Kingfisher Piano Hinge Book Instructions by Gina Pisello 2021

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Introduction: The Piano Hinge binding was created by Hedi Kyle. Directions can be found in a variety of books including: Non-Adhesive Binding: Books Without Paste or Glue by Keith Smith, Cover to Cover, by Shereen LaPlantz and Creating Handmade Books, by Alisa Golden. It is a relatively simple binding wherein the spines of the pages are notched and woven together using sticks, string or even paper. The book can be displayed open in the round or closed with the spine to the side or on top. This versatility and simplicity make it a good structure to have in your repertoire.

Tools and Materials:

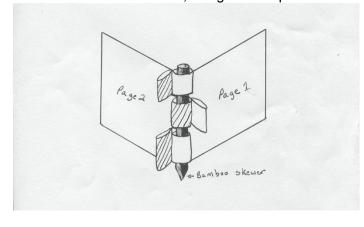
pencil awl
straight edge ruler – see-through preferred bone folder
knife and cutting mat glue or double stick tape (1/8" or ¼" tape best)
6 thin bamboo skewers – not thicker than ¼"; 4" or
longer (do not cut) colored card stock (see below)

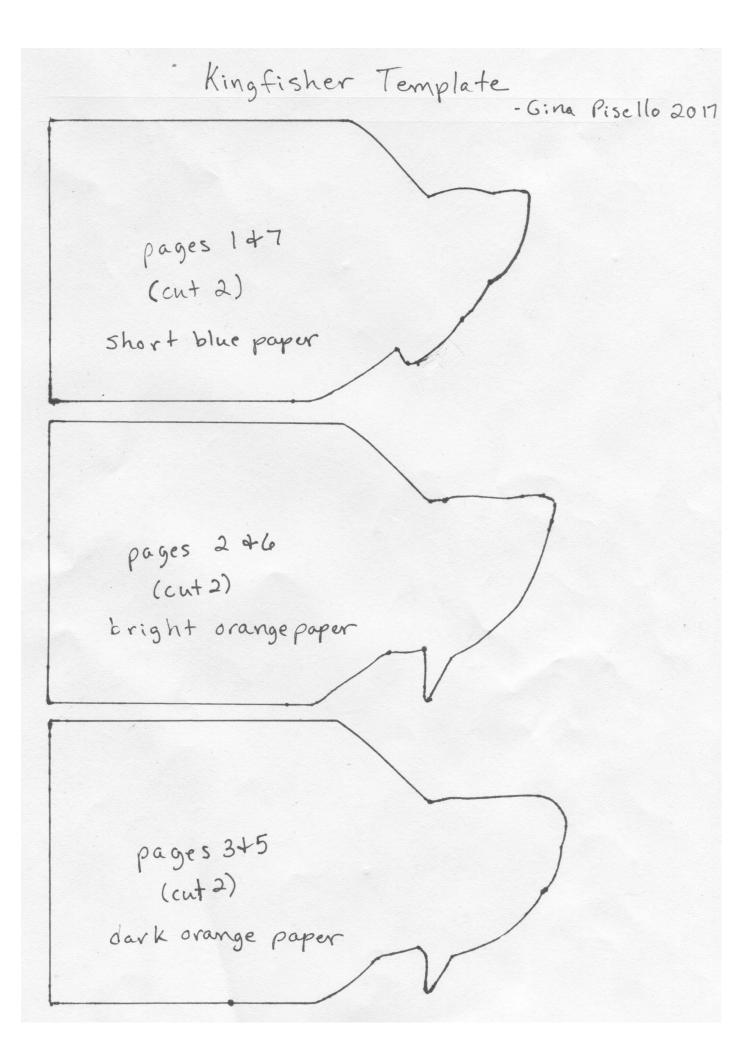
Kingfisher Book Instructions: Please complete steps 1 and 2 before the Zoom meeting

- 1. Print pages 2 and 3. Cut out the 4 different templates. Trace onto cardstock in the colors written on each template. Note: Templates on page 2 need to be cut out two times each. Make sure to line up the top, bottom and spine side of each page before cutting and make sure to use the right length paper. Okay to sub your own colors.
- 2. Cut a piece of cardstock 3 x 2 inches. We will use this as a guide for the binding.

During the Zoom meeting we will do the following:

- 3. Score each page at ¾ inch, fold over and use ¾ inch double stick tape to tape down the tabs.
- 4. Cut slots into each spine using the template we make together to create 3 tabs per page.
- 5. Decorate the bird's eyes and beak and cut the wing shape at this time if you want to.
- 6. Place the pages in order and begin binding. Make sure all the pages face the same way (with the spine on the left and bird parts on the right) and begin with pages 1 and 2. You will weave the bamboo between the two pages as shown in the diagram below. Then add each new page and weave with a new piece of bamboo. Clip excess bamboo off at the blunt end, using the sharp end to make weaving easier.





King fisher Template
- Gina Pisello 2017

