

Educator Guide

GUIDE TO MAKING AN ACCORDION BOOK

RELATED WORK OF ART



Gondarine Sensul

Unidentified artist

Ethiopia (Gondär), late 17th century

Ink and paint on parchment, with upper and lower boards of undecorated hide stitched to ends of parchment strip

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HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

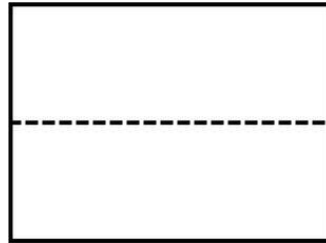
This resource includes instructions to make an accordion book inspired by the *Gondarine Sensul*, 36.10. This resource is recommended for Upper Elementary through High School audiences and Visual Arts subjects. Students will practice creating artistic work informed by the historical and religious context of the *Gondarine Sensul*. These suggestions were informed by the Maryland State Department of Education 2024 standards.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

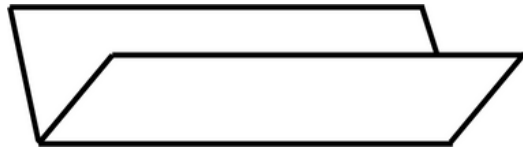
- Sheet of paper (any size, depending on the size of the book you prefer)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil
- Cardstock (thick paper)

LESSON STEPS

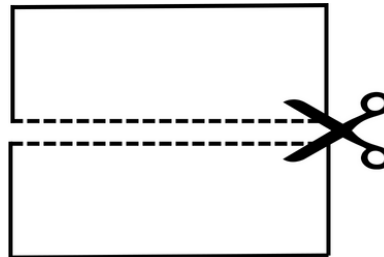
1. Fold your paper in half, “hot dog” style.



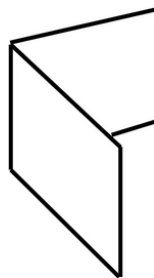
2. Fold your paper back and forth multiple times along the same crease to make a hard edge.



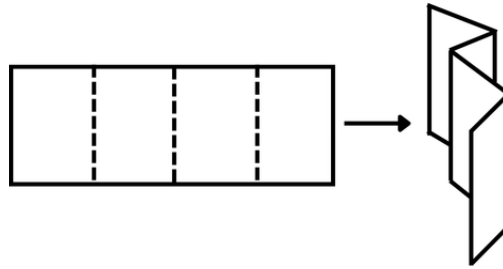
3. Unfold your paper flat on the table and carefully rip or cut along the crease.



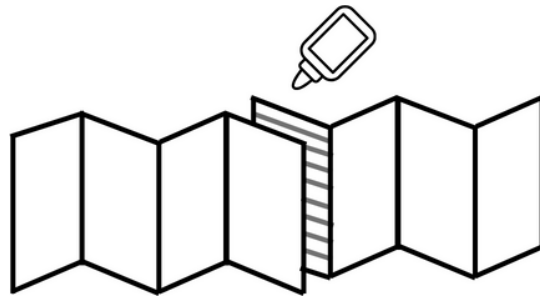
4. Take one of the halves you just created and fold it in half, “hamburger” style.



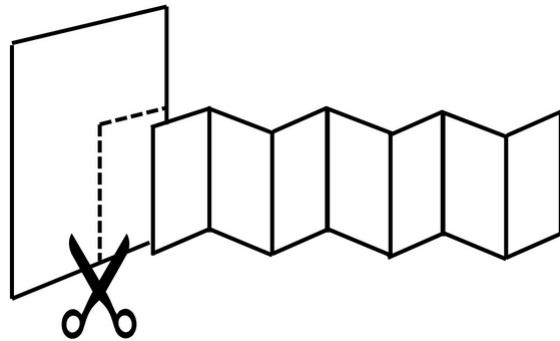
5. Fold each half again in half in the opposite direction as the first fold. When you're done, your folded paper should make a "W."
6. Repeat step 5 with the other piece of paper. You should have two "W"s after this step.



7. Line up your two "W"s against each other so they form one continuous zigzag (accordion) shape. Make sure one "W" is facing you and the other is facing the other direction. With one page from each "W" overlapping each other, glue the two pieces together.



8. Fold your book shut and trace the outer edge in pencil against a piece of cardstock.
9. Repeat step 8 to create two rectangles then cut them out.



10. Glue the pieces of cardstock on either end of your book as a front and back cover.
11. Fill in the pages of the book with any decorations or illustrations of your choosing.

