

DIY- Concertina Art Journal

Supply List:

- paper scissor or cutter
- pencil
- set square
- folding tool (optional)
- glue stick or roller
- drawing/painting supplies

Papers:

Please note that in this DIY I used measurements on basis of a square in **13,5 x 13,5 cm**. Please feel free to use any size you like.

Concertina Pages= continuous stripe of paper folded in zig-zag

13 continuous squares, 13 x 13 cm, construction paper or similar, approx. 130g

Prompts

24 single pages, 12x12cm, Sketchbookpaper, Watercolorpaper or similar

Cover

SnapPap, construction paper or similar, width 27 cm x height 13,5 cm + 1-2 cm spine-> depending on the thickness of your papers

1) CUTTING PAPERS

Cut the 24 prompts in any paper and size you like. You can also use alternate papers such as thicker book pages.

The concertina-pages should be on each side 0,5 cm bigger than the prompts. If you need to cut your concertina pages in several parts, please don't forget to add some space (ca. 1cm) for gluing each part together.

2)COVER

Stack all you papers (prompts + concertina) together and measure the height. This is the size for your spine, which you need to add when cutting the cover. Please note the cover is also bigger than the concertina-pages. I made this in order to avoid that pages on the inside will be visible on the outside.



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3) FOLDING

Glue the Paper parts of your concertina together, if needed. Make a folding mark with your defined size on each page of the concertina. Then fold one page to the inside and the other one to the outside and so on. You can use a folding tool for paper, if you have one.

4) MAKE IT INDIVIDUAL!

If you want to paint your cover or add some stitchings, it's better to do this before you put everything together. I dyed my pages with teabags for a nice vintage effect and put very freely some watercolor paint on it.

I also painted the SnapPap cover with watercolor and acrylics. Then I added some papers and a little piece of fabric and stitched everything together.

4) FINAL STEP

When you're finished with decorating cover and pages, it's time to put the pieces together. Take the last page of the concertina and glue it on the inside of the back cover. On the first page you can add a list of the 24 prompts or anything you like.