

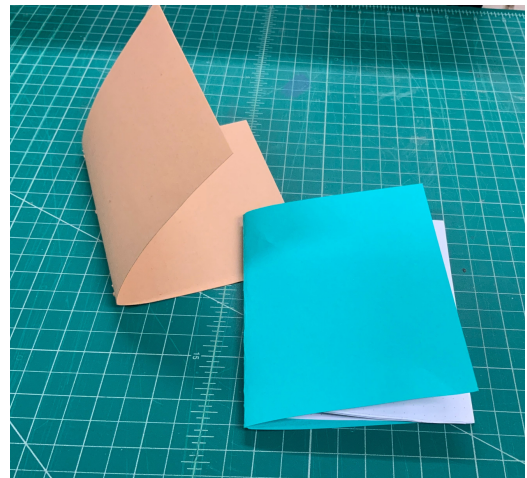
Traveler's *NATURE* JOURNAL



Here's what's included!

- 1 piece of brown cover stock
- 1 piece of colored cardstock
- 4 pieces of dotted paper
- 1 length of elastic string

You will also need something to poke holes in your paper and maybe some scissors to tidy up the edges.



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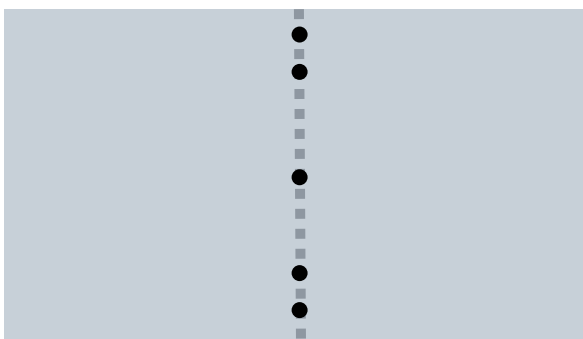
First, you will fold all of your pieces of paper, card and cover stock in half to form the basis of your booklet.

The brown coverstock will be your nature journal's cover. You will be attaching the elastic string to your cover and you can actually reuse it after you've filled up one booklet "insert".

Your booklet insert is created by tucking your dotted paper inside the colorful cardstock, making a little book. You can staple along the fold to secure it, or it works just as well if you leave it loose for now.

2

Set aside the cardstock and dotted paper booklet and let's attach the elastic string to your brown journal's cover! Looking at the chart below, make holes along the fold of your coverstock with a pin, nail or awl. Make sure the holes are big enough to get your elastic through.

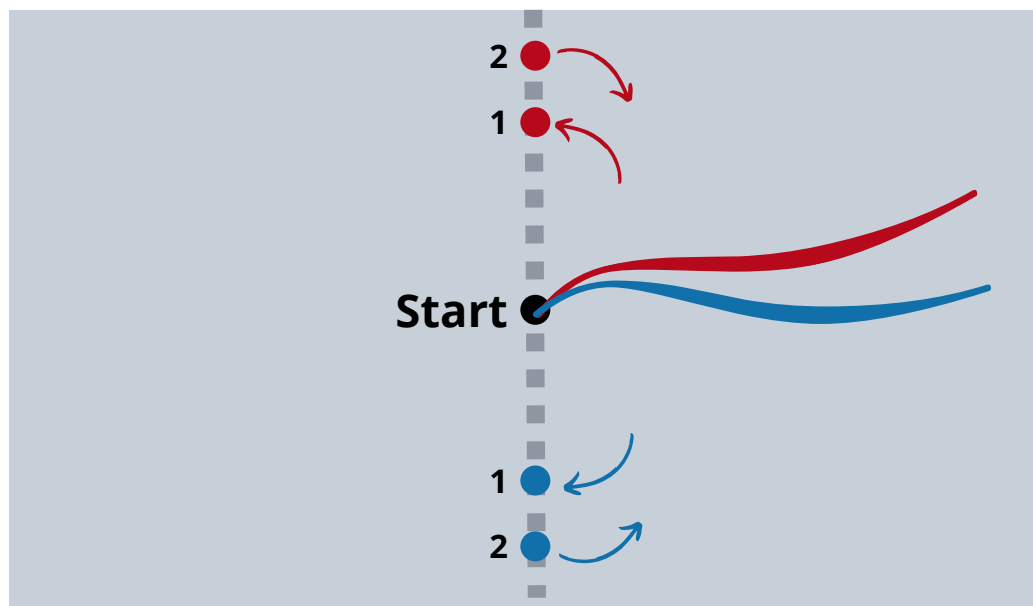


Starting about a quarter inch from the top and bottom of your coverstock, poke two holes along the fold that are about a quarter inch apart. Then poke a hole in the very center of the page on the fold. It should look something like this diagram.

3

Begin threading your elastic by folding it in half and poking the fold through the center hole in your coverstock from the inside towards the outside. This will form the loop that holds your journal closed! So make sure it can stretch far enough to wrap around the front of your journal.

Next, you will take the ends of your elastic still left inside your cover and poke one through the top and bottom holes closest to the center, again out towards the outside of your journal. Then thread them back in though the outer holes. See below.



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When you tie the ends of your elastic together, you should have one long loop from one outer hole to the other, perfect for slipping into the center fold of your booklet insert! This enables you to swap out booklets, reusing the same cover to hold them.

Scan the QR code below to watch a video showing the lacing process in more detail! Now you can move on to decorating your cover and filling your notebook pages (you might even have to add a few more of your own!)



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