

Accordion Fold Photo Album

This is a very easy folded album that can be made small enough to fit in a pocket or purse or large enough to display on a coffee table. As a grandmother, I certainly prefer the pocket/purse size because I can always have pictures of my grandchildren readily available to show off!



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Supplies Needed

- 3—6" squares of Stampin' Up! Designer Series Papers! **The sample and instructions use the Designer Series Paper, Tea Party.**
- 2—4-1/4" to 6" squares of printed paper to cover cardboard for front and back.
- 2—3-1/4" squares of light cardboard. If you are using Stampin' Up! Designer Series Paper, the cardboard that came in the pack is the perfect weight for a small album. 1 Piece of ribbon. For this album, 15" is a good length.
- Adhesives. I use glue stick to put the album together and transparent tape to attach the ribbon to one of the album covers.
- Embellishments, including stickers punched card stock shapes, brads, eyelets—whatever you have and want to use.

Instructions

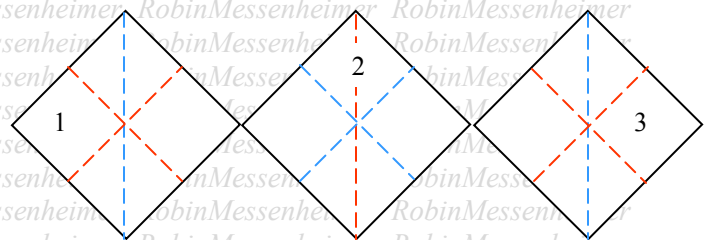
Folding the album papers. I'm going to refer to the first 3 squares of paper as Square 1, Square 2, and Square 3. Place all 3 squares on the table with the side/pattern/color you wish to be on the inside of the album facing up.

Square 1 and Square 3: Fold the square in half both vertically and horizontally — valley fold. Fold the square on one diagonal only — mountain fold.

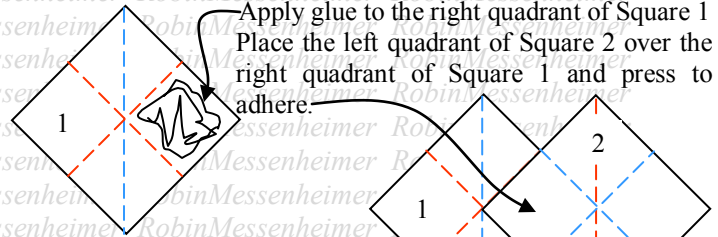
Square 2: Fold the square in half both vertically and horizontally — mountain fold. Fold the square on one diagonal only — valley fold.

Use a bone folder (or just the surface of a fingernail) to make all the creases firm. Fold the diagonal folds in towards the middle of each square and fold all sides into a 3" square.

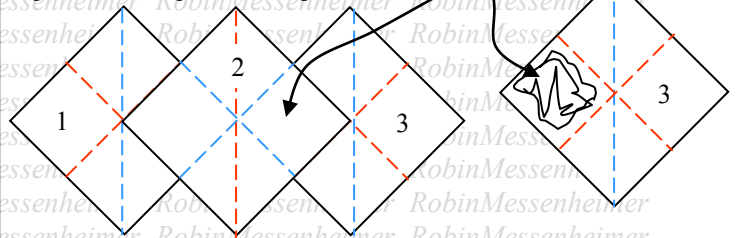
Assembling the album papers. Arrange the 3 squares side by side with the diagonal folds parallel. The Mountain Folds are shown in blue and the Valley Folds are shown in Red.



Apply glue to the right quadrant of Square 1. Place the left quadrant of Square 2 over the right quadrant of Square 1 and press to adhere.



Apply glue to the LEFT quadrant of Square 3. Place the right quadrant of Square 2 over the left quadrant of Square 3 and press to adhere.



Fold the album up into a 3" square. Cover the two cardboard pieces with Designer Series Paper, trimming the paper at the corners, folding the edges to the back of the cardboard, and gluing in place. Very little of this will show, so neatness is not that big an issue. Finally, glue the two covered pieces of cardboard to the front and back of the folded album. Adhere ribbon to the front **OR** back of the album (if you glue in both places, the album will not open!) Cover the place where you have glued or taped the ribbon with an embellishment. Then add photos and decorate away!



Inside of finished album.



Outside of finished album.

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