

## *A2 Envelope Mini Book*

This can be adapted to other size books as well! In addition to completely folded envelopes for a variation try cutting the flap of 2 envelopes while keeping the flaps on the other two. Use a flat flap envelope and/or pointed flap envelope. Or mix it up with 2 envelopes and 2 exact size cut papers, whatever you do it will be a unique book.

### Supplies:

Envelope Template or finished envelopes, adhesive- tape runner and stronger like red line/damn strong/wonder woman tape, paper-double side if you want more colors/single sided if not, Teflon bone folder, small dotting tool for scoring, paper trimmer.

Make 4 envelopes-paper and color scheme up to you, front and end covers-cut 2 pieces the size of the finished envelope in the case of A2- 4 3/8" x 5 3/4", Binder-cut a 11" x 5 3/4" size piece. It will always be 11" but the width of your paper will vary with the size of your envelope.

Take 11" piece and score every 1/2".

Fold up accordion style. If using double sided paper, make sure you turn what side you want on the inside up, then with the first fold, fold inward then continue until complete. Run Teflon bone folder over fold often to seal it.

Take the two cut pieces for front and back cover and figure what color or print you want where, and do the same with the envelopes.

### Now we glue-

Take accordion, inside print/color upwards, count in 2 valleys and glue first envelope into the 3<sup>rd</sup> valley. Use adhesive runner on each side of the folds, insert envelope then seal with fingers/Teflon Bone folder. Make sure envelope faces you or if you do want it to open the other way, then that way.

Skip a valley and then repeat with the 5<sup>th</sup>, skip the 6<sup>th</sup>, insert at the 7<sup>th</sup>, skip the 8<sup>th</sup>, insert at the 9<sup>th</sup>. You should have 4 envelopes glued and then 2 valleys on each end of the accordion unit.

Inside flaps seem to do okay with tape runner adhesive, outside flaps seem to need the extra strength. Turn the unit over, we need to connect the spine.

Glue inside the envelope areas, on the spine side. Do tape runner on each side and pinch/fold together. Then repeat for all the section of the inside of the envelopes. Turn back over.

### Front/Back Covers-

Binding facing down and envelopes facing up and facing you, very first valley, glue cover. Repeat on back cover.

Turn back over and glue in between on the spine side both ends (front cover/back cover ends).

Turn back over and both covers and envelopes should be all secure for you to decorate.

Apply a magnet if you want to keep them closed and embellish up!