

ALMOST HANDMADE BOOK



This project uses
the YOUR STORY
BOOK-BINDING MACHINE
FROM PROVO CRAFT.



You can make photo scrap
books or story books and
order them complete from
any number of online companies
but this is the story of
creating a hardbound book
w/ your own hands.

- 1.) Use a white hard bound your Story (By ProvoCraft) book cover shell.
- 2.) Choose an acrylic paint color. I used an aqua blue.
- 3.) Squeeze the acrylic paint onto the book cover.
- 4.) Use a paper towel or rag to rub the paint into the textured surface of the book cover, front & back until fully covered in a white-wash sort of coverage.



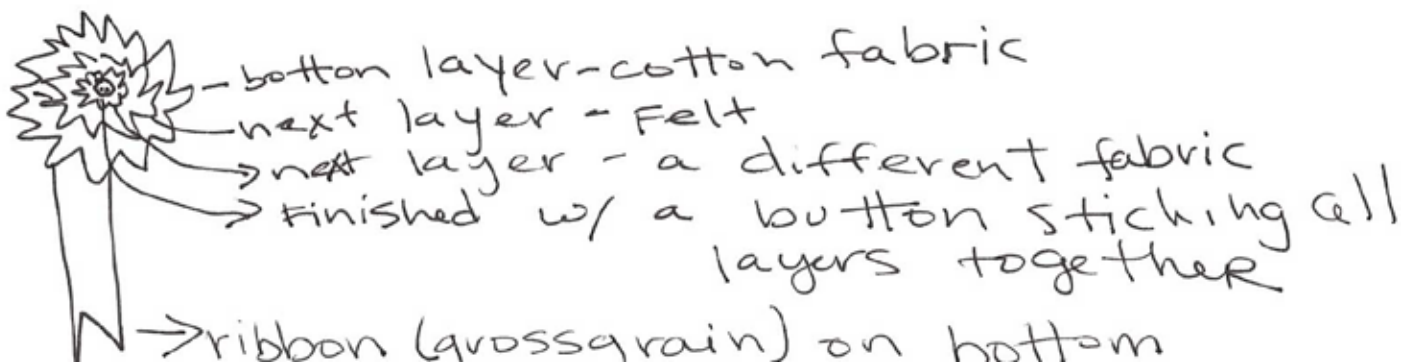
White wash painted look

5.) Next use notions, colored masking tape & ribbons to decorate the cover. In this one - I used Metallic automotive tape to make silver & aqua stripes.

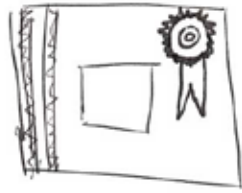


↳ ric rac glued on top of tape. Trim at edge of book.

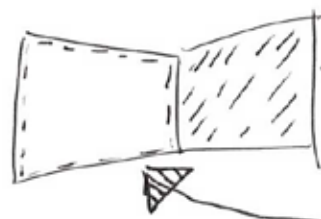
6.) Next I created an award type ribbon for the front of the book. I used Pinking sheers to cut circle shapes.



7.) Glue ribbon to upper right corner of book cover w/ tacky glue



8.) Now open the book cover up and glue some decorative paper inside to cover up the basic paper that the book cover comes with.



use a glue stick to cover inside completely.

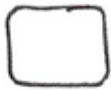
cover in dec. paper cut to size.


9.) Flip book cover back to front.



create a design to place inside of the square opening or just attach to the front of the book if no opening.

10.) I used yellow card stock as the back, cut to the desired size ($3\frac{1}{2} \times 4$) $\frac{1}{3}$ I used a corner punch to round the corners



11.) Next I took a vintage drawer paper (like contact paper - they used to line drawers $\frac{1}{3}$ cupboards with) You can find cool rolls of this stuff at thrift stores. I cut an angled piece of it and glued it to the yellow card stock. 



12.) And now for this top piece I used the cuttle bug letters called: "You're not the boss of me" to cut out the word Fierce, glued them on top w/ tacky glue, set aside to dry!

