

Getting started prep:

Select a paper that you think might suit a theme or décor...I love these new 12x12's and 2 sheets work great for making the front window and the reverse for the window backer. Next select a complementing book cloth to pair with your paper (1 sheet should be plenty depending on grain).

Have your PVA handy and your pre-mixed Methyl Cellulose. Have a mixture of 60:40 in a tub – with a lid for saving for later use.

Cut pieces:



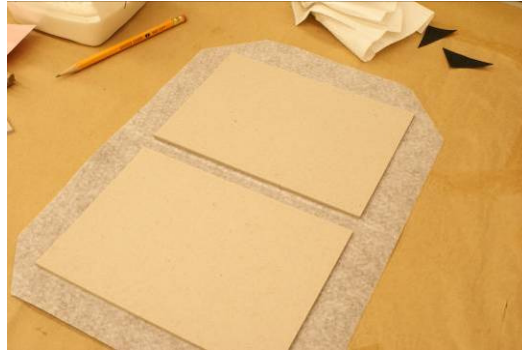
1. Cut 3 pieces of book cloth:
2. the first is the frame backer approx - 14.5" x 10"
3. the second piece is for the spine - which covers the gutter - 7.5" x 2"
4. the third piece is for covering the non-window side of the frame - 5.5" x 7.5"
5. paper cut pieces: window paper 7" x 9" wide (allowing for 3/4" wrapping) be sure you watch for the pattern orientation when cutting this piece.
6. window backer: 4.5" x 6.5" (it just has to be centered under the window opening)

Steps:

1. Set the boards horizontally on the cut piece of backing book cloth – with approx 1” showing all the way around and allowing for a gutter of approx 3/8” (see photo above)

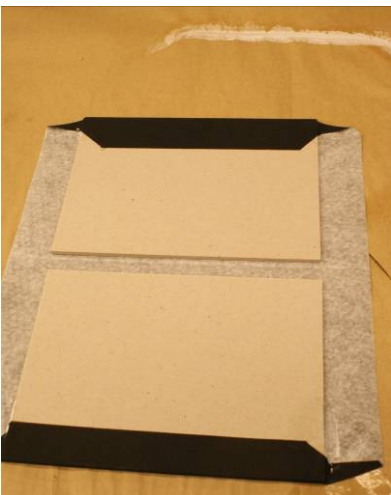


2. An easy way to find the center of the book cloth is to fold it lightly and mark 3/8” for the gutter.



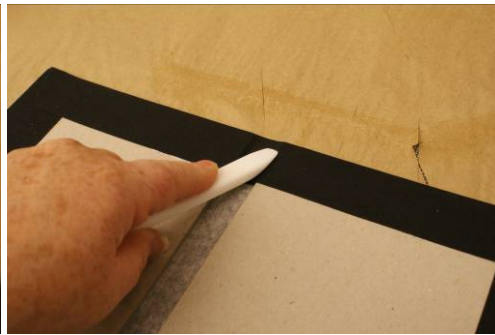
3. Make pencil lines on book cloth for placement, then glue up and place one board at a time – so that you have time to make them square to one-another (you can use a ruler along one edge for helping to keep square).

4. Cut corners at a 45 degree angle – keeping 1/4” away from the tips of the board for wrapping allowance.

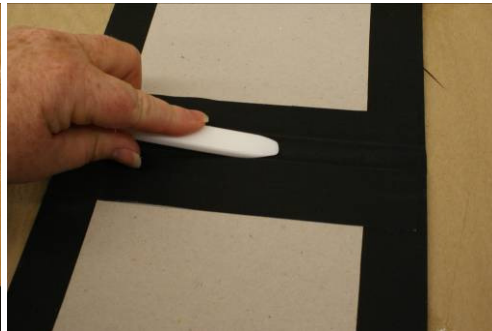


5. Always glue away from your boards to prevent pushing the glue under your book cloth (or paper). Glue out the short side first and wrap them snugly wrap them around board.

6. Turn in the corners (detailed steps are included with our kits)



7. Next, glue out the long sides – one at a time and wrap snugly along edges of boards
8. Be sure to allow for room to push book cloth into the center gutter - smooth with Teflon bone folder



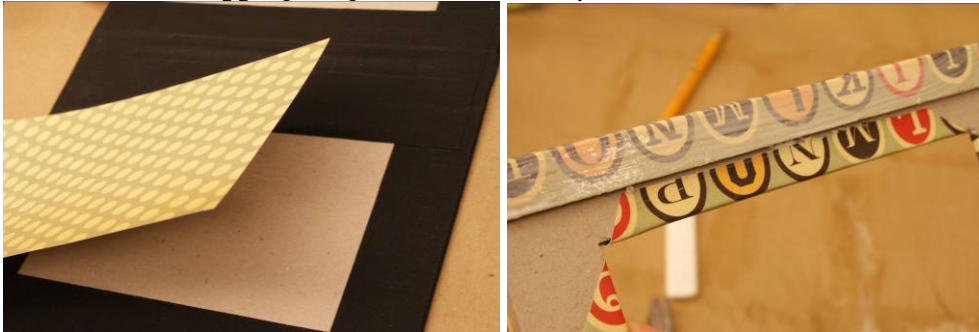
9. glue out the spine piece and center over gutter
10. smooth into space with bone folder and smooth outer edges of cloth



11. Select your pattern paper and make sure you have enough to wrap around the entire window frame pieces. You will be gluing the window down onto the reverse side of the paper (decorative side facing down)
12. Glue up the window to the U piece – keeping edges flush to each other.



13. Glue out the front of the window frame and place down onto paper – cut corner at the same 45 degree angle (3/8” from points of doubled boards) – complete turn ins and wrap outer side s of boards (complete detailed photo instructions come with kit)
14. cut from the inside corner of the window to create the interior wrap flaps – glue out – wrapping snug into U (trim away excess if it needed)



15. Glue out the window backing paper and attach to board. Repeat on opposite side using pre-cut book cloth piece.
16. Glue up the window U and attach entire piece to the boards – pressing firmly



17. Place wax paper over and under finished frame and press overnight with heavy books
18. When done admire your work!
19. Make a plan to take [the Handmade Album class](#) to create a matching set!

Our [frame kit](#) and [album kit](#) come with complete step by step information - samples shown above may have some variations to them for blog posting and artistic expression!

Enjoy!

Cheers,
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