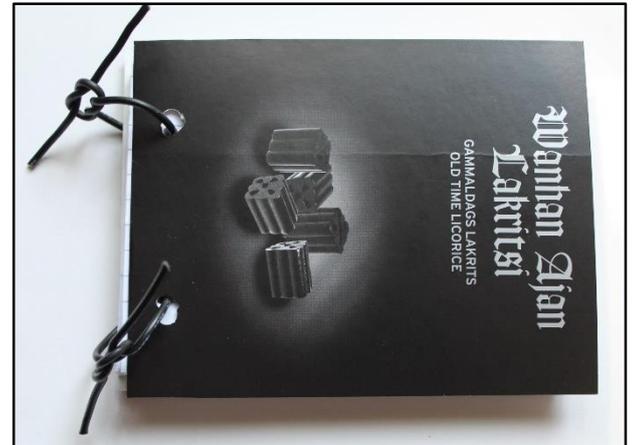
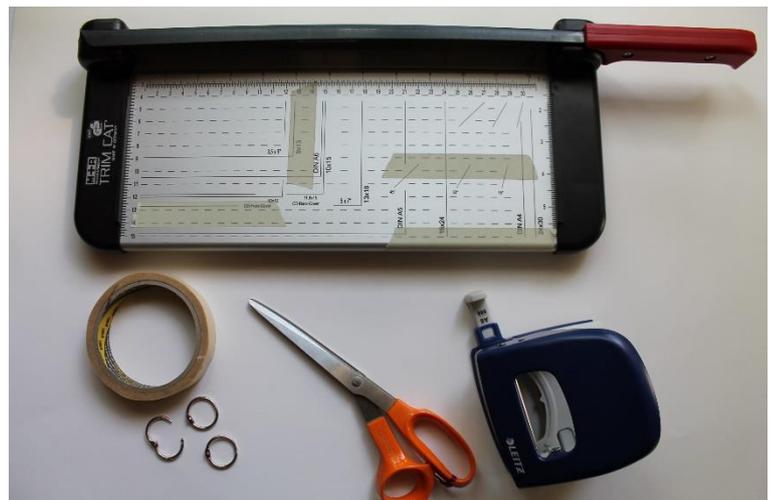


Notebook from recycled papers



1. What you'll need:

- a paper cutter
- a hole punch
- scissors
- masking tape
- book rings
($\varnothing = 25\text{mm} / 1\text{ inch}$)



- different kinds of scrap papers for the notebook's pages (extra prints, envelopes....)
- recycled cardboard for the covers (candy boxes, tea boxes...)



2. Cutting the pages:

- Decide the page size: If some of the recycled papers are already a good size for the notebook, use that size. (Here: 12 x 12 cm / 5 x 5")
- Mark the size you want on the cutter with masking tape. This will ensure you'll get the same size for all pages. Use the grid as a guide to help you get the tapes straight.



- Cut the pages from recycled papers. Remember to handle the cutter with care: press the paper to place with the finger guard, never put your fingers under the blade. (You can also use scissors instead of the paper cutter)

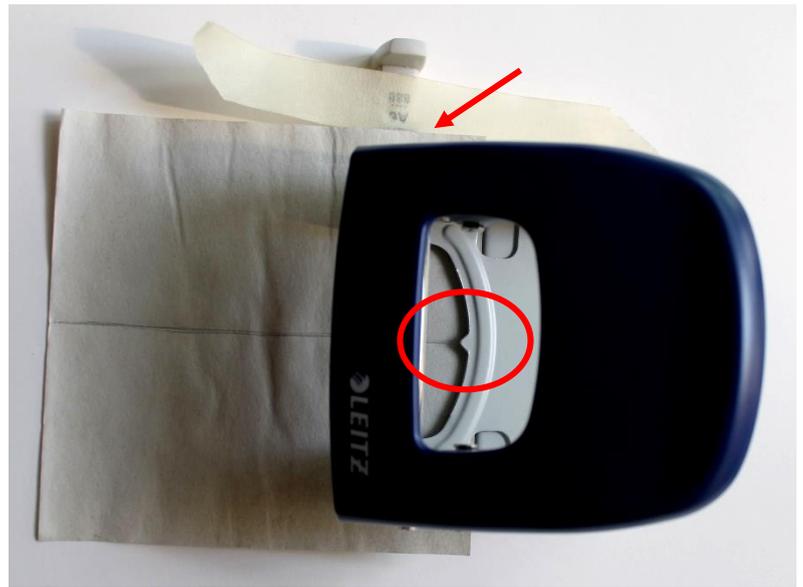


- Here ready cut pages on the left, scraps on the right. Don't throw the scraps away because you can use some of them for a smaller notebook.



3. Punching holes in the pages:

- After you have cut the pages, punch them with the hole punch.
- Mark the middle of the page by folding one page in half.
- Align the middle of the page with the middle marked on the hole punch. Then use masking tape to mark on the guide of the hole punch where the paper's edge is.
- Next, punch all the pages you've cut, aligning them with the help of tape, so that you'll get the holes in the same place in all pages.
- You can punch several papers at the same time.



- Cut and punch the covers for the notebook.
You'll need both front and back cover for one notebook.
- Cut the covers just a bit bigger than the pages, this will give your notebook a more finished look.



4. Putting the notebook together:

- Open two bookrings and place the back cover on them so that the visible side is against the table.
- Next, put the pages on top of the back cover. Mix different kind of papers to get a fun look. Don't fill the ring with too much paper, make sure you can still turn the pages.
- When you have the number of pages you wish, place the front cover on top with the right side facing you and close the book rings.
- Your notebook is ready!
P.S. You can decorate some of the pages, if you wish.



Hint:

Instead of book rings, you can use for example pieces of wire to bind the notebook: Put the pages through a piece of wire and tie the wire into a circle with a reef knot. Cut the ends, but not too short so that the knot won't open.

