



Included materials:

- Glue Stick
- Loose sheets of paper
- 2 Matboard Squares



Need extra help? Check out [purplebeanbindery](#) on Instagram and watch the flower fold video!

Purplebean Bindery was born out of necessity. While in college I took a book binding class, became fascinated with the book form and couldn't stop making books. My shelves sagged with stacks of hand-bound books so it seemed logical to begin selling them to make room for more and fund my book making habit. There are hundreds of ways to bind a book and I love experimenting with new styles. I also have favorite bindings, including the buttonhole stitch, coptic binding and accordion books. You'll rarely find me making the same book twice also; there are too many beautiful papers and fabrics out there to be bound together. Every book I make, whether it be blank or an artist book, I think of as a marriage of form and function. I love the intimacy and interaction of the book form too. Leaf through, unfold or unroll one of my artist books and you're actively discovering and participating in the art.

"I love the idea that every blank book I bind is a collaborative art project between myself and whomever ends up filling the pages."

Flower Fold Book



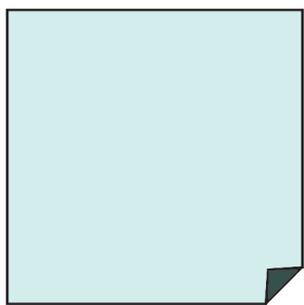
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- To Anna Low for designing this project.
- To the Anonimo Foundation for providing the funding.

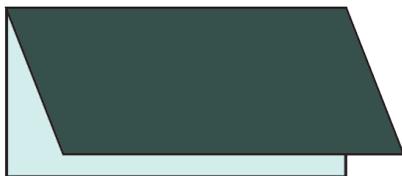
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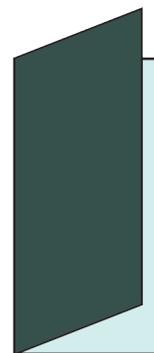
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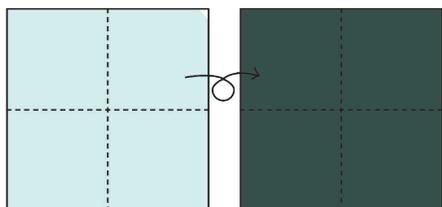
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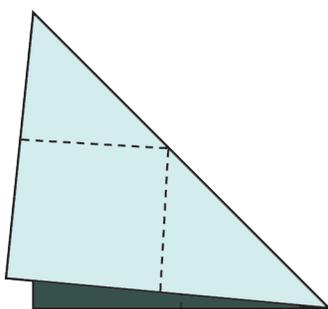
3 Fold it in half the other way to make a crease and again open it up.



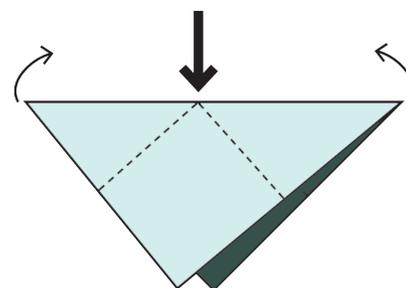
4 Flip your paper over.



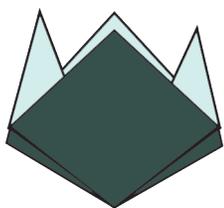
5 Fold your paper on a diagonal.



6 Push down in the middle of the paper while bringing up the folded edges.



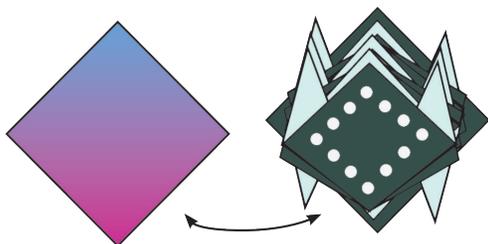
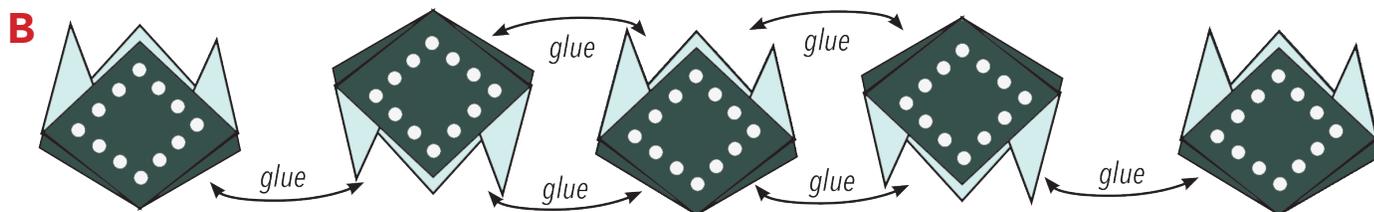
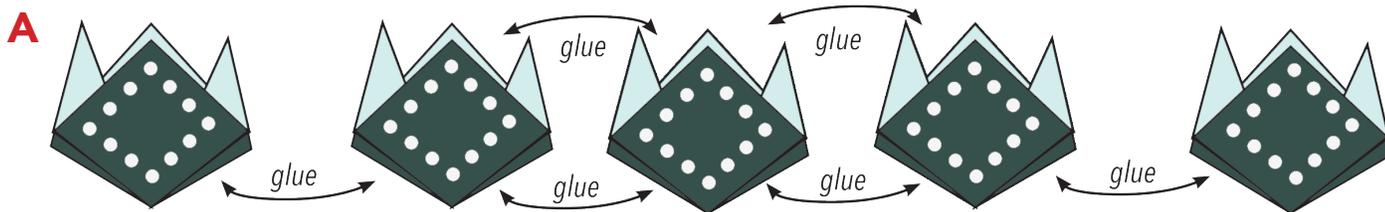
7 Ta da! Flower Fold!



Now to assemble your book... Glue 5 flower folds together. There are many options and I encourage you to be creative!

The two traditional ways are:

A Openings all facing UP or **B** Openings alternating up and down



Whichever way you glue your Flower Fold Book together, glue the covers to the first and last 'page' of the book.