

BOOKMARKED

ANNE'S TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR OWN KNITTED BOOKS

Your Bookmarked pattern is truly all you need. It takes you through each step of knitting and assembling these adorable knitted books.

If you're like me, though, you enjoy having a knitting friend tell you about the parts they found tricky and the ways they avoided trouble. Or, even, the ways they got *into* trouble so you can learn from their misakes!

Here are *my tips* of things to be mindful of:

1. SWATCH

You want your knitted books to fit a very specific size of cover and "pages". Save yourself the trouble of your knitting not fitting, and swatch.

2. GLUEING THE FLAT-PACK SLIDING BOX CAN BE A BIT TRICKY

I've made a video on how to glue the flat-pack boxes that I offer in my kits. You can find it here: bit.ly/bookmarked-kit

3. BE REALLY CAREFUL WHEN USING SUPERGLUE

Have a bowl of water in your work area. Then, if you get glue on your fingers, like I did, *immediately* submerge your fingers in the water and rub them together. This can sometimes help. If the glue has dried, you can sometimes accelerate the "shedding" process by filing the glue with an emery board or a nail buffer. Just be careful and try to file away the glue, not your skin.

4. CHECK THE POLARITY OF YOUR MAGNETS

It's really important to match polarity. Hunter says this in her pattern. So, of course, I did it wrong. It's a pain to fix, so here's a tip for doing it right:

Put your magnets together and mark the outsides with a Sharpie. Open the magnets like a book, and remember to glue the side with the X to the cardboard.

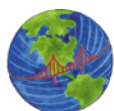
If you do it wrong, you can cut around the edges of the glued magnet with an Xacto knife and pry the magnet up. It will rip part of your cardboard, but you know what? It's fine. The magnets are strong enough that you can reglue them, and they'll still hold.

5. HOW I ADDED MY RIBBON LOOP

Measure the exact distance your ribbon loop needs to span: from back cover, around the button, and back. Glue **both ends** of the ribbon to the cardboard back cover. This will make a very secure loop. Just remember to glue **both ends** to the **inside** of the back cover (the same side as your magnets). Tape over it. Saturate the tape with glue. Then, when you're assembling the cover pouch, pull the ribbon loop through the knitted pouch using a knitting needle to stretch open stitches, and a pair of tweezers to grab it.

6. CONSIDER HOLDING YOUR EMBROIDERY FLOSS DOUBLE

I liked the sketchy look of a single thread of floss, but many folks doubled it for a stronger "gilt" look.



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