

Create Your Banned Books Book Cover

It's your turn to make the cover. Pick a banned book either from your own collection or one you checked out. Now with some creativity and brown paper bag, Kraft Paper, or wrapping paper you can create a one of a kind book cover.

Follow the instructions below on how to fold your paper and so on. Once you have the size and folds done take the cover off to decorate.

When you're decorating your cover use some of these suggestions and prompts to help you. Don't forget to check out Pinterest for some great ideas!

Ideas/Prompts

- New Title (Create a new title for your book aka an alternative title, that one could not guess the book underneath too quickly)
- Reasons it has been banned or challenged (list the reasons why it was banned or challenged, you can also list the years too)
- Design a scene (pick a scene from the book to put on the cover)
- Quotes from the book or even from other authors about books and/or about Banning Books
- Whatever you want!

The goal of this craft/project is for you to learn why Books are banned or challenged in the Unites States of America. Keep it simple or get crazy because this project is also about letting your voice be heard.

If you wish you can also share your final product with Miss Susan and Library Express. Simply take a photo and either send it through our Facebook messenger, email Miss Susan at shuey@albright.org, or tag us on Instagram @ScrantonPublicLibrary #LibraryExpressBookstore.

How to Create

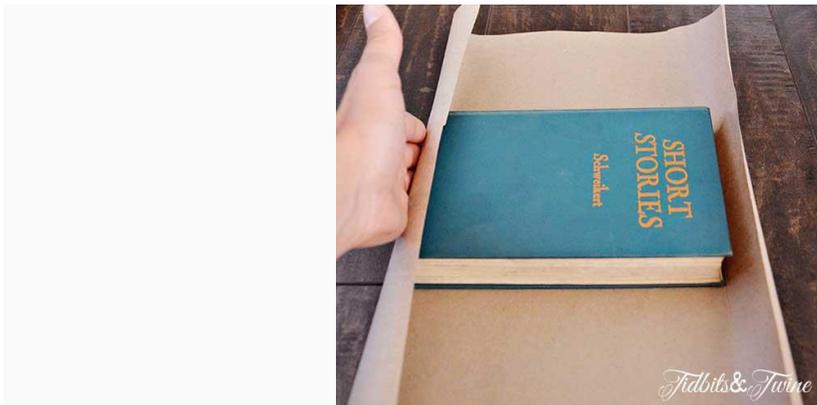
STEP 1

- To cover the book, you first need to open the book flat and cut the paper so that it is about 2" wider on the top and bottom, and about 4" wider on each side.



STEP 2

- Next, crease the paper along the top and bottom edges of the book. So long as you crease both top and bottom at the same time, it doesn't matter whether the book is straight on the paper. (Sorry about the photo – it's hard to take a picture using only one hand!)



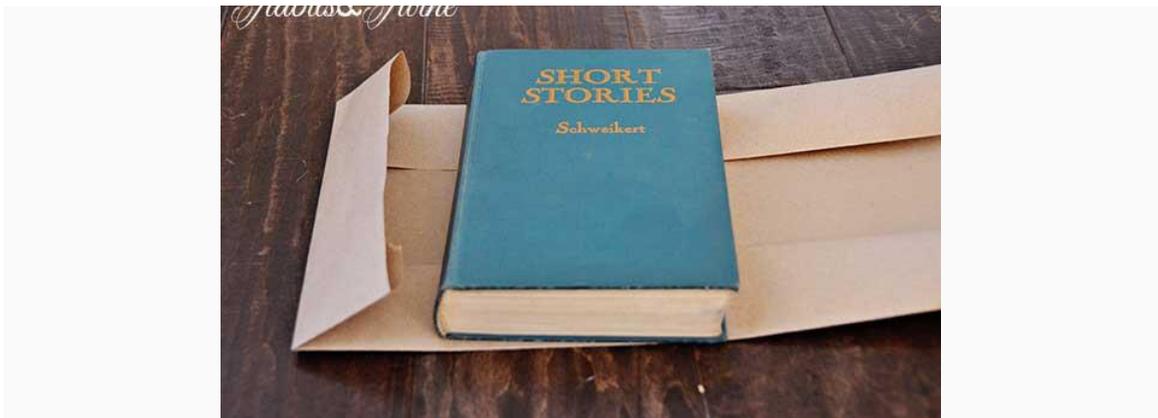
STEP 3

- After you've marked your creases, follow them to create folds in the paper. Your paper should now be folded to the exact size of your book.



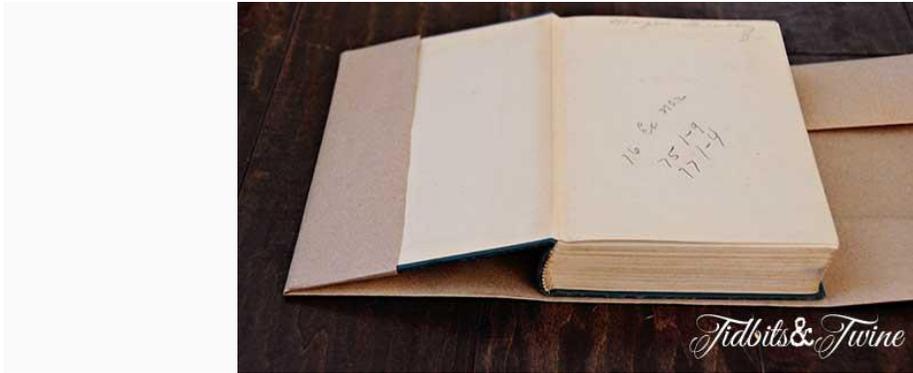
STEP 4

- For the front cover, folder the left side of your paper with a 1 1/2" fold.



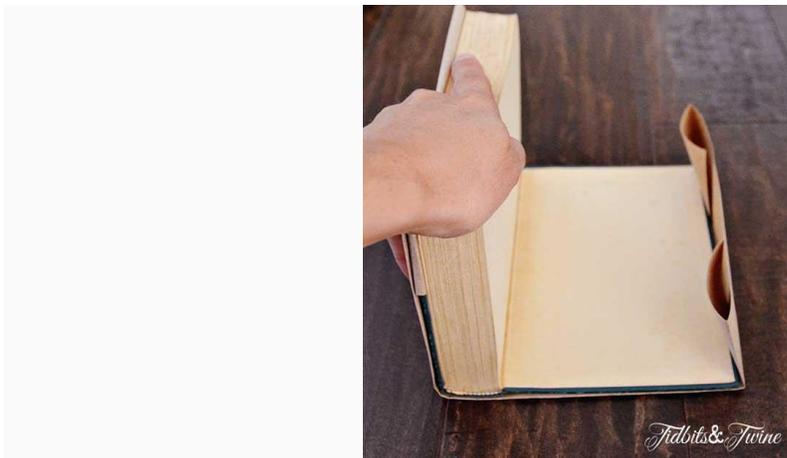
STEP 5

- Then insert the front cover into the edges of the fold.



STEP 6

- For the back cover, it is very important that you hold the book up at a 90 degree angle before making your crease on the right side. The angle is important because it allows the spine to lie flat, which will ensure that you allow enough space for the book's spine; otherwise, when you try to close the book the cover will be too short and will rip.



STEP 7 – FINISHED!

- Insert the back cover into the edge of the fold and you are done! If you want the cover to be stable and last a long time, you can use a small piece of tape at each corner to tape together the top and the folded edges.



Find this technique at

<https://www.tidbitsandtwine.com/diy-stamped-kraft-covered-books/>

Or simply go on google or Pinterest to find other styles of Folding!