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Cereal Box Book

Materials:

4 cereal boxes



8 pages of 12x12 scrapbook paper



Paper cutter and/or scissors - your choice of adhesive
(love my scrapbooking tape)



Lastly, to put it all together get out your hole punch, some string and
any embellishments you'd like to use :)

Begin by taking the cereal boxes and cutting off ALL sides. So that you're only left with the front and back pieces only. Do this to all 4 boxes and discard the cut-off side pieces.



Next, take the front and back pieces and cut them at $5 \frac{1}{4}$ in. tall and $7 \frac{1}{2}$ in. wide. You should be able to get 4 pieces at these measurements, per box (1 front and 1 back piece).

This will give you 16 pages all together from the 4 boxes when cut.



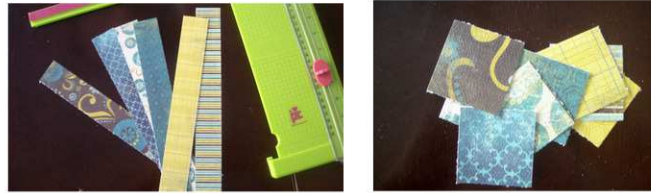
Following those same measurements, go ahead and get your scrapbook paper. Cut your paper to $5 \frac{1}{4}$ in. wide. This will give you 16 of $5 \frac{1}{4} \times 12$ in pages. And 8 strips that are $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 12$ in.



Now take the sixteen pages of $5 \frac{1}{4} \times 12$ in. Cut them at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ in. wide (1 cut per page). This will give you one $7 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{4}$ in. piece and one $4 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{4}$ in. piece. After you cut all sixteen pages you will have sixteen $7 \frac{1}{2} \times 5$ in. and sixteen $4 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{4}$ in.

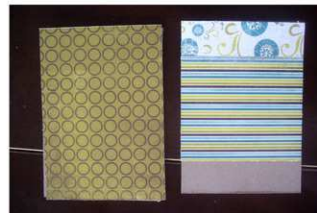


Now take the 1 1/2 x 12 in. pieces and cut them at 5 1/4 in. (two cuts per paper). This will give you sixteen 1 1/2 x 5 1/4 in. pieces and eight 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. pieces.



Give yourself a **HUGE** pat on the back because you have made it through the tricky parts.....the cutting!! From here on out we will making this book come together! *squeal*

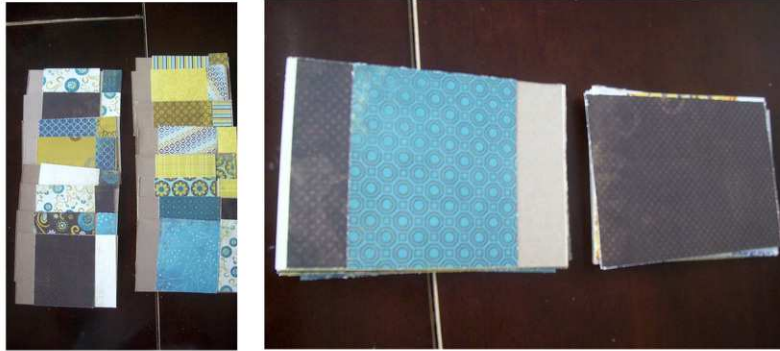
Go ahead and take one of your 7 1/2 x 5 1/4 in. (the **BIGGEST**) papers and paste it on one of the cereal box pages. Turn the page over. Take one of the 4 1/2 x 5 1/4 in. (the Middle size) papers and one of the 1 1/2 x 5 1/4 in. (the smallest) papers. Paste them down putting the the smallest paper on the edge and the middle paper on the inside. You will have a 1 1/2 in. open edge that no paper covers. This picture is what one back and one front side should look like.



Once you have pasted all 16 pages, choose **ONE** of those pages to be the back of the book. On that page you will take 4 of your 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. papers. Paste them along the open edge. You will have a little excess to trim off.



Time to put your book into binding! Make sure all of your open edges are lined up and facing the same way. I laid mine out, just to be sure. then stack them on top of each other. To double check, go ahead and open your pile as if you were going to open a page to a book. This is what you should see.



Now you are going to hole punch each page 3 times. You should be punching the holes on the open side of the back page. After I punched my front page I used it as a guide for the rest of the pages. Once that is complete string your yarn or ribbon through the holes to bind the book. TIP: don't tie the binding too tight or you will not be able to turn the pages in the book!!!



Now for the fun part!! Embellish your book to your pleasing! You have 30 inside pages to do with what you'd like! In my book I put one picture on each page with a reason why I love him. And just for fun.....If you have a scrap pile like mine then you know you did good!!!!

