

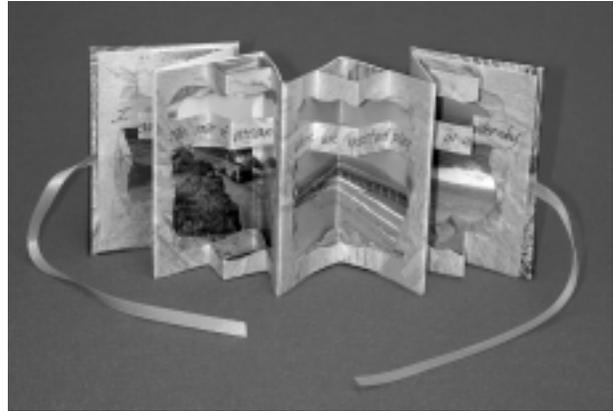
Star Book

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General Description

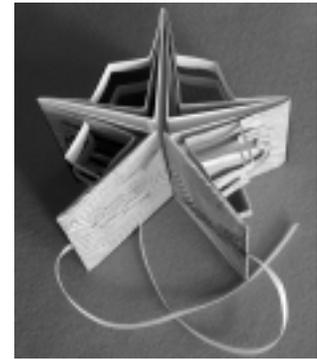
The star book is simply three accordion books sewn or glued together! It's relatively easy to make and can be read in the conventional manner by turning pages or set up and displayed as a sculptural book that functions as a tunnel book does, where you look into the pages. This version of the star book allows for four facing pages and a separate cover.

The finished size of the star book will vary depending on the size of the paper that you use.



Materials

- Three strips of paper, called "panels" — each one inch shorter than the previous. The longest panel can be any length. The sample you see, *Sand, Ocean, Sky*, is 22 inches in length. Any height will do.
- White glue or glue stick.
- Cover papers: cardstock or any heavyweight paper. Cut to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch larger than folded size of book.
- Scissors for cutting away parts of the middle and outer panels.
- White glue with brush or glue stick.



Preparation

Cut cover papers and panel papers.

Procedure

1. Fold all three panels, just as you would do with any accordion book. All three panels have the same number of folds. Refer to the folding directions for the *Accordion Book* found in this book let, following steps 1 through 6.
2. Design and make the background panel — the longest strip of paper. Students can collage or paint their background colors or images.
3. Design and make the middle and outer panels, cutting away so that the background panel can be seen. Because you have already folded the middle and outer panels you can more easily see where one set of facing pages starts and stops.
4. Glue the three panels together. Line up the three panels, and run a line (thin) of white glue or glue stick inside the fold that comes out, starting by gluing the background panel to the middle panel. Wait five to ten minutes for it to dry. Then glue the outer panel to the two already glued together.
5. Glue outside tips of two outer panels to the tip of the background panel.
6. Cut cover boards to a measurement that is one-eighth inch larger than the folded size of the book. (Note: Cover boards can be covered in cloth or decorated paper!)
7. Apply glue stick or white glue to cover board and attach to front page of star book. Do the same to back page and cover.

