Basic Book Folding Tutorial by Bookami

Welcome to the world of book folding!

Below is a basic tutorial on the art of book folding. As you become more experienced you will find your own unique ways of folding but below are the basic steps to get you on your way to folding your first book. Beware, book folding is seriously addictive! ©

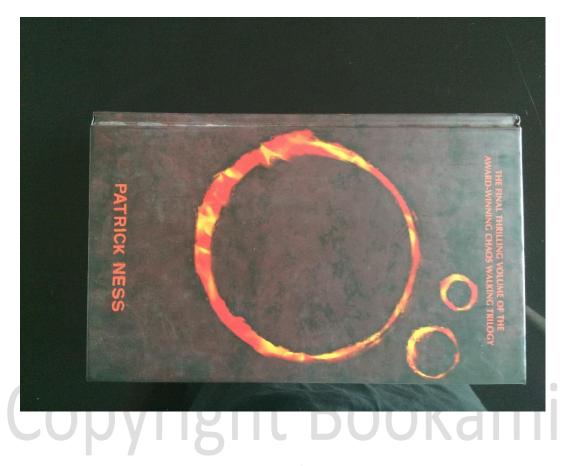
I've attached a pdf of printable rulers. Print this out, cut out one of the paper rulers and tape it to a piece of card as below. (Love Ikea! Hehe)



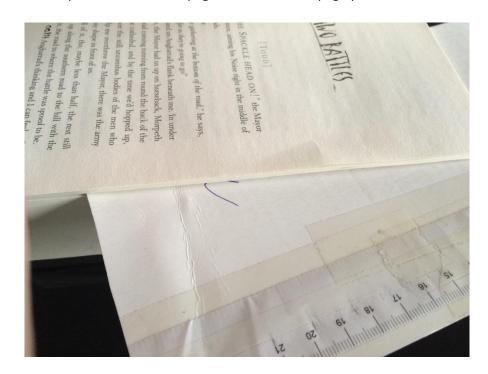
Create a small lip at the end of your ruler/card. This can then sit at the end of your pages making it easier to measure your book.



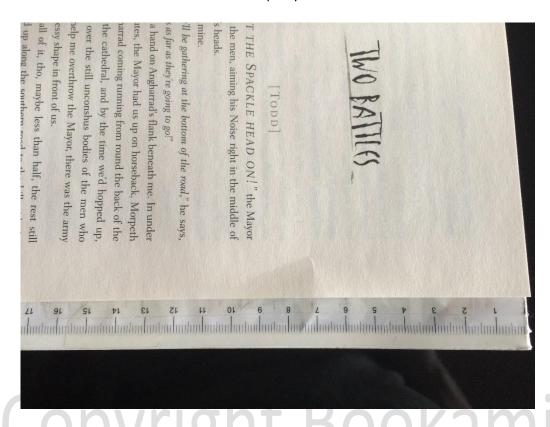
Place your book in front of you as below and open to the first page on indicated on your Bookami Pattern...



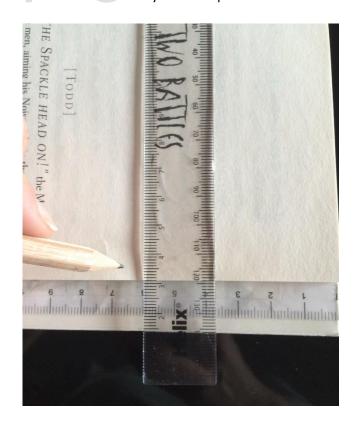
Slide your ruler into your book about 10 pages down from the page you are about to mark...



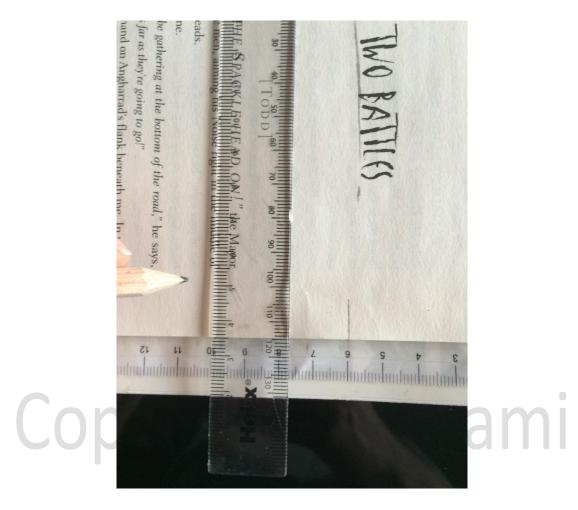
Then line up your ruler to the top of your page making sure the lip you folded at the top of your ruler sits at the top of your book...



