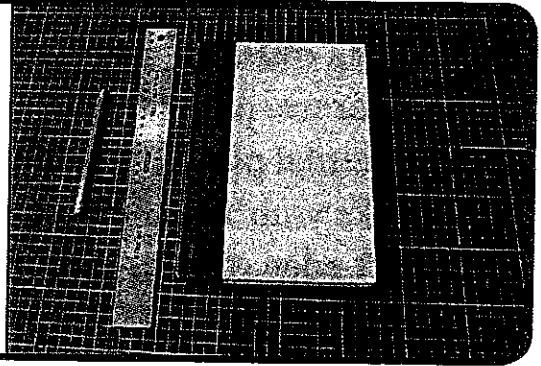


## AN INTRODUCTION TO BOOK FOLDING

### Materials and supplies

- A pencil
- A metric ruler
- A suitably sized hardback book  
20+ tall.



### Step one

- Place your book in front of you as if you are about to start reading it.
- Turn it anti clockwise a quarter to 9 o'clock .



### Step two

I want my pattern to be central in the book and have equal amount of leftover pages on each side . So I am going to count my starting point page. My book 268 pages.

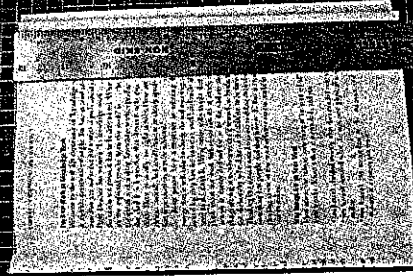
$268 \text{ divide by } 2 = 134 \text{ (total of folds possible)}$

$134 - 45 \text{ (folds amount of heart pattern)} = 90$

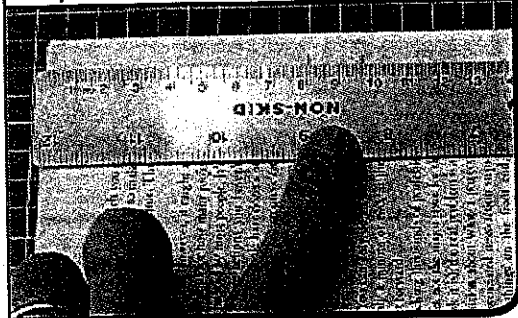
This makes my starting point page 90.

### Step three

- Use a rounded pattern if you are beginner, or use pattern with two digits after the decimal point if you are experienced.
- Take your ruler and line zero up with the left edge of your page.
- Start with fold #1. (Make sure your ruler lines up.)
- Make your first mark. (Remember to leave some space to make your marks, don't mark right on the edge)
- Without moving your ruler make mark 2. (Always cross out the fold ones you finish)
- Continue until you have marked all the pages for your pattern.

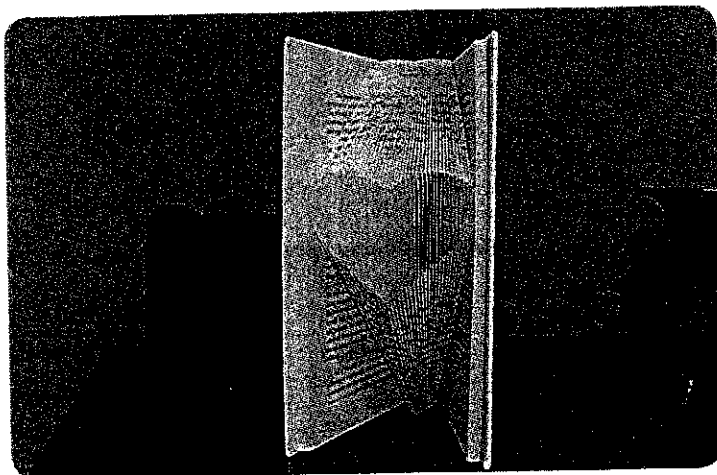
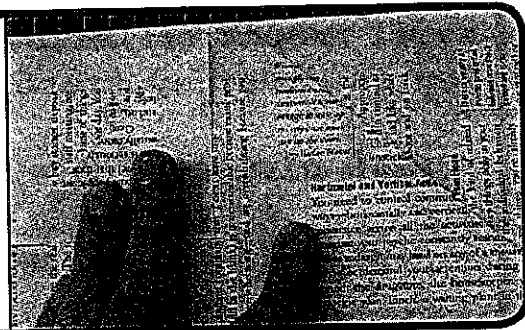


fold #	mark 1	mark 2
1	8.2	9.8
2	8.0	10.2
3	7.8	10.4
4	7.6	10.6
5	7.5	10.8
6	7.4	11.0
7	7.4	11.2



### Step four

- Start Folding.



