

Take your acxto knife and metal ruler and cut the pages loose. These is a faint grey, dotted line around each page. First cut horizontally and throw away the pages without text and the surrounding paper. Keep a couple of the blank pages to use later (from the 2nd row)

You should now have a strip of pages like this:



Now cut each page lose vertically and you will have a set of pages like this:



Assembling the pages

When assembling your book your even pages should lay on the left and the uneven pages on the right, if you would look at them as if you had your book open.

Start with the picture of the Lady of Shallot (page 2) and put facing this page the title page (no number)

The back of the title page is blank and should face page 5

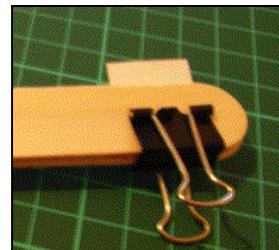
Stack all pages in this way ending with page 24 on the left. Now face this last page either with one of the pages with the other paintings of the Lady of Shalott (the mirror or loom picture) or with a spare blank page.

Hold the stack together and look if the pages are in the correct order before continuing.

Pick up your stack of pages and tab them gently so that they are all nicely aligned.

Stack of paper between the 2 lollypop sticks and let just a tiny part stick out. The picture of the right shows too much sticking out, you really want just 2-3MM.

The part you want to have sticking out is the back of the book, the part that you will glue against the cover.



Put one or 2 clamps on the lollypop sticks to hold the lot together.

Glueing the pages

Now take a scrap piece of paper and put a dab of hobby glue on it. You want something like Aleene's which becomes sort of gummy when it dries.

Take your toothpick and dip it in the glue, rub the glue against the back of the book, rub it up and down well, pressing a little so it will seep between the pages.

Don't press to hard you don't want the pages to drown in glue.

Let pages dry for at least 2-3 hrs (better save then sorry!)

Once dry take a little more glue and add another layer of glue on top of the dry one, let dry overnight.

Preparing cover

While waiting for your pages to dry cut out the front cover, leaving an extra 2-3 MM around it (top left) cut out your 2 inside covers (bottom left) and cut out your hard 'inside of cover" (bottom right)



Cutting the hard cover

Take one of the spare blank pages you kept earlier and use that as a template to cut your hard covers from the business card/thicker paper. You need 2 of these.

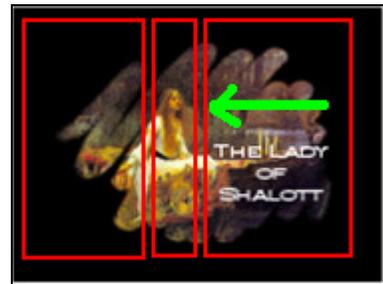
Now check if your glue is dry and measure the thickness of the book, this will be about 3-4MM. Cut a thin strip of the thicker paper the height of the book (measure with spare blank page) and the width of the spine of the book.

(see image above, bottom right, it has 1 cover, 1x spine strip, 1x cover)

Putting together the cover

Take your book cover and hold it up against the light, with your ruler and a pencil draw a thin line on the back of the cover to indicate where the front cover ends (green arrow)

The red lines indicate how the hard cover will be glued against the back of the cover.



Put some glue on one of the hard covers with your prit stick and carefully lace it on the back of the cover (the left side). Place the edge against the line you just drew.

Center the page so you have the same amount of paper left around the top and bottom of the cover.

Put glue on the spine carton and place it to the right of the front cover leave 1MM between the front cover and spine.



Glue the back cover and glue it to the right of the spine, again leave 1MM between spine and back cover

Put something heavy on top of the cover, careful not to move the carton and let dry.

Prepare inside cover

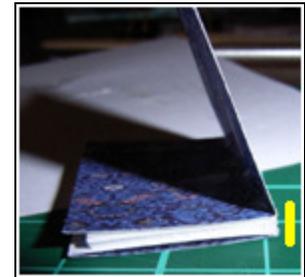
Take the inside covers and fold them in half, make it a sharp fold (once folded, rub over it with your ruler, carefully).
Fold it so that the picture is inside.

