

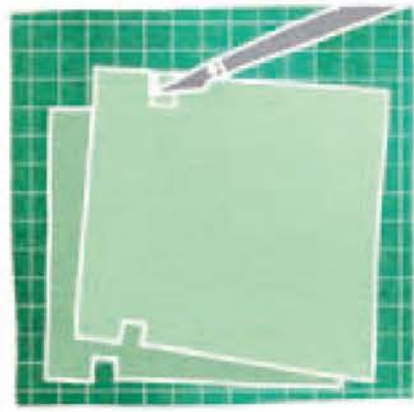
TRAVEL JOURNAL

When I was a child, my family traveled every summer, and my parents gave me a notebook to use as a journal and sketchbook. I used to stick in things of interest that I collected along the way. A travel journal is a lovely way to **record a journey** and hold onto **happy memories**. This would make a lovely gift for a friend who is about to embark on a trip. I have collaged the front cover in **travel-related ephemera** that I have collected, but you can download suitable images, too. (See Downloading Royalty-free Images, page 20).

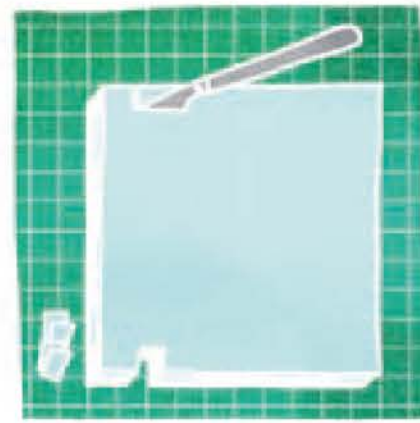


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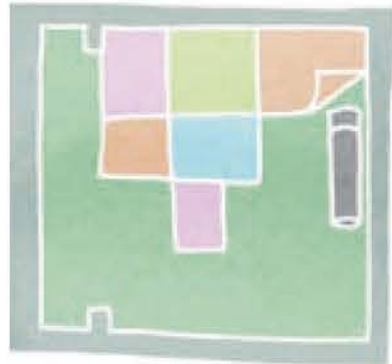
- 3 pieces of card stock (card) measuring 8 x 8 in. (20 x 20 cm)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Craft knife
- Cutting mat
- A stack of graph paper measuring 8 x 8 in. (20 x 20 cm)
- Travel-related ephemera—postcards, stamps, maps (see Collecting Ephemera, page 18)
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Blunt-knife, or similar, for scoring
- Template, page 123
- Tracing paper
- Masking tape
- $\frac{2}{3}$ -in. (15-mm) wide elastic, measuring 11 in. (28 cm)
- Sewing machine or needle and thread



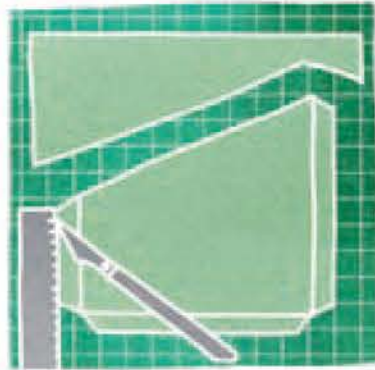
1 Take two pieces of card stock (card). At both the top and bottom of each piece of card stock (card), and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (2 cm) in from the outside edge, cut a rectangle measuring $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{2}{3}$ in. (2 x 1.8 cm) wide. Use a craft knife and protect your work surface with a cutting mat.



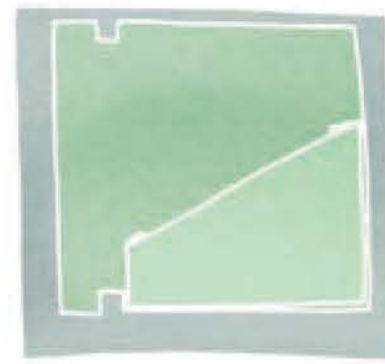
2 Repeat Step 1, to cut the same shape from the sheets of graph paper. Save time by cutting several sheets at a time.



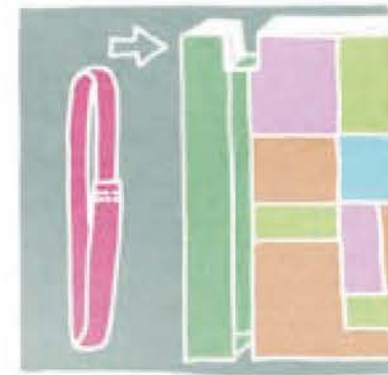
3 Make a collage on the front piece of card using the travel ephemera. Work just up to the indented section and use a blunt knife to score the edge of the indent. This will make it easier to turn back the cover.



4 Trace out the pocket template and transfer the shape onto the third piece of card stock (card). Cut the shape out.



5 Score along the lines marked on the pocket template and bend back the glue flaps. Glue the flaps and stick the pocket in position to the inside back cover of the journal. Align the side and bottom of the pocket as shown.



6 Form a loop with the elastic, sewing the ends where they overlap. I used a sewing machine but you could hand-sew it. Loop the band over the indented sections of the journal to complete.

GET CREATIVE

Adapt this project to create other journals. How about a recipe book? Cover the front with clippings from magazines, sections of old handwritten recipes, and interesting bits of packaging. It would make a lovely gift for a student off to university or a friend moving into his or her first home.



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