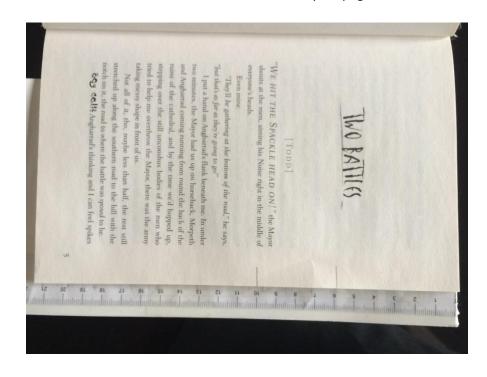
Refer to your Bookami pattern and mark the first measurement on your book as below. E.g my first measurement on my Bookami pattern was 6cm...



Do not move your ruler and refer back to your Bookami pattern then mark the 2^{nd} measurement. E.g. The 2^{nd} measurement on my Bookami pattern was 10cm...



You should now have 2 marks on your page...



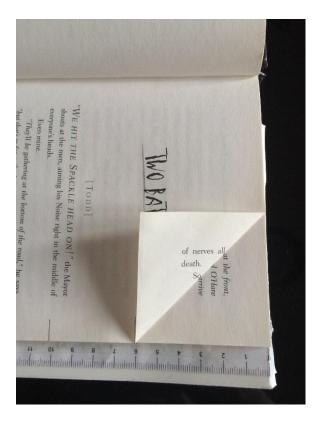
Continue through your book marking each page as indicated on your Bookami pattern until you have marked up your whole book.

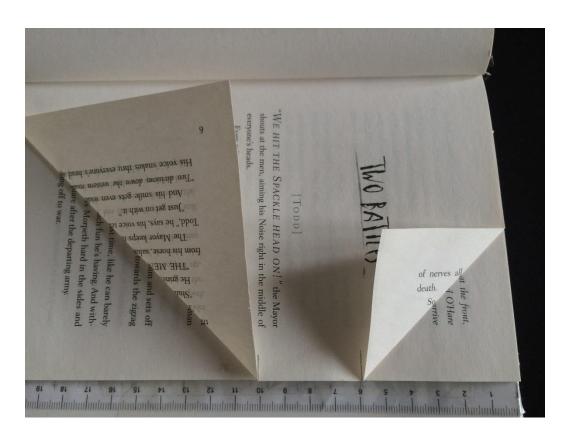
Now it's time to fold!

You should always aim for a 90 degree fold when folding your pages on the marks you have previously made on your pages...



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Sometimes it's not possible to fold a 90 degree angle. Everyone has different ways to deal with this problem but here is mine..

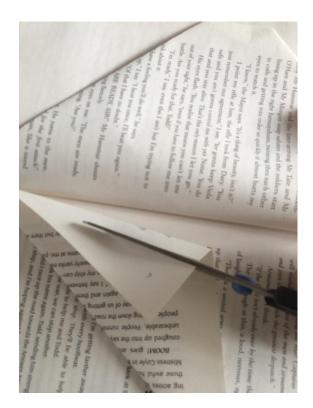
I fold the page as close to the spine as I can get it...

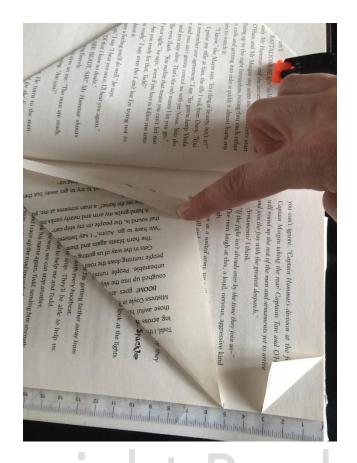


Then I fold the page back onto itself...



I then prefer to trim off that excess piece as it tends to bulk out the book if left but if you prefer not to cut the book then you can leave it like this.





Fold all of the pages in your book and that's it! You are now officially addicted to book folding!

Ta Dah!



Why not join Bookami's Facebook group? Join fellow book folders for chat, help and advice and to show off your folds!

If you would like to purchase a Bookami pattern please visit my Etsy Shop:

https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Bookami

I can also create a custom pattern for you if you have something in mind that isn't listed, just send me a quick message either through my Etsy shop, Facebook group or via email Bookami@outlook.com

Happy folding!

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