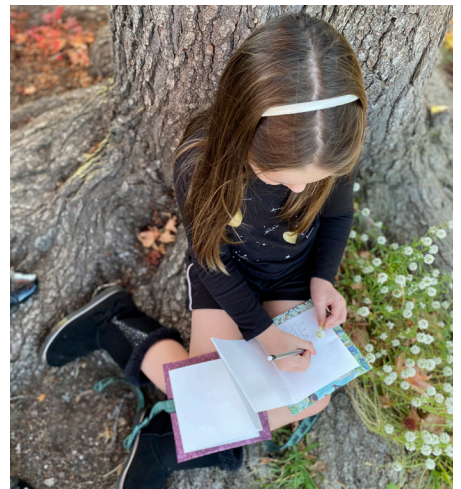
### Step 4

Glue the back cover to the last accordion page.



### Step 5

Glue the front cover to the first accordion page. Let your nature journal dry overnight.



### Step 6

Tie up your nature journal, and find a spot to observe nature and the world around you!