

# Book Folding: Basics of Measure-Mark-and-Fold



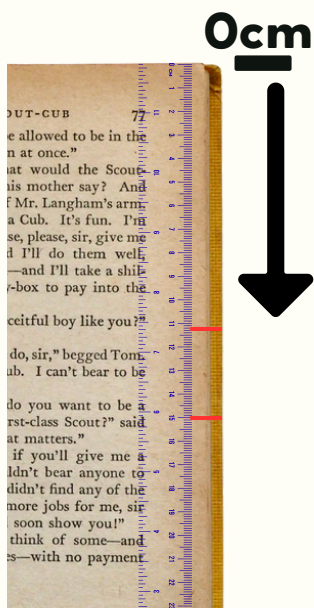
## Materials

- Book (hardcover is best)
- Ruler with metric markings
- Pattern or template
- Pencil or other marking tool

## Instructions (for MMF Patterns)

### 1 Calculate your start page

- $[(\text{total \# pgs in book}) - (\text{\# pgs required for pattern})] \div 2 = \text{start page}$
- Your start page must be an odd number (if you calculated an even #, add 1)



### 2

Align your ruler down the margin of the right-side (odd page), with the “0” line at the top of the page, and measure down the length of the page to mark at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> measurements.

- Keep your marks as even as possible in size and position in the margin.
- If you are using a pattern, mark off each measurement as you go
- 1 “Fold” = 1 sheet/leaf of paper = 2 numbered pages

### 3 From the top, make a right angle fold to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> mark, then repeat from the bottom for the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Use the text as a guide to make your fold horizontally straight across the page



### 4 Repeat steps 2-3 for all pages

- Some folders find it easiest to measure/mark (step 2) ALL of the pages and then proceed to fold (step 3) all of the pages. It's entirely a matter of preference!

**Tip:** The “fullness” of your finished design will be determined by how firmly you crease the paper. Hard folds = a compact design.

**Note:** This is a brief overview of a simple, but nuanced artform. Please contact [crider@cedarfallslibrary.org](mailto:crider@cedarfallslibrary.org) with any questions!