Instructions for making the Concertina Book

The finished book measures 27" x 5.5"

These instructions are based on using 1 piece of fabric for the whole thing, resulting in the same background for front and back pages.

Cut 1 piece of fabric 27.5" wide x 11.5" deep

Cut 1 piece of interfacing or thin wadding 27.5" wide x 11.5" deep

Baste/iron on/attach interfacing to back of fabric

Cut 6 pieces of stiffening material 4.25" x 5.25" – this could be card, buckram, decovil or heavy-weight interfacing. Set aside until later.

Using tacking or Frixion pens mark the following on the RIGHT side of the fabric:

One horizontal line across the width of the fabric at halfway point

Five vertical lines (page sections) as follows:

1st at 4.75" from left side, then 4 lines 4.5" from each other

The right side of your fabric should now look like this:

Decorate your pages as desired taking to care to orientate the design correctly:

Bottom front cover Top					Bottom back cover Top
Top inner					Top inner
front	Тор	Тор	Тор	Тор	back
cover Bottom	page 1 Bottom	page 2 Bottom	page 3 Bottom	page 4 Bottom	cover Bottom

When the design is complete fold in $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam to wrong side all round, then fold in half lengthways . Press.

Top stich around sides and folded edge using $1/8^{th}$ margin. Sew down page dividers then insert your stiffeners. Top stich along bottom edge.

Your work should now measure 27" x 5.5" and look like this:

Side 1

Front					Back
cover					cover
design	blank	blank	Blank	blank	design

Side 2

Inner					Inner
Front					Back
cover	Page 1	Page 2	Page 3	Page 4	cover
design	design	design	design	design	design

Decorate page edges as desired and attach your choice of closure, fold into book. Enjoy!

We will be asking you to reveal your books at the following stages:

1st Reveal = Pages 1 and 2

2nd Reveal = Pages 3 and 4

3rd Reveal = Inner covers

4th Reveal = Outer covers

5th Reveal = Completed book