

## Three-Envelope Accordion Album with Pockets

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - STUDIO 3 - 10 APRIL 2022



### ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Transform three everyday envelopes into a sturdy accordion-style album with hidden pockets and decorative flaps. This project creates a beautiful gift album perfect for photos, postcards, or memorabilia, using simple folding and gluing techniques with no complex measuring required.

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**The project starts:** 7:45 into the show

**In this guide:** 12 steps

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## STEP BY STEP

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**1****STEP 1 OF 12**

Carefully tear or open three envelopes along the side seams, separating the front and back panels without creating holes if possible.

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Trim away any excess paper from the opened envelopes to neaten the edges.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 12:00****3****STEP 3 OF 12**

Apply glue down the short side of the first envelope and line it up with the flap of the second envelope.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 14:45****4****STEP 4 OF 12**

Fold the first envelope over and press it down firmly to connect it to the second envelope.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 15:00****5****STEP 5 OF 12**

Repeat the gluing and folding process to attach the third envelope to create an accordion structure.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 15:30****6****STEP 6 OF 12**

Cut decorative paper pieces (approximately 5 by 7 inches or just under) to fit inside each envelope section.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 17:00****7****STEP 7 OF 12**

Glue the decorative paper pieces into each envelope section, positioning them close to the inner edges.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 19:30**

**8****STEP 8 OF 12**

Turn the album over and glue coordinating cardstock pieces to the back cover.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 24:15****9****STEP 9 OF 12**

Mark cutting lines on the back cover with a pen, then trim to size using a guillotine to create even edges.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 29:30****10****STEP 10 OF 12**

Create side pockets by gluing strips of paper down the sides and across the base of the front cover.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 43:00****11****STEP 11 OF 12**

Add decorative embellishments such as die cuts, images, or postcards to personalise the album covers and pockets.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 45:30****12****STEP 12 OF 12**

Optionally add a belly band or closure mechanism such as a hidden magnet or clasp to keep the album shut.

**WATCH THIS STEP - 48:00****TIPS FROM THE SHOW**

- Do not throw away the off-cut triangles from your A4 paper pieces—these make excellent pockets, sliders, and belly bands.
- If you have a corner punch, round off the corners of your cardstock to match the envelope shape.
- You can use envelopes in different colours and patterns; black and craft-coloured envelopes look particularly good.

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