How to make an Artist’s Book: Flower Fold

This pack is aimed at children from age 9+ and can support KS2 curriculum in:

- Art and Design
  - Create sketchbook
  - Mastery of art techniques.

Do you know what Artists’ Books are?

There are many different types of books that are made by artists or are about artists. These might be:

- sketchbooks
- leaflets or catalogues about their exhibition
• books that tell you all about their lives and art work
• a book that is an art work made by an artist.

Artists’ Books are books made by artists that are finished pieces of art, like a painting, drawing or sculpture. They are usually seen and enjoyed by lots of people. There will often be more than one copy made—these are called editions.

Meeting of the waters = Cruinnú na n-Uiscí Kelly, Déirdre (Artist); Taylor, Chris (Designer).

The book above is a concertina book. The artist rearranged maps of Ireland to create a new lake.
What might an artist do in an Artist’s Book?

An artist might:

- play with a normal book form such as cutting holes in the pages or experimenting with the books bindings (how the book’s pages are held together).
- use books to display a collection of images or ideas; to tell a story with their pictures in a certain way.
- use artists’ books as a permanent record of a performance or event.
- use artists’ book to bring together two different types of art forms such as drawings and poetry.

This artist’s book is in the form of a wallpaper sample book. It contains examples of wallpaper that are designed to be finished off by the owner.
Would you like to make an artist’s book? Keep reading to find out how.
How to make a flower fold book: instructions

What you need

You will need the following materials:

- Up to 4 pieces of A4 paper cut to 21cm x 21cm
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue
- Scissors
Method

1. Take a piece of A4 paper.
   Cut this paper down in size to 21cm x 21cm.
   You can use other sized square paper if you have some.

2. Fold and open your paper like this:
   a. Fold along ONE diagonal line.
   b. Then open out your paper.
   c. Fold along the horizontal line.
   d. Open your paper again each.
   e. Then fold along vertical straight line.
   f. Open your paper again each time you fold.
3. Pinch the paper up along the diagonal edge from the corner to the middle.

Repeat on the other side.
4. Flatten your book so it looks like this:

You have now made one page of a flower fold book. You can finish here or make more if you like.
How to put multiple pages of a Flower Fold book together

1. Make another Flower Fold page as before, so you have two.

2. Cover the top of your page with glue.
3. Stick one page to the other making sure that both the opening corners are facing the same way.
4. Your book will look like this once open. 
   You can add up to 2 more pages if you wish.

Congratulations! You have made a flower fold book! 
What will you put in yours?

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