

Cover

- 1** Pre-score a small pocket.
- 2** Fold up the pocket.
- 3** Unfold the pocket and fold in one side for a cover flap.
- 4** Open the flap and refold the pocket. Burnish with the bone folder.
- 5** Insert filled pocket accordion into cover flap pocket.

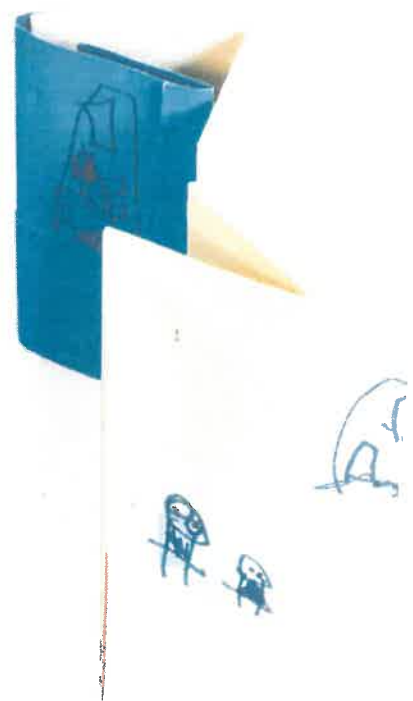
3 Open the pocket. Accordion-fold the paper to whatever size you like—if it does not come out even, the extra is good for attaching your cover.

4 Unfold your accordion. Refold the pocket. Refold your accordion with the pocket and burnish with your bone folder.

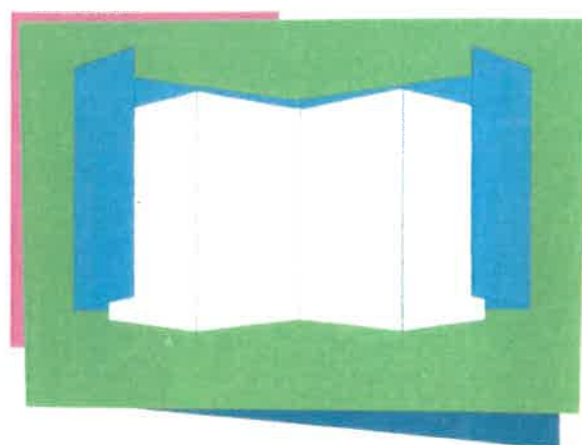
5 Decide: Do you want a secret pocket? If so, draw something innocent on the plain side. Draw something secret on the pocket side.

If the pocket is not a secret, you can draw on the pocket side.

Or collage your accordion, or both.



6 Gently fold your cover around your filled accordion; base your spine width on the thickest part of book. Allow enough space for the thickest part at the spine.



7 Fold in the other end of the accordion, and trim your cover as necessary to fit.

Or if the accordion did not come out evenly, glue that end into cover—either at the spine, or at the front or back.

When the inside accordion has its pockets and secret inserts, the cover folds around it and inserts itself into the cover pocket to stay shut.

