Book Page Art
Program Planning Guide

Transform an old book into a work of art. Follow a pattern or design your own folded book art design. Using a simple folding technique, measuring lengths and angles, participants will create images and patterns in the pages of books.

Included in Kit

Folded Book Art by Clare Youngs
The Repurposed Library by Lisa Occhipinti
Book Folding Pattern CD Rom: Volume 5 by Debbi Moore Designs
Measure Mark Fold & Measure Mark Cut Fold pattern binder
Bone folders (12)
Rulers (16)
Craft knives (8)

Not Included

Pencils
Hardcover books to upcycle

Optional Supplies

Additional craft knives
Mod Podge
Scissors
Foam brushes
Glue sticks
Permanent markers
Colored pencils

Time

Planning/prep: 1 hour
- Look through pattern resources
- View video tutorials online

Program: 1-3 hours
Clean up: 30 minutes

Additional Projects

Blackout poetry
Book page flowers
Book page wreaths
Collage

Sample Program Outline

Introductions
Staff member explains process:
- Create design on long edge of book pages (adapt for books of different lengths)
- Determine length of each fold and mark back edge
  - » Precise folds and matching fold angles make the designs sharper
- Overly complex designs can be frustrating for beginners

Participants select book and pre-made pattern, or design their own
Measure and mark all pages
Fold!
Reflection:
- Even if they haven't finished their book folding project, take a moment to debrief on the process
- What worked well?
- What would they do differently next time?
- Is this a project they might try again at home?

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