

Memory House Book

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Supplies

For house book:

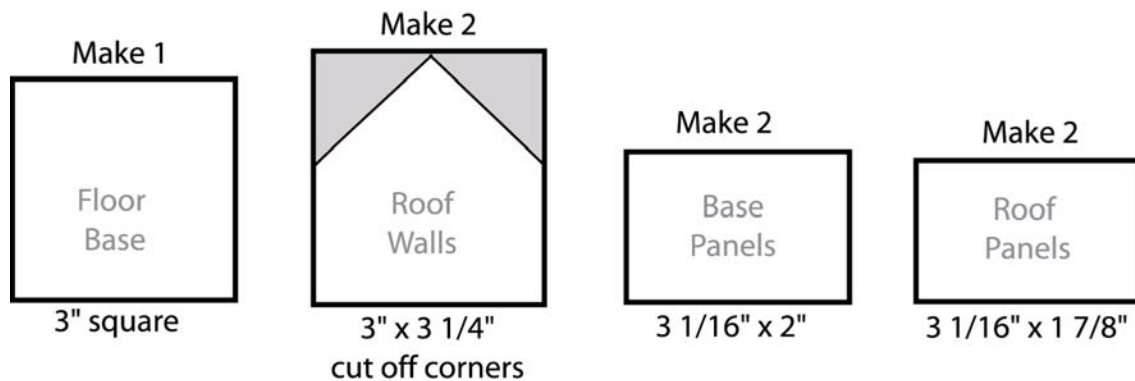
Binders Board
6 strips tyvek cut 1" x 3"
1 sheet decorative paper cut 12" x 12"
1 strip plain paper cut 2 7/8" x 10 7/8"
1 strip plain paper cut 2 7/8" x 6 3/4"
2 triangle shapes of plain paper to cover roof raw edges
brass strip 1/16" thick x 1/4" x 3 1/2" long
Brass jewelry box latch
1/4" thick dowel or chopstick cut 3" long
24 gauge brass wire
2 strands silk wrapped Mizuhiki cord
Nori Paste
PVA glue
Glue brush
awl

For single signature booklet:

2 pieces thin chip board cut 2 3/4" x 1 7/8"
black bookcloth or fabric cut 2" x 4"
4 sheets plain paper cut 2 5/8" x 3 1/4"
1 sheet text weight paper cut 2 5/8" x 3 1/4"
2 sheets decorative paper 3" x 1 1/2"
binders needle
linen thread
PVA glue
Nori Paste
Awl

Instructions

Cut binders board according to the diagram below:



Make the house book cover

1. Assemble the binders boards by laying the floor base down and hinging the other pieces onto the base. Attach the two roof wall pieces on opposite sides of the square with the tyvek strips. Then attach the two base panels on remaining sides. Now you will have all four sides of the square with a panel attached.
2. Attach the two roof panels aside one of the base panels to make a cross shape. You now have to cover this unit with decorative paper.
3. Glue the sheet of decorative paper wrong side to the hinged side of the house book cover. Smooth any bubbles and score the grooves with a bone folder. Cut ½" border around the edge of the cover. Trim corners so that you can fold up the sides and glue the raw edges down.
4. Cover the inside by gluing the longer strip of plain paper, then the shorter one on top intersecting the cross. Score grooves gently with bone folder. Now your basic cover is now ready to embellish. Decorate the inside with photos, memories or poems.
5. The bookcover can be painted if you cover it with fabric and apply gesso.

Make the booklet

1. Apply glue to the back of the bookcloth strip. Lay down the chip board covers leaving a ¼" gap. Fold the raw edges up and glue to the inside cover. Set aside.
2. Fold the plain and text papers in half and poke 3 holes evenly spaced at the fold.
3. Stitch the signature together. Set aside.

Make the rooftop book holder

1. Make two ½" finishing knots ½" away from each end of the dowel.
2. Cut 6" wire and loop around each end right in the middle of the finishing knots. Twist once to secure the wire.
3. Poke two holes at the top intersection of the roof the same distance as the wires on the dowel.
4. Feed the wire through the roof outside towards the inside.
5. Trim and bend one strand of wire on each end as flat as you can toward the "spine" edge of the bookcover.
6. Cover the wire by gluing a strip of plain paper to match the paper on the bookcover. You will now have one exposed wire on both sides and one hidden.
7. Poke two holes in the spine of the booklet cover the same distance apart as the exposed wires on the inside of the housebook cover.
8. Feed the wires through the cover and bend down as flat as you can towards the spine edge of the cover.
9. Spread glue on the outermost pages of the little signature and glue onto the cover. Your booklet will now be suspended by the wire from the inside top of the roof. Decorate, journal or add photos to the booklet as you wish.
10. If you don't want a booklet hanging inside, use the wires to suspend a little frame or something else.

Resources:

Yasutomo

Decorative Paper

Mizuhiki paper cords

Nori Paste

website: <http://www.yasutomo.com>

Dancing Bamboo Design

Binders Board

Brass hardware and kits

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