Use this product for your own self needs but you may not distribute this product commercially.

# Simple heart

rounded pattern

fold #	mark 1	mark 2
1	8.2	9.8
2	8.0	10.2
3	7.8	10.4
4	7.6	10.6
5	7.5	10.8
6	7.4	11.0
7	7.4	11.2
8	7.3	11.4
9	7.3	11.6
10	7.3	11.7
11	7.3	11.9
12	7.3	12.1
13	7.3	12.2
14	7.3	12.4
15	7.4	12.5
16	7.4	12.7
17	7.5	12.8
18	7.6	13.0
19	7.7	13.1
20	7.8	13.3
21	8.0	13.4
22	8.1	13.6
23	8.3	13.8
24	8.1	13.6
25	8.0	13.4
26	7.8	13.3
27	7.7	13.1
28	7.6	13.0
29	7.5	12.8
30	7.4	12.7
31	7.4	12.5
32	7.3	12.4
33	7.3	12.2
34	7.3	12.1
35	7.3	11.9
36	7.3	11.7
37	7.3	11.6
38	7.3	11.4
39	7.4	11.2
40	7.4	11.0
41	7.5	10.8
42	7.6	10.6
43	7.8	10.4
44	8.0	10.2
45	8.2	9.8

unrounded pattern

fold #	mark 1	mark 2
1	8.22	9.82
2	7.95	10.16
3	7.77	10.41
4	7.62	10.63
5	7.51	10.84
6	7.42	11.03
7	7.36	11.21
8	7.31	11.39
9	7.28	11.56
10	7.26	11.73
11	7.25	11.89
12	7.25	12.05
13	7.27	12.21
14	7.30	12.37
15	7.35	12.52
16	7.41	12.67
17	7.48	12.83
18	7.57	12.98
19	7.68	13.14
20	7.80	13.29
21	7.95	13.44
22	8.11	13.60
23	8.29	13.75
24	8.11	13.60
25	7.95	13.44
26	7.81	13.29
27	7.69	13.14
28	7.58	12.98
29	7.49	12.83
30	7.41	12.68
31	7.35	12.52
32	7.31	12.37
33	7.27	12.22
34	7.26	12.06
35	7.25	11.89
36	7.26	11.73
37	7.28	11.56
38	7.31	11.39
39	7.35	11.21
40	7.42	11.03
41	7.51	10.84
42	7.62	10.63
43	7.76	10.41
44	7.95	10.16
45	8.21	9.82



Beginners Tutorial, How to complete a book fold.

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Welcome to the wonderful world of Book Folding!

Cornerhouse 115 has created a tutorial so that crafters who are new to book folding, or book folders who would like to perfect their Book Art can follow one handy guide that will answer all your questions.

What you will require:

A hardback book with sufficient number of pages for your chosen pattern.

A ruler

A pencil.

First step: Selecting your book.

Each book folding pattern requires a certain number of leaves/folds. Let's say your chosen pattern has 300 folds, you will need a book with at least 600 pages, as each leaf has 2 page numbers on it (page 1 is on the front and page 2 is on the same leaf on the reverse) don't worry if your book has more pages than required as these can either be left in and decorated or removed once completed. Most of Cornerhouse 115's patterns are based on Hardback books that are 21cm tall. In the majority of cases you can use a book that ranges from 19cm to 23cm without impacting on the overall effect of the book, if this wasn't the case this would be stipulated on the pattern description before you purchase the pattern.

Second step: Marking your book.

