

# ADULT CRAFT NIGHT *Open Book Vases* INSTRUCTIONS

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## You will need:

- Hardcover book (preferably 300+ pages)
- Scissors or Exacto Knife
- Ruler (optional)
- Glue dots, tape runner, or other adhesive
- Faux flowers

**Step 1:** Find the center of the book and open it wide to increase the spine. Repeat the process in 10 page intervals for 50 pages to the right and left of the center. This will help the book stay open. Don't be afraid to crack the spine!

**Step 2:** Starting from the center of the book, grab 50 pages to the right of center and 50 pages to the left of center. This is the 100 page chunk that you will use to create the vase. Example: if the center of your book is page 190, you'd use pages 140-240 for the vase - 100 numbered pages, but only 50 sheets of paper.

**Step 3:** Starting at the beginning of the chunk, measure halfway up the book. Use scissors or an Exacto Knife to cut through a few pages at a time (I did 5 to 8 pages at a time).

**Step 4:** Once you've cut through a few pages, rip the top half of the pages out of the book. It's okay if there's some paper residue around the middle/spine. It will be hidden by the flowers.

Repeat the process until the top half of all 100 pages (50 sheets of paper) have been removed.



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Step 5: Place a little bit of adhesive on the top and bottom right corners of the first half page, as shown below.

Step 6: Count five half pages (including the one you just added adhesive to) and hold them as one page. Fold them to the right without creasing, rolling the outer edge of the pages in toward the spine of the book, and tuck them in. Gently rub the page with the adhesive to help it stick.

Step 7: Repeat the process, adding adhesive to the top page, counting five pages, and folding it to the right without creasing, bringing the edges to the spine of the book. You are creating the rolled edge of the "vase" portion of the book. You'll have enough half pages for 10 sections.



Step 8: At this point, the book should stand up on its own. Add your faux flowers. Make sure to cut the stems to their desired length. You do not have to glue the flowers down, especially if you wish to swap them out at any time. However, you can use hot glue if you wish for extra support.

Step 9: Add any extra accessories like ribbon or embellishments and enjoy!

