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# Book Folding Guide

Celebrate your love of reading with this "read" pattern!



# Getting Started

## Supplies Needed:

- A hardcover book of at least 404 pages
- A pencil
- A ruler with cm and mm

**01** Look at the last numbered page of your book. If it's 484, then you divide that by two to determine the number of leaves (242). Then, count the number of pages that aren't numbered (such as the title page or an index at the back). If you have 8 pages at the front and 4 at the back, that's 12. Divide that by two, and you've got 6 more leaves to add to your total: 248.

This pattern has 202 folds. Subtract the number of folds from the leaves in your book. In this example, that's  $248 - 202 = 46$ . So, to make sure our pattern is centered, divide that excess leaf number by 2 ( $46 / 2 = 23$ ) and have 23 leaves before and 23 at the end of your pattern. Remember, a leaf is the front and back of a page (two pages when you're reading!).

Find your starting point (23 leaves in for this example!), and get ready to begin folding.

**02** On your starting page, use your ruler to make your first mark. Line the ruler up to the top of the page, with the 0 at the very top.

Using your pattern, mark the top point on the page in pencil. For our pattern, leaf #1 has a 9.2cm top mark.

Now mark the bottom point, which in our pattern is 9.3cm from the top. The ruler always stays in the same place.

**03** Now that both marks are set, it's time to fold! Take the top page corner and bring it in until it reaches the top mark and crease it well. You can use your ruler to help make the crease more crisp! Now take the bottom page corner and bring it in until it reaches the bottom mark. Crease.

**04** Repeat for all of the leaves! You can fold as you go along, or you can mark every leaf in pencil and then fold all at the end.

Have fun!



# Book Folding Pattern

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)	Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
1	9.2	9.3	11	8.4	12.2
2	9.1	9.2	12	8.4	12.1
3	9	9.2	13	8.3	12.1
4	8.9	9.1	14	8.3	12.1
5	8.8	9.1	15	8.3	12
6	8.7	9	16	8.3	12
7	8.6	9.1	17	8.3	11.9
8	8.6	9.1	18	8.4	11.8
9	8.5	12.2	19	8.5	11.8
10	8.5	12.2	20	9.2	11.7

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
21	9.6	9.9
22	9.5	9.8
23	9.4	9.7
24	9.3	9.7
25	9.2	9.6
26	9.1	9.5
27	9	9.4
28	8.9	9.3
29	8.8	9.2
30	8.7	9.2

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
31	8.6	9.2
32	8.5	9.2
33	8.5	9.2
34	8.4	9.2
35	10.2	10.3
36	8.4	10.1
37	8.3	10.1
38	8.3	10
39	8.3	9.9
40	8.3	9.8

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
41	8.3	9.7
42	8.3	9.7
43	8.3	9.6
44	8.3	9.5
45	8.4	9.4
46	8.4	9.3
47	8.6	9.2
48	10.1	10.8
49	9.8	11.1
50	9.5	11.3

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
51	9.4	11.5
52	9.2	11.6
53	9.1	11.7
54	9	11.8
55	8.9	11.9
56	8.8	11.9
57	8.7	12
58	8.7	12
59	8.6	12
60	8.5	9.5

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
61	10.6	12.1
62	8.5	9.1
63	10.7	12.1
64	8.4	8.9
65	10.6	10.9
66	11.2	12.1
67	8.3	8.8
68	10.4	10.7
69	11.4	12.1
70	8.3	8.8

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
71	10.2	10.5
72	11.5	12.1
73	8.2	9
74	9.9	10.2
75	11.5	12.1
76	8.2	10
77	11.5	12.1
78	8.2	9.8
79	11.5	12
80	8.3	9.7

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
81	11.5	11.9
82	8.3	9.6
83	11.4	11.8
84	8.4	9.4
85	11.4	11.7
86	8.5	9.3
87	11.2	11.5
88	8.6	9.1
89	11.2	11.4
90	8.8	9

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
91	11.1	11.2
92	10.1	11.4
93	9.9	11.5
94	9.6	11.7
95	9.5	11.8
96	9.3	11.9
97	9.2	12
98	9.1	12.1
99	9	12.1
100	9	12.1

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
101	8.9	12.1
102	8.8	12.1
103	8.7	12.1
104	8.7	9.6
105	10.7	12.1
106	8.6	9.3
107	10.9	12.1
108	8.5	9.1
109	11	12
110	8.4	8.9

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
111	11	11.8
112	8.4	8.8
113	11	11.7
114	8.3	8.7
115	10.9	11.6
116	8.3	8.6
117	10.9	11.5
118	8.3	8.5
119	10.8	11.3
120	8.3	8.5

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
121	10.7	11.2
122	8.3	8.5
123	10.5	11
124	8.2	11.8
125	8.2	11.9
126	8.2	12
127	8.2	12
128	8.2	12.1
129	8.2	12.1
130	8.2	12.1

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
131	8.2	12.1
132	8.2	12.1
133	8.2	12.1
134	8.2	12.1
135	11.7	12.1
136	11.7	12
137	11.7	12
138	11.6	11.9
139	11.6	11.8
140	11.5	11.8

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
141	11.5	11.7
142	11.5	11.6
143	11.4	11.5
144	10.1	11.4
145	9.9	11.5
146	9.6	11.7
147	9.5	11.8
148	9.3	11.9
149	9.2	12
150	9.1	12.1

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
151	9	12.1
152	8.9	12.1
153	8.9	12.1
154	8.8	12.1
155	8.7	12.1
156	8.7	9.6
157	10.7	12.1
158	8.6	9.3
159	10.9	12.1
160	8.5	9

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
161	11	12
162	8.4	8.9
163	11	11.8
164	8.4	8.8
165	11	11.7
166	8.3	8.7
167	10.9	11.6
168	8.3	8.6
169	10.9	11.5
170	8.3	8.5

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
171	10.8	11.3
172	8.3	8.5
173	10.7	11.2
174	8.3	8.5
175	10.5	11
176	7	11.8
177	6.8	11.9
178	6.7	12
179	6.6	12
180	6.5	12.1

# Pattern (continued)

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
181	6.4	12.1
182	6.3	12.1
183	6.2	12.1
184	6.2	12.1
185	6.2	12.1
186	6.1	12.1
187	6.1	6.7
188	11.6	12.1
189	6.1	6.7
190	11.6	12
191	6.1	6.7

Leaf #	Top Mark (cm)	Bottom Mark (cm)
192	11.6	11.8
193	6.1	6.7
194	11.5	11.7
195	6.1	6.6
196	11.4	11.5
197	6.1	6.6
198	6.1	6.5
199	6.1	6.4
200	6.1	6.4
201	6.1	6.3
202	6.1	6.2