

SMALLEST MINI BOOK

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This little book is the smallest from the Mini Books Pack. Although it is very small it is very versatile. I have used dulled down patterned paper for the pages but you could use plain white or lined. You could add tabs or make different size pages! To attach the covers I have used Burlap ribbon but as long as its strong and flexible you could use anything. This little book would make a lovely present or maybe make a set just for yourself!

You will need: Tando Mini Books Mega Pack, Paper for pages, Strong Thread e.g. linen, button thread, Burlap Ribbon or similar

Extras: Tando Mini Heart, wire, beads, acrylic paints and mediums.

* Take 2 of the smallest covers and a matching spine from the pack and paint them with gesso or tinting base. Add some texture paste through a stencil to the covers avoiding the area where the outer binding will go. When this is dry paint in your chosen colour.



* For the pages I have used some old 12x12 papers that I had in my stash and added a thin layer of gesso. (a great way to use up those papers!) Tear (or you may prefer to cut) 20 pieces 5.5cm by 11.5cm then fold each piece in half. Arrange them in groups of 4. Each group is called a signature. You should have 5.



* Take the painted spine and make 5 small slits top and bottom.

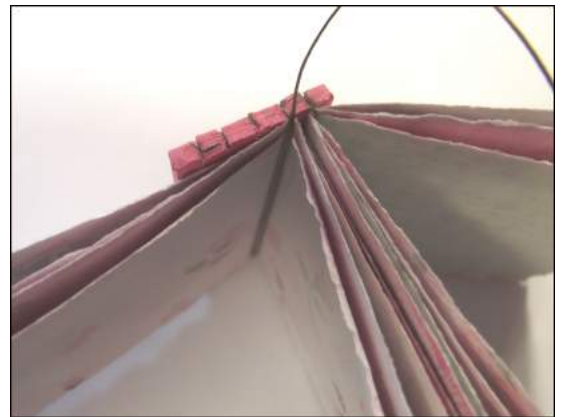


* Now start to bind your signatures (groups of pages) to the spine.

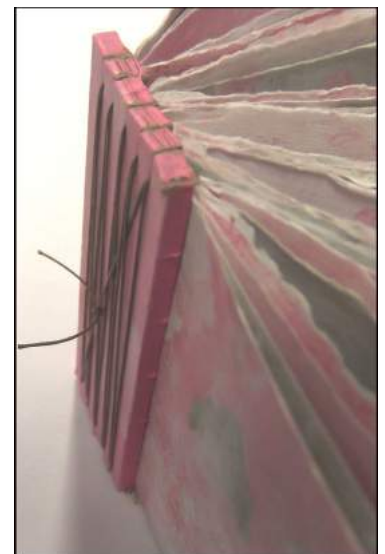
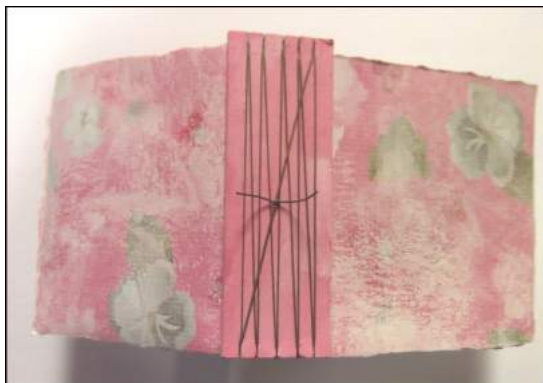
Cut a piece of thread long enough to wrap around the spine at least 11 times. Leaving a long thread (about 10cm) start winding by tucking the thread through the 1st slit and around into the bottom slit. Bring the thread up to the top, through the slit, down over a signature and through the bottom slit. Repeat. (Each signature should be wound onto the spine twice to really secure it.)



Then come over to the next slit at the top and attach the 2nd signature in the same way. Carry on until all the signatures are in place.



Bring the thread to the middle on the outside and tie in a knot with the loose end. Your spine should look like the one in the picture.



* Cut a piece of burlap ribbon the length of the spine and glue the spine and the front and back covers to it, allowing enough space to be able to open and close the covers.



* When it is dry turn your attention to the outside.

I added Crackle Glaze all over the outside and, when dry, some Antiquing Cream which I rubbed off again when dry.



* Then I wound some thin wire around with a few beads added to add some interest, along with a Mini Tando Heart.

