

MAKING YOUR CONCERTINA MOSS HUNT GUIDE



IN 4 EASY STAGES

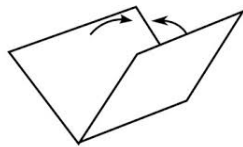
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fold



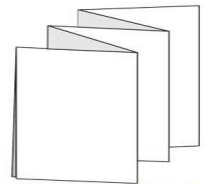
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lay out
& stick



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final fold



A concertina book is
a simple and effective way
of making an unusual but very
practical book design from a
home printer or photocopying
from a library or shop.

YOU WILL NEED

- 1 A colour printer.
- 2 Ordinary A4 white paper.
- 3 Some clean and clear table space - 70cm wide and 50cm the other way - You need room for a long run of paper to go off to the left.
- 4 Sticky tape: on a dispenser is great, but still have scissors to cut it.
- 5 Scissors.
- 6 A letter opener, or a ruler, or use your scissors (as an edge to crease folds). Give them a wipe to make sure they are clean.
- 7 A pile of a few sheets of spare paper (to protect the table surface).
- 8 A paperweight. Anything small, clean and heavy enough to stop a long run of paper sliding around. A book works well.



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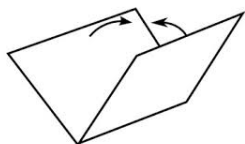


Print *Join our Moss Hunt* in colour, single sided, on A4 white paper. You will have 10 sheets, with an odd layout and dashes to indicate fold lines. Keep the sheets in the order they came off the printer.



2

fold

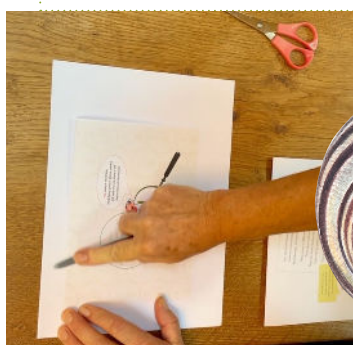
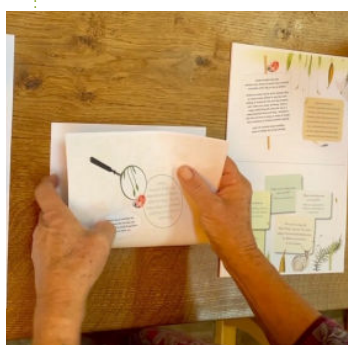


You need spare paper and letter opener / ruler/ closed scissors.

Take the first 3 sheets, and holding them together, fold them in half, along the fold line, with the printed material on the outside, matching the corners neatly.

Separate the sheets out, but keep them in order. Take the first sheet, put it on the spare paper to protect your table, and using the letter opener, ruler or scissors (shut), press down along the fold to make it 'crisp'. Do this with each of the sheets you have folded, keeping them in order.

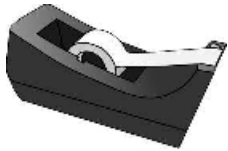
Take the next 3 sheets and do the same thing, then the last 4 sheets. Keep them in order.



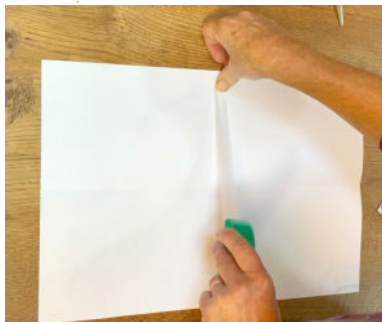
If they get muddled, use page numbers 1 to 9 to get them back into order.

3

lay out & stick



Lay out your first sheet, opened, with the printed side down, so that the *Join our Moss Hunt* cover is on the half of the sheet nearest to you. Lay the next sheet, printed side down, next to it to the right, this time checking you have page 1 in the half of the sheet furthest from you. The page numbers are in little circles near the bottom of the page, alternately on the right and left hand sides.



Line these two sheets up carefully next to each other and hold them together with a little bit of sticky tape at either end, then run a line of sticky tape all the way down the join.

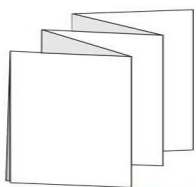
If the line of sticky tape is going on crooked, just cut it with the scissors, and start again at that point.



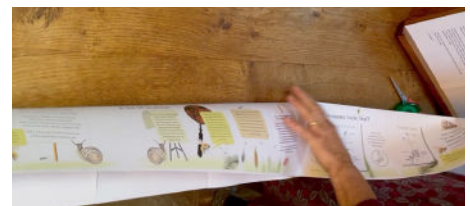
Take the third sheet, lay it, printed side down, to the right, check page 2 is in the top half, line it up carefully, and stick together as above. Keep going, each time checking that you have the next page number in the top half of the sheet, furthest away from you.

4

final fold



You now have all 10 sheets taped together. Handling it carefully, fold it in half again on the fold lines you made 'crisp'. Then, starting with the cover, do the zig-zag fold in the other direction to make the concertina. Line it up carefully and press down the edges.



Your concertina Moss Hunt guide is ready. It's a great book design, as you can open multiple pages at once, and more than one person can read at the same time. You could choose to stick card into the two cover pages.



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