

Make a journal using envelopes

You will need:

Envelopes, new or used, all the same size

Piece of card (can be a cereal packet or large greetings card) for the cover

Paper for the cover (optional)

Ribbon

Paper fastener

Ruler or straight edge

Paper glue (I used a glue stick)

Strong glue or double-sided tape (carpet tape can be used)

Awl or large needle

Work surface eg a craft mat, place mat or magazines / newspapers

Scoring tool, crochet hook, knitting needle or table knife



1. Envelope 1, fold the flap backwards



2. Turn a 2nd envelope the other way up and slide the flap into the 1st envelope. Glue the flap in place so the crease in envelope 2 lines up with the edge of envelope 1



3. Fold envelope 2 on top of envelope 1 and repeat with envelope 3



4. Repeat until you have as many envelopes as you want in the journal. I used ten.
Glue the final envelope in the other way round



5. Glue the flap of envelope 1 to the back of the last envelope



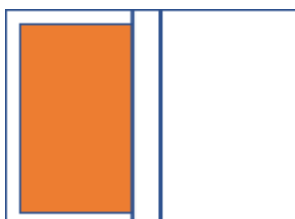
6. You can glue side pockets in the journal as shown using other envelopes



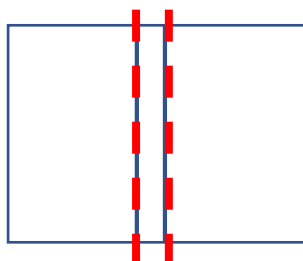
7. I used a patterned envelope and made 4 pockets from it, cutting it as shown



8. Make a cover from card or a greetings card.
Put the envelopes on the card to decide on the size needed and draw a pattern for the cover.



9. Cut it out in one piece and score the folds



10. If the cardboard needs covering, cut a piece of paper slightly larger than the cover and glue it to the outside. To make sure it fits when folded, glue the spine to the paper first



11. And glue the front and back with the cover at right angles to the spine. It makes it less likely to tear.



12. Fold the excess to the inside. Glue the corners first, followed by the sides



13. Cut a piece to cover the inside and glue in place



14. Cut a piece of ribbon long enough to go round the journal and tie

15. Make a hole in the centre of the spine of the cover



16. Push the paper fastener through the ribbon and cover and secure at the inside of the cover.
Stick a piece of paper over this, if you wish



17. Stick the envelopes inside the cover using strong glue or double-sided tape

18. Fill the journal



The travel journal is made using airmail envelopes the cover is an old map