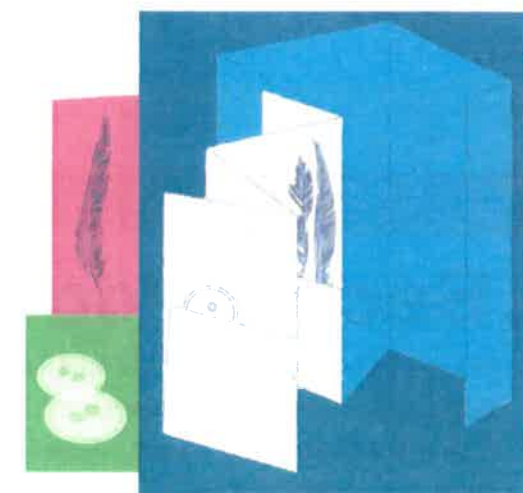


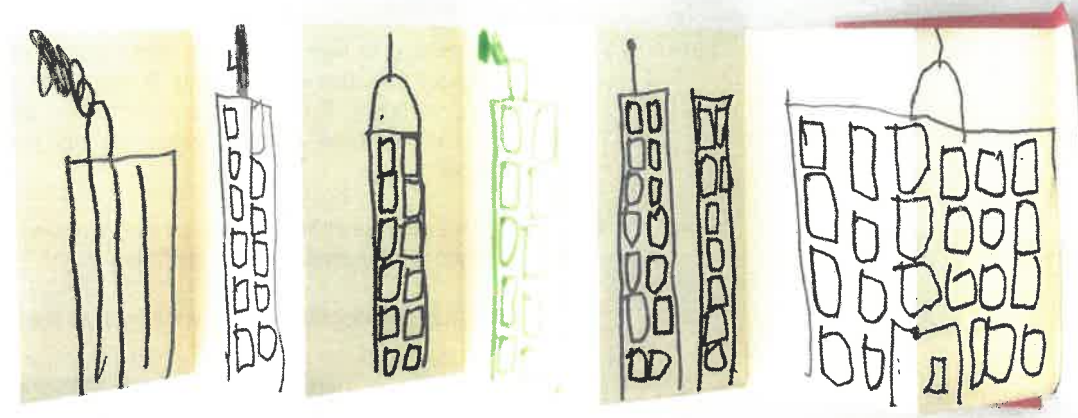
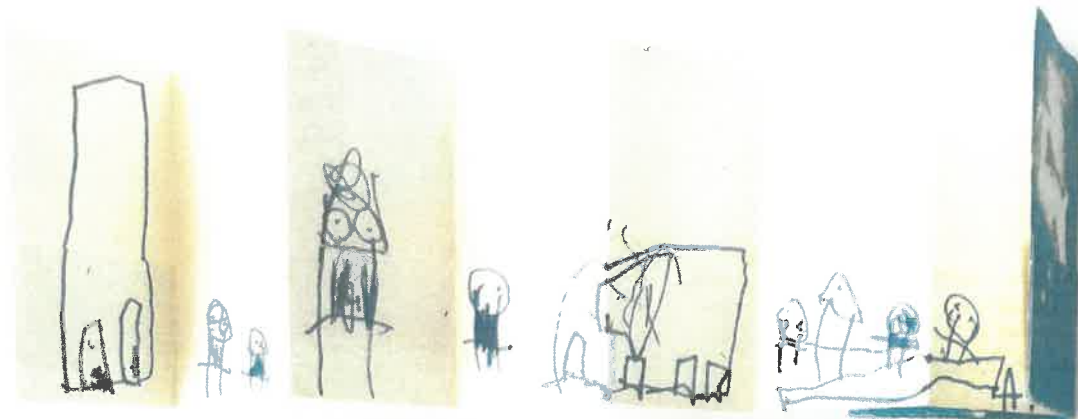
Secret Treasure (Pockets for Pieces)

What would you like to keep in your pockets? Anything small and flat could work. Band-Aids, tiny origami, stickers, fortune-cookie fortunes, pictures cut from magazines, even balloons (before you blow them up)!