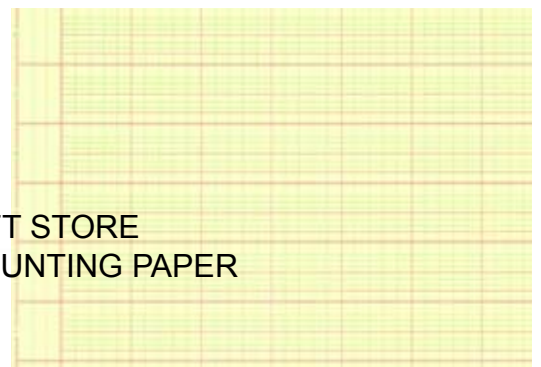


13.) Glue this whole piece to the front of the book cover w/ double stick puff foam tape

cardstock piece
foam tape
book



14.) Now FOR THE PAGES OF THE BOOK. For the paper pages of this book I used a pad of grided bankers or accounting paper that I found at a thrift store for \$1.99. Always visit the office supply section of thrift stores - there is so much discounted paper to snag in those sections. I cut the paper down to fit my book. In this case $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$



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ACCOUNTING PAPER

15.) To pre-decorate the pages just a little bit - I found a cute ribbon stamp in the dollar section @ Joann's made by



G-STUDIO. I randomly stamped on a few pages throughout the book and on the back cover.



16.) Next put all the paper pages down into the glue strip located in the binding of the Your Story book.

Now put the BINDING EDGE into the Your Story Machine and hit the bind button. Let it work it's magic.

17.) Once the timer goes off
place the book into the
rear holding rack to cool.

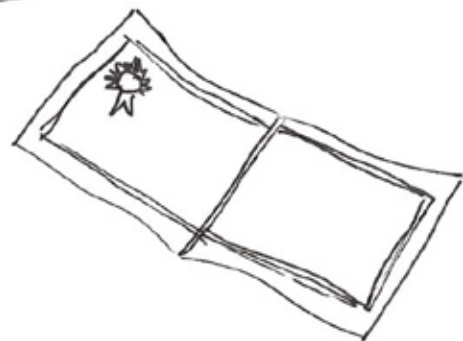
*Be pa and allow the
book to fully cool before
touch or it may pull apart.

Enjoy using your book.

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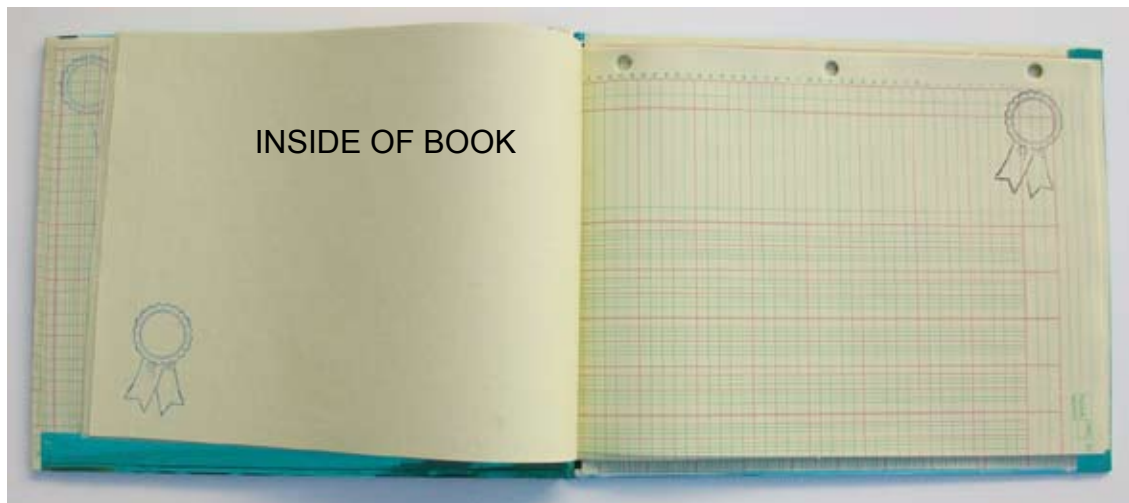
- scrapbook
- journal
- photo album
- story book

OR GIVE AS A GIFT!





FRONT OF BOOK



INSIDE OF BOOK



BACK OF BOOK