How to Book Fold – Measure and Mark: Fold Only

**Step One:** Place your book, your pattern, and your ruler in front of you.

**Step Two:** Find your start page. If you pattern has 30 folds, then it will take 60 numbered pages to fold. Now using the equation below, you can determine which page to start on.

Number of pages in the book – number of PAGES for folding ÷ 2 = your start page.

100 (total pages in book) – 60(total folding pages) ÷ 2 = 20. Your start page is page 20.

**Step Three:** Grab your ruler and open your book to the start page. If using our free printable book folding ruler, make sure the tab at 0 is folded down, and place the ruler below your start page. Make sure the top is at 0, and the ruler part is sticking out of the book, with the mm marks visible next to the book page.

-If using a regular ruler, place the ruler close to the edge of your book but far enough inward so you can make your pencil marks.

**Step Four:** Make sure your ruler is lined up with zero along the top of the page. Look at your pattern and start with the first fold.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fold Number</th>
<th>First Measurement</th>
<th>Second Measurement</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>8.8cm</td>
<td>8.9cm</td>
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Make a mark next to the measurement (8.8) on the page. You want to make sure the mark is not directly on the edge but far enough into the book for you to clearly see. Now keeping your ruler in place, make your second mark next to the second measurement (8.9). Every page will have 2 marks.

Continue this on every page until you have reached the last fold of your pattern.

**Step Five:** With your book marked, now you can begin folding. Fold each page downward from the top mark, and upward from the bottom mark at a 90 degree angle.

Note: Some may be so far down on the page that a 90 degree fold is not possible. In this case, fold inward until the corner of the page barely touches the spine of the book. Continue folding every page until you reach blank pages.

Voila, enjoy your beautiful hand-folded book sculpture!