

ALL-IN-ONE BINDING FOR SCRAPBOOK MINI ALBUMS

(This free tutorial is provided by Christine at www.scrappinrabbit.com)

I'm including the dimensions of the pieces I use below but cut the pages to whatever size you want. In this tutorial I have 6 pages, but again use the number of pages you wish.

Cut from heavy-duty cardstock (I used 140 lb watercolour paper):

- Pages #1-#5: 7"w x 8-1/2"h
- Page #6: 6-3/4"w x 8-1/2"h

Cut from regular cardstock (I used 65 lb Recollections cardstock from Michaels):

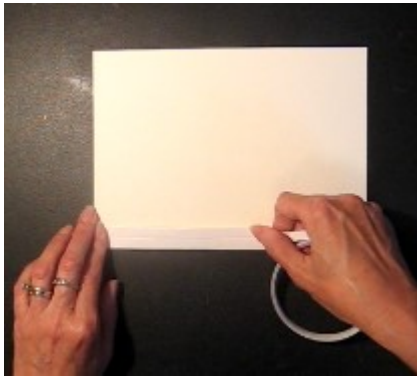
- Spine base piece: 4"w x 8-1/2"h (start with a bit wider piece than you think you will need – later you will trim the right edge as needed)

STEPS:

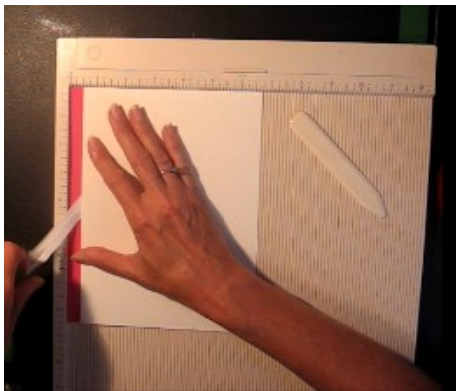
1. Prepare and wrap the outside of your album covers.
2. The hinges for pages #1 to #5 measure 3/4" wide. Place each page on the scoreboard and on the 7 inch side score at 3/4".
3. The hinge for the last page (page #6 in this case) is narrower and measures 1/2" wide. Place page #6 on the scoreboard and on the 6-3/4 inch side score at 1/2".



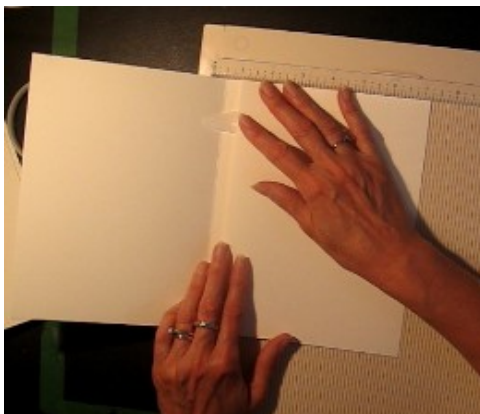
4. Fold each of the hinges up and cover them with two-sided tape.



5. Pull back a bit of tape backing from one end of the hinge of the first page and position it facing down, 1/2" from the left edge of the spine base piece (in the photo below the spine base piece is made of pink cardstock). A scoreboard helps place everything straight. Remove the rest of the tape backing and attach the hinge.

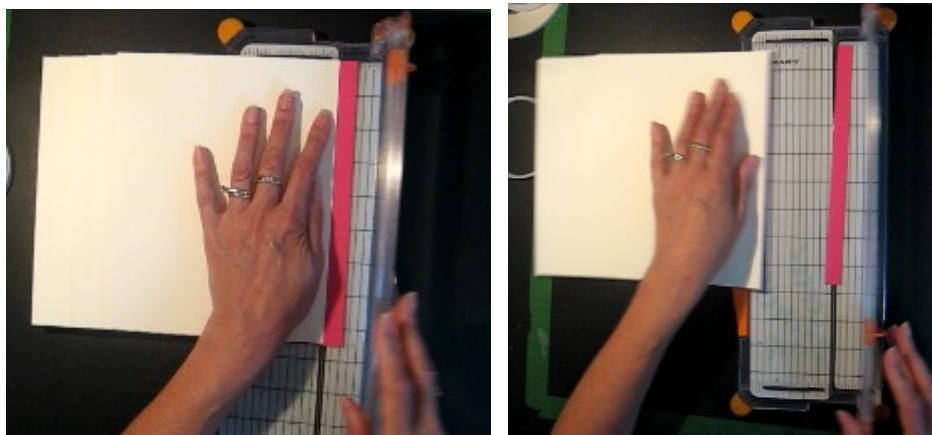


6. Attach the hinge of page #2 over the first hinge, covering 1/4" of the hinge so that you have a 1/2" gusset between pages.

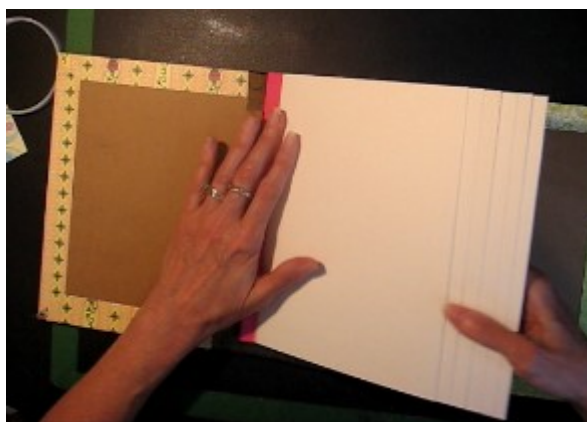


Attach the hinge of page #3 over the edge of hinge #4, and repeat to attach the other pages.

7. Trim the right edge of the spine base piece so it is flush with the right edge of hinge #6 (which has the narrower hinge).



8. Attach the hinges inside the spine of your album.



When you line the inside covers, trim the lining so that it measures the same height as the spine base piece. Trim the width of the lining so that it will reach over the spine, close to the base of the hinges.