If you use the bird covers (see image) then place the ruler right between the birds, and hold it down tight, then take one side and pull it up. This gives you the initial crease nicely centered.



Glue inside cover

Once your spine is dry, cover one of the outside pages with prit glue (the back of the Shalott in boat for example) and place it against one of the inside covers. Check your got your image the correct way.
The spine is indicated in the picture by the yellow line.
See how the cover open like the pages would?



Repeat for the back of the book, Glue the inside cover against the last page (the blank or one of the other Lady paintings pages)

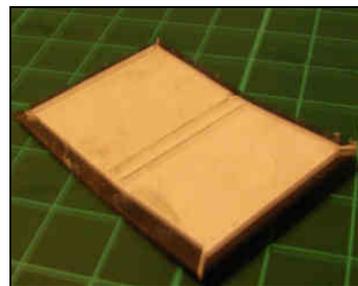
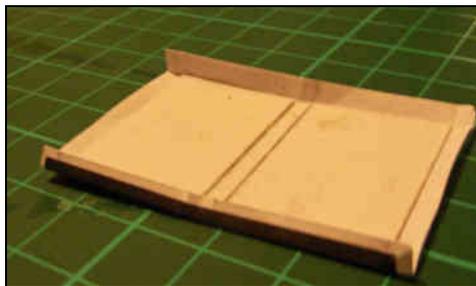
Place the whole between the lollypop sticks, clamp and let dry for 2-3 hours.

Note on drying glue

I prefer being save then sorry and always let the glue dry for 2-3 hours, or overnight. Nothing is more frustrating then your book falling apart in a few weeks/months.

Finishing cover

Once the cover is dry, carefully fold the cover paper over the inside carton pieces. Fold them first once folded cut the angles off and then glue them to the inside.



Gluing cover to pages

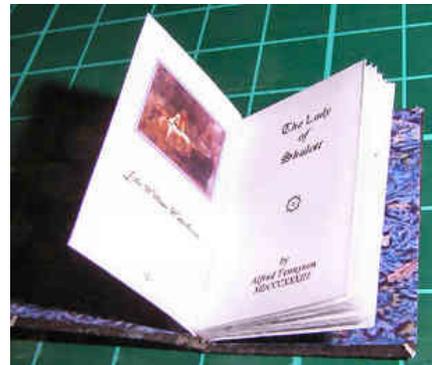
Place the spine of the book on the carton spine but don't glue! Put some glue on one of the inside covers and while holding the book open fold the inside down and glue it onto the back cover, repeat for each side. Make sure no glue seeps through from between the inside and outside cover.



Fold the book close and put it between the lollypop sticks, making sure the spine sticks out you don't want to bent the spine carton. Apply clamps and leave for a few hours to dry.



Your book is now ready



The Lady of Shalott finishing touches

Book mark: Take a piece of 4MM satin ribbon, cut straight on top, and to a point at the bottom, use a little fraycheck. Glue some tiny gems on it and voila! A book mark

Perfumed book: If you want to make a perfumed book take a little airtight box, you also need a piece of chicken wire and bend it into a 'table shape' so it fits into the box. take a cottonwool ball and put a couple of drops of your favorite scent on it, place in the airtight box, place wire table over it (make sure the cottonwool doesn't touch the bottom of your wire support!!! Place book on top of the table and put the box away in a dark cool place for a 3-4 weeks.

Your book will smell lovely for some time.

You can also place your book in a box of incense, but again make sure it does not touch it. Perfume and Incense contain oils which will stain your book.

Ex-Libris

Cut out an ex libris and glue it inside the front of your book on the right side of the inside cover, with a really fine pen or pencil, write a name on the Ex-Libris

I hope you enjoyed making this book and look out for more books in the next issue of Frills and Fancy

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