ARTMAKING PROJECT | Simple Sketchbook!

A simple, handmade book has a variety of uses. This style of book is perfect to sketch, doodle, and draw in. You can also use it to take notes, work through ideas, or as a place to express your feelings and emotions.

This book is perfect for taking with you out into the world, and the simple binding technique lets you add more pages as often as you need.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

How will you use your simple, handmade book?
What will you include inside?
How will you decorate the cover?

MATERIALS

- White paper for the inside pages (3-4 sheets)
- Glue stick
- Colored paper for cover (1 sheet; sturdier paper works well for this; the size should be slightly larger than the white paper)
- Magazines or newspaper to cut up
- Markers and/or colored pencils
- Rubber band
- Scissors
ARTMAKING PROJECT | Directions

**Step 1**
Gather supplies.

**Step 2**
Fold each piece of the white paper individually in half and crease well.

**Step 3**
Fold the cover paper in half and crease well.

**Step 4**
Open each folded white piece of paper and stack one on top of the other so that the folds align.

**Step 5**
Place the stack inside the folded cover and place the rubber band around all of the papers so that it aligns with the center crease.

**Step 6**
Finish the book by decorating the cover with markers, pencils, or collage elements.

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