

## Antique Books

A selection of vintage miniature books. (Find others by doing a search in Google.)

Everyone has their own method of “bookmaking.” Here’s mine:

### Directions:

Print covers on matte photo paper. Spray with a matte fixative or acrylic coating, then give them one to two light coats of Matte Mod Podge. Optional: trace around the designs with a ball stylus for dimension.

Cut out and fold covers around a razor blade or other sharp item to crease. You can cut individual pages for the inside, but I prefer using picture framing mat board as it’s a good thickness and easy to cut with scissors.

Fold one side of cover around the edge of the mat board and trace for size. Cut one to three pieces to fit the thickness of the cover. The inside pieces should fit inside the cover but not go right up to the edges.

Glue inside mat board pieces together with Tacky glue. Paint edges with gold metallic paint. I use Tulip Soft Fabric Paint as it dries quickly and has a bright metallic color.

That’s it. Enjoy and fill your library! Once you start, you’ll find it’s pretty addicting!

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