1 Find small secret treasures, or cut shapes smaller than your pockets and draw on them.

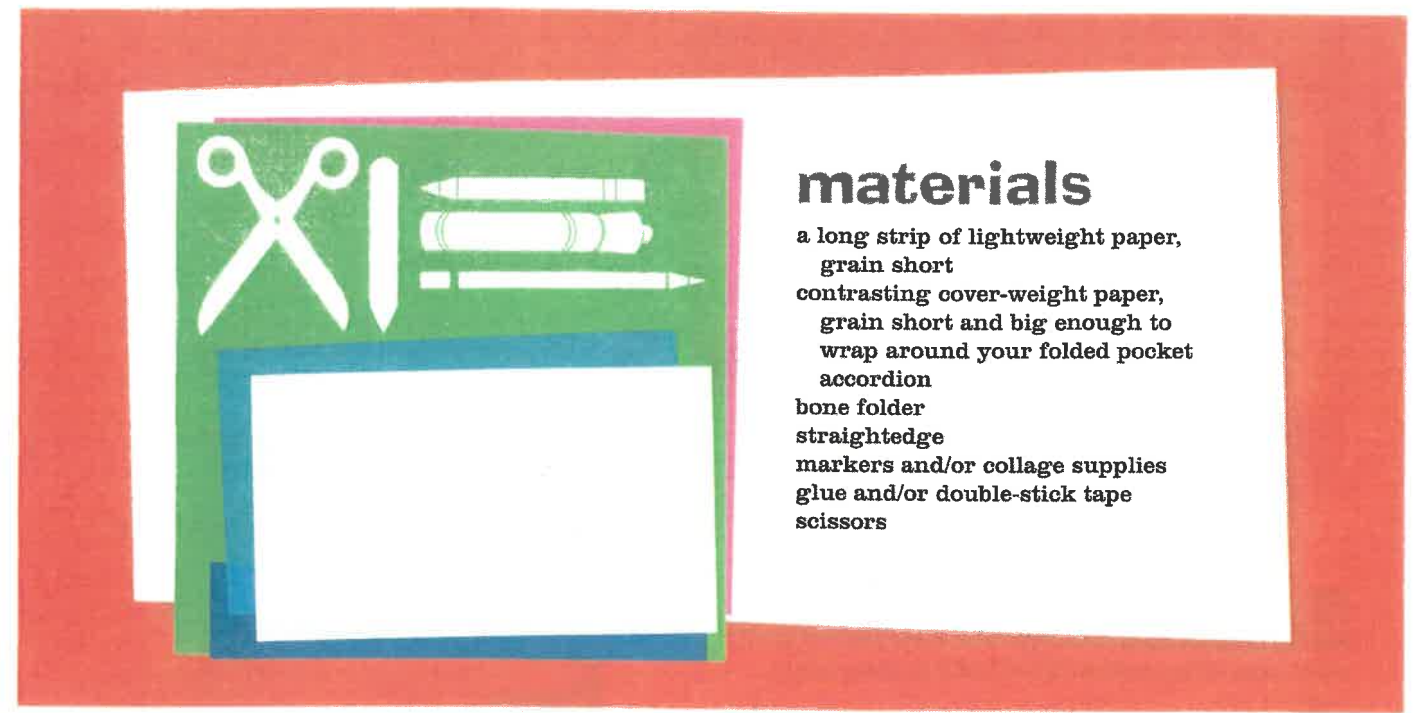
2 Fill your pocket accordion with secret treasures.





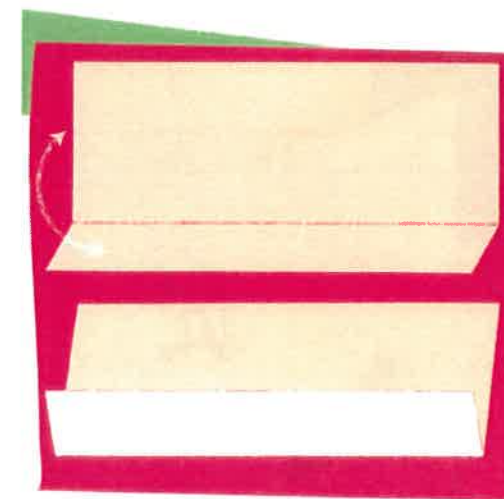
Secret Pocket Accordion Book

When I made these with kids at McNally Jackson Books in New York City, two brothers drew skyscrapers on their accordions, so that when they expanded—a city was standing there. What will you draw on yours? And what will you hide in your secret pockets?

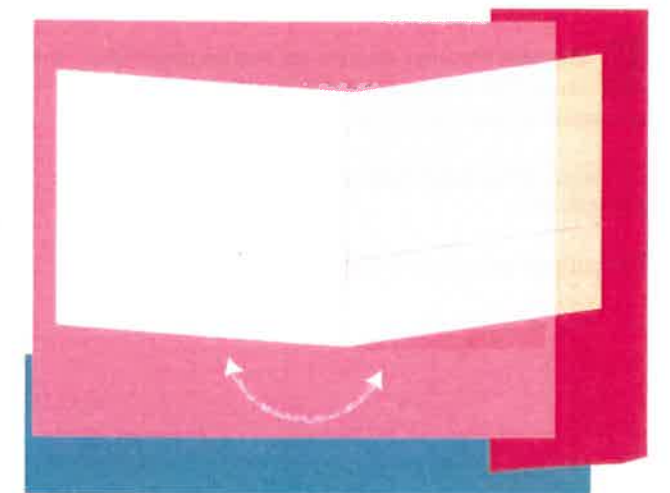


materials

a long strip of lightweight paper,
grain short
contrasting cover-weight paper,
grain short and big enough to
wrap around your folded pocket
accordion
bone folder
straightedge
markers and/or collage supplies
glue and/or double-stick tape
scissors



1 Pre-score your pocket on your paper about one-third up lengthwise as shown, using your straightedge and bone folder.



2 Fold up your pocket and burnish with the bone folder.