

This well-known form is a fun structure for both books and for ornaments. Folded square sheets of paper joined together can create a long accordion or form a star shape. We will make two models: one is designed to use as an accordion book form, the other is perfect for an ornament. The ornament folds down into a small book-like object, which when opened transforms into the star shaped ornament. This structure has lots of possibilities for variation depending on the materials and the page attachment.

### Paper

- For the accordion

#### Pages:

(7) sheets text weight paper 4" x 4" (any colors or a variety)

#### Covers:

(2) pieces 4-ply mat board 2.25" x 2.25" (can substitute a similar thickness board)

(2) pieces of decorative text weight paper to cover the boards 3.25" x 3.25"

- For the ornament

(5) sheets text weight paper 2.5" x 2.5" (any kind that holds a fold, even thinner, sparkly, or translucent paper)

(2) pieces 2- or 4-ply mat board 1.5" x 1.5" (any color and we will trim down)

(2) pieces of decorative text weight paper to cover the boards 2.25" x 2.25"

(1) piece of cord, string, or thin ribbon, 12" long

(1) small bead with a hole sized to take two strands of the cord (such as crimp beads for jewelry)

### Tools:

- Pencil
- Scissors
- Bone folder
- Metal ruler, 12"
- X-acto knife, or similar craft knife and extra blades
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Glue stick
- Piercing tool or awl
- Right triangle
- Scrap paper for gluing, including about (12) each of 2.5" squares and of 1.5" squares
- Japanese hole punch (optional)
- Any other tools you like to use