

Measurements for (gatefold) Double Album

Overview

I start by making all of my inside pages first. I use the “stack the deck” method of binding but any method should do. The tricky thing I find is doing the right-hand pages in reverse since they will attach to the spine on the right.

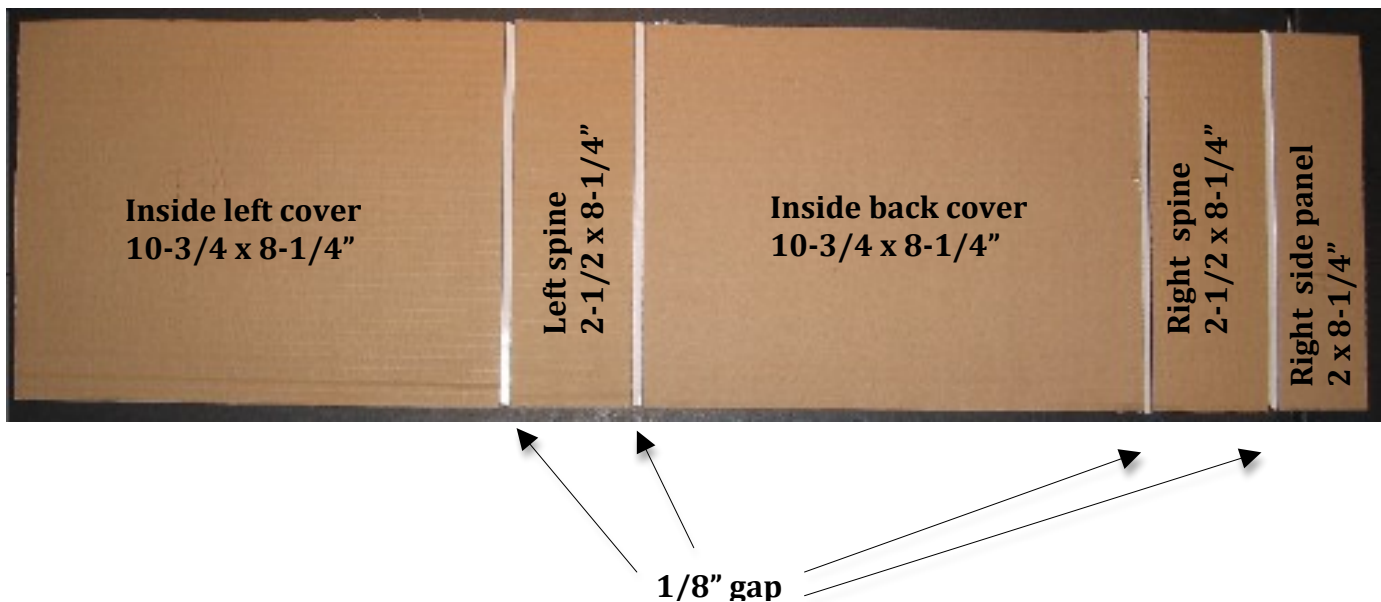
The following measurements are sized for pages that are 5 wide x 7-1/2 inches high (includes 1/2 inch for the tag that sticks out of the top of each page). I add 3/4 inches to the height of my covers. Height can be adjusted as required.

There is about 1/4 inch space between the two stacks of pages in the final product. When I measure my cardstock, I calculate the gap as 1/2 inch due to the thickness of the binding when it's all glued together.

Measurements

- ❖ Front and back covers: 10-3/4" wide x 8-1/4" high
- ❖ 2 spines: 2-1/2" wide x 8-1/4" high. This is for a thickness of 5 pages with room for expansion plus allowance for thickness of what I put on the inside cover (i.e. waterfall). In the past I used 6 pages so went with a 3" spine.
- ❖ Right side panel that folds over the top: 2" wide x 8-1/4" high (or whatever width is preferred).

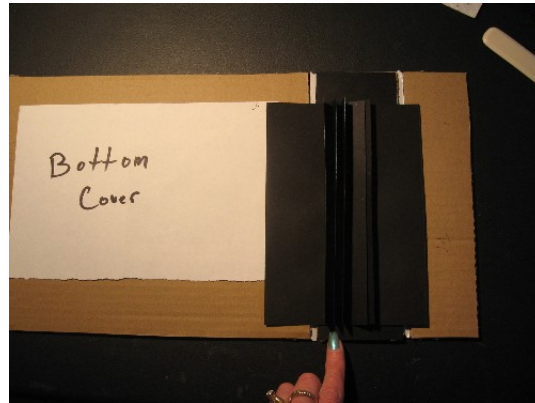
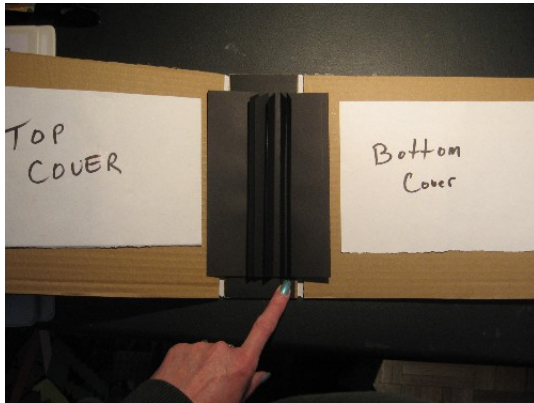
When I lay out my pieces to be attached, I leave 1/8" between the covers, spines and right side panel.



IMPORTANT: DARN I FORGOT TO WRAP UP MY COVERS BEFORE I STARTED THE NEXT STEPS! Make sure you finish off the inside of your covers before gluing down your binding in the next steps.

I prefer gluing down my binding first and then attaching the pages – I have a hard time lining everything straight when the pages are already attached to the spine.

When laying down my bindings, I don't center them on the spine. I place the left binding a bit towards the right of the spine since I will have some thickness on my inside cover (for my waterfall). Likewise I place the right binding a bit towards the left of my right spine. (See finger pointing)



Both bindings are now attached.



I'm now ready to attach my stacks of pages to my left and right spines.



Pictures of my “uncovered” album closed.



Below is the front cover “finally covered”. Because these albums are so large, I tie it closed using eyelets and ribbon. My cropadile works great for adding eyelets to the right hand panel because it’s narrow, but I need to use my “manual” eyelet setter and hammer to get the eyelets aligned on my top cover. (I’m not sure if a magnet closure is strong enough to keep the album closed – I haven’t tried it yet).



Eyelets

Here is the inside of the completed album.



There is about ¼" of space between both stacks of pages when the album is closed, and more space when it is opened wide.



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Enjoy!

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