

Explosion Book

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Materials:

3 sheets solid cardstock 8-1/2" square
2 pieces patterned paper 5-1/2" square
2 pieces chipboard or cardboard 4-1/2" square

Optional: You will need a total of 10 squares of decorative paper to cover the inside squares of the book. Four different coordinating papers cut to a little less than 4-1/4" square.

Ribbon, 1 yard Embellishments , photos of your choice.

Larger Size (6.5 inches)

3 sheets solid cardstock 12" square
2 pieces patterned paper 8-1/2" square
2 pieces chipboard or cardboard 6-1/2" square

Instructions for Making the Explosion Book:

Fold a piece of solid cardstock in half lengthwise. Open it up and fold it lengthwise again in the opposite direction. Turn the cardstock over so that the folds are pointing up in a mountain fold. Take the bottom right hand corner up to meet the top left hand corner. Do not fold twice this time -- only one diagonal fold.

Repeat this procedure with the other two pieces of solid cardstock. Place your three pieces of solid cardstock so that the first and third pieces' original two folds form valleys and the middle piece's original two folds form a mountain.

Take the left hand piece of cardstock and overlap completely the far right square of it onto the far left hand square of the middle piece of cardstock. Take the right hand piece of cardstock and overlap completely the left hand square of it onto the far right hand square of the middle piece of cardstock.

Using a hot glue gun, glue the 5-1/2" (or 8-1/2" if doing the bigger book) square pieces of patterned scrapbooking paper to the chipboard.

Cut the corners diagonally and fold over edges. Glue these down and you get a nice professional finish.

Glue one onto the front of your book. For the back of your book take your other piece of covered chipboard and place it upside down. Glue ribbon to it centered, and then glue ribbon side to back of book.

Glue your smaller patterned scrapbooking papers to the inside squares. You will have to cut some of them diagonally first and then glue into place.

Embellish with photos, embellishments, etc.

Fold book up and tie with ribbon.