

TUTORIAL 7.

POCKET BOOK

SUPPLIES

- 1 sheet of 11" x 17" decorative paper (one-sided decorative paper)
- 24" of 1/2" flat silk ribbon
- 4 pieces of 3-1/2" x 4-3/4" card stock

TOOLS

- 1 bone or teflon folder
- Double-stick tape or adhesive
- Pen or pencil
- Scissors
- Straightedge (e.g. ruler)

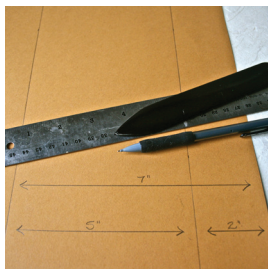
NOTES

- Pocket Books are fabulous and functional little projects easily resized and adapted for a variety of uses. Quite often, I make them as wedding invitations, but I also use them for sending photos.



STEP 1

- Measure, mark and score a line 1/2" from each short end (on the plain side) of your decorative paper.
- Measure, mark and score lines from one long edge of the paper at 2" and 7".



STEP 2

- Fold in (plain side in) the 1/2" scored edge on both short ends.
- Fold down (plain side in) the long 4' section.
- Fold up the 2" section to overlap the cut edge of the 4" section, creating a long pocket.



STEP 3

- Fold this entire unit into a four panel accordian. Begin by folding it in half, bringing together both short ends on the sides with no pockets. Bring both ends back to meet the center fold (pocket sides together).



STEP 4

- Open up the entire unit. With the paper facing you, plain side up, and the 2" section closest to you, make a $\frac{3}{4}$ " slit in the middle of the 5" section on the first two folds from the right.



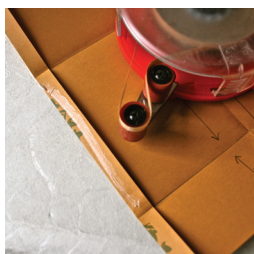
STEP 5

- From the decorative side, thread the ribbon through one of the slits, across the plain side and through the other slit.



STEP 6

- Fold the entire piece along the original fold lines, pulling the ribbon taut (but not out). As you re-fold the 2" section, slip the 4" section inside the little "pocket" created by the $\frac{1}{2}$ " fold on each side.
- Embellish the cover as desired. (I add card stock and decorate it with punches, stickers, or charms.)



HELPFUL HINTS

- * While completing the final step you may run a length of double stick tape along the 5" section of the $\frac{1}{2}$ " flap. This will fuse the edges of the book and give it a more finished look.
- * You may omit the ribbon altogether and secure the book with a strip of card stock and a decorative sticker.
- * This book is a natural for photos, poetry, coupons, invitations, or greetings.
- * Alter this technique to create Pocket Books of different sizes. An 18" x 24" sheet will make a 4-pocket book that fits in a A2 envelope. A sheet of paper measuring 9" x 21" makes a smaller, 8-pocket book.

