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FOLDED BOOK TREE

SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- Old book – paperback or hardcover with at least 130 pages
- Candlestick or container for base
- Paper Creaser #30003774
- Clips for holding the folded pages
- Tacky Glue #1360916
- Low Temp Gun & Glue sticks
- Clip or clothespin is helpful for holding pages
- Craft Knife #77504092

Additional:
- Decorations for tree
- Paint or other coloring mediums

INSTRUCTIONS

1. PREP – if you are making a completely round tree, gently remove the book's cover while keeping the spine that binds the pages intact.

You only need 150 -200 pages, so you can remove the extra pages now or later.

If you are making a half tree with backdrop, you can leave the covers on.

2. Begin folding, starting from the first page. Take the top right corner of the page and fold to the center of the book. Crease well.

3. Fold the angled edge of the page to the center, lining up with the spine. Crease well. If you are going to place your tree on a stand or pedestal, you can go to step 7.

4. If you want a straight edge for the bottom of your tree, continue by folding the page point sticking out over the bottom edge of the book. Crease well.

5. Unfold the point and lift up the page's larger fold.

6. Tuck the point into the larger fold for a clean finish..

7. Continue folding the pages of the book. As you fold the pages, you may need to use clips to hold the already folded pages together, making it easier to fold the new pages.

8. The folded pages/book spine will start to curl, making the folded pages form a circular shape for the tree.

9. If you keep the points on the bottom of your tree, you will need to elevate the tree and attach it to a base such as a candlestick, wood block, etc.

You can leave your tree as is or decorate it. Glue on small ornaments and trims. Add a tree topper if you wish

10. You can also make a half tree in the center of the book and use the pages on either side of the book as a backdrop.
You'll need to calculate about 100 – 120 pages for the tree in the center of the book to find the page to start your folding.

Decorate the backdrop with paint and other embellishments.