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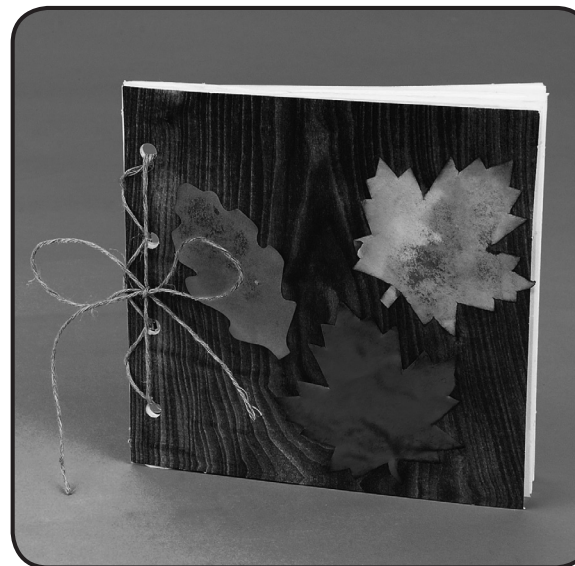
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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



YOUR KIT CONTAINS:

- Journal Covers
- Journal Sheets
- Colored Leaves
- Cord
- Glue

AGE GROUP: 6 and up
PREP TIME: 5 minutes
PROJECT TIME: 30 minutes

YOU WILL NEED:

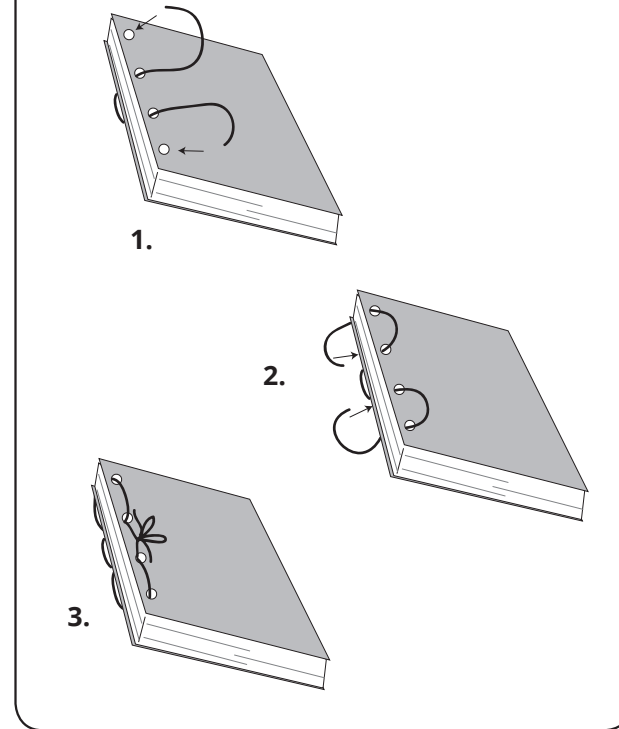
- Scissors
- A Ruler
- Markers (optional)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose 2 journal covers. Some of the covers or sheets may already be attached together and need to be separated.
2. Using your finger, punch through to remove the paper circles from the holes along the edge of the cover and sheets. The covers may be used shiny side out or muted side out- either will work.
3. Sandwich 6 sheets of paper between the two covers.
4. Cut the cord in 18" lengths. Each person needs 1, 18" piece. There will be extra cord left.
5. The journal may be bound together in any manner. There are several ways of doing this. Here is one option for lacing up the side: Bring one end of the cord up through the second hole from the top. Bring the other end up through the third hole from the top. Even out the ends before proceeding. Using one end, weave in and out up to the top of the cover and then back down to the center. Do the same for the other end, weaving in and out down to the bottom of the cover and back to the center. Tie both ends at the center and make a bow there. (see Figure A).
6. Another option for weaving the edging is to overcast stitch as follows: Bring the end of the cord through the bottom hole and leave a 6-8 inch tail there. Overcast through each hole up the side of the cover (see Figure B) and then when you are at the top of the cover, overcast stitch the same cord back down the side to the bottom. Knot the two ends at the bottom. You will have extra length that can then be trimmed off or it can be used to make some decorative knots at the bottom of the cover.
7. To decorate your cover, use the glue stick on the cover in the area where you want a leaf and then press the leaf down onto the cover. Since these leaves have been colored from watercolor, no two are exactly alike. Since the leaves are made from thin watercolor paper, it is easiest to put the glue onto the cover, rather than onto the leaf first. Allow time to dry.
8. You may wish to use marker to decorate the leaves or the cover of your journal.

FIGURE A**FIGURE B**