

Handmade Books for a Healthy Planet



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Color Photos of the Sixteen Projects



Name Scroll

ANCIENT EGYPT

From back to front: Scroll of grocery bag mounted on spent glue stick. Images cut from magazines and catalogs. Yarn tie with bread closures on ends. Scroll of grocery bag mounted on half toilet paper tube. Images drawn with marker. Yarn tie with bread closures on ends. Rolled grocery bag/toilet paper scroll with curling ribbon tie. Scrolls (open and closed) on recycled copy paper glued to catalog pages mounted on empty thread spools. Name images drawn with black marker, swirls added around images and then images colored in. Ties cut from plastic rice cake bags.



Wish Scroll

ETHIOPIA

Left: Scroll case of rice vinegar cap covered with grocery bag paper. Curling ribbon saved from gifts for hanger. Scroll of grocery bag paper. / Right Front: Scroll case of top of glue stick covered with grocery bag paper. Yarn hanger. / Right Back: Scroll case made from film container decorated with paper from the collage box. Hanger made from used videotape. Buttons tied onto videotape with thread.



Zulu Beadwork

SOUTH AFRICA

Left: Grid colored in with markers and mounted on cereal box. Yarn ties. / Right: Grid colored in with dots using colored pencils and mounted on grocery bag. Yarn ties.



Adinkra Cloth

GHANA

Left: Two pieces of colored paper with writing on one side glued together for background. Symbols cut from pages from a catalog. / Right: Back panel of grocery bag cut in half for background. Symbols traced and colored in with black marker:



Winter Count

DAKOTA, NORTH AMERICA

Left: Brown grocery bag with black marker. / Right: Brown grocery bag with colored markers.



Time Line Accordion

MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Back: A record of four decades with events from family, politics, sports, fashion, music, books. Accordion from front panel of grocery bag, time line of braided yarn. / Front Left: History of paper. Accordion from one sheet of newspaper folded in half the long way and glued. Time line of videotape. / Front Right: Life cycle of a butterfly. Accordion from front panel of grocery bag cut in half the long way. Time line of found string.



Comic Book

UNITED STATES

Back: Book (closed and open) made from Sunday newspaper comic page with the blank margins trimmed. Writing and illustrations done on used copy paper and glued in. / Front: Book from one sheet of used copy paper. Writing done with black marker. Illustration: black marker and colored pencils.



Curandero Book

MEXICO

Back Left: Closed book: Cereal box covered with newspaper. Title and illustrations cut from grocery bag. / Back Right: Four page accordion from grocery bag. Cereal box cover covered with newspaper. Illustrations cut from newspaper. / Front: Accordion from two sheets of US Letter/A4 used copy paper. Illustrations cut from grocery bags.



Palm Leaf Book

INDIA, INDONESIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA

Back Left: Book pages made from two pieces of recycled paper glued together, with yarn and pony beads. Back Right: Book pages made from a granola bar box, with curling ribbon, saved from a gift, and buttons. Front: Book pages made from discarded CDs, with strips cut from a plastic rice cake bag, milk container tops, and bread closures.



Slat Book

ANCIENT CHINA

Back: Counting book of family trip to Percé, Québec. Slats made from cereal boxes covered with the map we used on the trip. Numbers and pictures done on recycled paper and glued on. Front Left: Multiplication facts book. Slats made from cleaned popsicle sticks. Writing done with marker. Front Right: Multiplication book with a couplet rhyme for each fact and arrays of dots made with marker on the left side. Slats from cereal boxes.



Seasons Accordion Book

CHINA

Left: Closed book. Cereal box cover decorated with collage box pieces. Yarn tie. / Center: Accordion from recycled folded US Letter/A4 paper. Cover from cereal box. Illustrations cut from gift wrap scraps and can and tea labels. Right: Accordion from grocery bag. Text and illustration done on used copy paper and glued in.



Book of Haiku

JAPAN

Left: Haiku by Basho. Illustrations from collage box papers and adhesive-backed pieces saved from stamps. Center: Book made from half sheets of recycled US Letter/ A4 paper. Cover from cereal box. Binding with curling ribbon from gift packages. Right: Closed book. Stitching started in front with yard sale beads attached to the ends of the thread.



Rune Stone

SCANDINAVIA

Left: Stone for Taran, a character in Lloyd Alexander's Book of Three. Stone made from front panel of grocery bag cut in half with both pieces glued together. / Center: My name written with waterproof black marker on stone. / Right: Stone for Wilbur from Charlotte's Web. Stone made from US Letter/ A4 recycled paper folded in half and glued together.



Pugillare ANCIENT ROME

Closed and open books: Pages from a cereal box covered with a brown grocery bag. Ties of twist ties. Waxed paper glued to interior pages.



Newsbook

15TH AND 16TH CENTURY EUROPE

Left: Record of family/personal event. Used US Letter/A4 copy paper pages. Cover of cereal box with newspaper glued on. Elastic binding. / Center: Record of family vacation. Book made from half sheets of used US Letter/A4 copy paper: Cover made by gluing catalog page to front page. Bound with two twist ties. / Right: Newsbook of historical event. Used US Letter/A4 copy paper pages. Cover of cereal box with paper glued on. Elastic binding.



Book of Hours MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Left: Foil cover with “jewels” torn from catalog page. Drawing with waterproof black marker. / Center: Smaller book with pages made from used copy paper folded in half the short way. Cover “jewels” are fruit stickers. / Right: Open book. Illuminated initial outlines are available online.