On your pattern you will notice 3 sets of numbers, Leaf No, 1<sup>st</sup> Measurement from the top, and 2<sup>nd</sup> measurement from the top. Take your book and line the book up so that the spine is facing you. You can begin marking on any page, you do not need to follow the leaf number at this point (the software used to make book folding patterns decides the first leaf number but if it starts on leaf 6 for example you may still use the first page).

Line up your ruler with what would be the top of the book but is now to your left (as the spine is against you) so that '0' on the ruler is at the edge of the paper. Make sure you set your ruler back so that there is at least 1-2cm between where you will make your mark and the end of the page, otherwise your marks will show when you have folded your pages.

Make a small mark at the 1<sup>st</sup> measurement from the top and without moving your ruler make the second mark from the 2<sup>nd</sup> measurement from the top. Accuracy is key and a few mm can make all the difference to your end result. This takes a long time when you first start the craft but I promise you

will get faster at marking the more you practice.

*Top Tip* Most rulers have a small space between the edge of the ruler and '0', if you don't have a ruler that starts flush with '0' then wrap the end in cellotape or a rubber band at the '0' point so that you don't have to worry about lining it up flush with the edge on every page.

Mark the whole book before you start to fold. If you attempt to fold before it's fully marked you will struggle to mark accurately later.

Some patterns will have a measurement that states 'half fold' so you must still make a mark on the page which reminds you it is a 'half fold' page.

### Third step: Folding your book

Now you are ready to fold. Start at your first measured page with the spine of the book still facing you. Take the corner of the page to your left hand side and fold it back towards you until the paper edge matches your 1<sup>st</sup> measurement. You are wanting to create a 90 degree angle when you fold the page (much like some people do to bookmark a page they are reading to return to later) and once you have this you need to crease the fold.

*Top Tip* You will find your own personal preference of how to crease the page, there isn't a right way. I use a 'bone folder' to create a crisp crease, a credit card or ruler edge would also work. My mum doesn't use anything to crease other than her fingers and we both achieve beautiful folds.

You now can take the right hand corner of the leaf and fold it back towards you until it meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> measurement and repeat creasing at 90 degrees. Continue to do this with every page until your book is completely folded with all pages folded towards you.

Half fold pages are essentially spaces created by the pages. All you need to do is fold each corner to 90 degrees then fold it back into the spine. Spaces are sometimes required in patterns between letters etc.

You may find not all of the pages will allow you to fold to 90 degrees. This occurs when one of the measurements is more than halfway the length and width of the leaf. When you fold you will notice that rather than being parallel with the spine of the book that some of the paper is hanging over and would be untidy if you left it there when you turned the page. You can simply cut away this excess paper or neatly fold it so that you can turn the page easily. I recommend cutting it away as if this occurs often in the pattern it can make your completed book bulkier than it needs to be. Make sure you match the measurement and crease as close to 90 degrees as you can.

### Congratulations!

Once all the pages are folded you can see your design in all its glory. You have now created your book art! We recommend 'squishing' it to flatten all the folds to show your finished design at its best. You can leave it overnight with something weighted on top of it. Your imagination is everything and people use all different things from porcelain bread bins to catalogs.

To complete you can add a ribbon around the bottom of the book to hold it all in place so that it doesn't spread and lose its shape. After that the possibilities are endless, paper flowers, glitter, birds, just have fun with it and be creative.

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Where to find patterns:

Etsy

[www.allinthefolds.co.uk](http://www.allinthefolds.co.uk)

[www.foldedbookart.co.uk](http://www.foldedbookart.co.uk)

Facebook groups:

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All in the folds – book folding tutorials, tips and customer

Wunderfold – Book folding made easy

Book folding for beginners and beyond

Book folding for all

Book folding – free and custom patterns

USA and friends bookfolding and book art

Book folding testers – free patterns, tips and more

Free book folding patters and advice plus custom

For the love of book folding – a support group with tips

Free book folding for all levels CreativeRedeck

Creative book folding by Tracy (free patterns)

Kbc book folding patterns

Free Bookfolding tutorial and patterns by Bookwyrn

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