

## CONCERTINA SKETCHBOOKS:

### *Getting Started*

To make a zig zag book with square pages like mine you will need:

A sheet of heavy watercolour paper 22" x 15"  
Glue - we used acrylic gel medium  
Mount board or other heavy card for end boards  
Approximately 40" of narrow ribbon  
Craft knife  
Pencil  
Ruler

Method:

- 1 Tear or cut paper into 3 equal lengths 22" wide x 5" high.
- 2 Measure and mark page folds at 5" intervals - you will have 2" left at one end of each strip.
- 3 Score fold lines with a scissor blade taking care not to cut too deep.
- 4 Glue one 2" strip to overlap a complete page of the second strip. Repeat for third strip. Trim off the final 2".
- 5 Clamp the folds with paper clips or bulldog clips until completely dry.
- 6 Cut 2 end boards very slightly larger than the 5" square page size.
- 7 Centre a 20" strip of ribbon across the middle of each end board and glue in place.
- 8 Glue end boards to the first and last pages of the book to completely cover the ribbon ties.

Obviously this is only a guide - you can vary the size and proportion of your book to suit your project. Just bear in mind that the bigger the pages, the heavier the paper will need to be or the book will be too flimsy to support the zig zag format.