

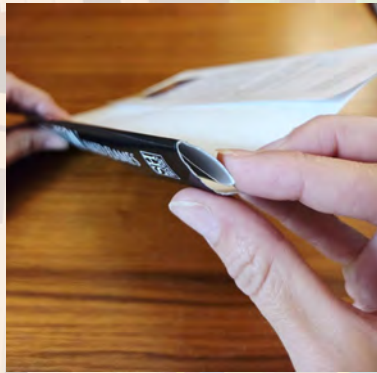
Secret Bookshelf Storage

Supplies Needed:

- (2) book jackets and (3 or 4) bookspine prints
- (10) paperclips
- Manila folder
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler



Step 1: Choose the order of your book spines (1–2–3–4–5, left to right). Be sure to use full jackets for the two outer sides. Crease the spine folds so they are crisp and well-defined. Starting with Jacket 1 (far left), trim off the right cover, leaving about twice the spine's width. Roll the remaining cover loosely so it tucks evenly behind the spine, creating a slight pillowed effect for a realistic side view. Glue in place and secure with paperclips until dry.



Step 2: Wrap the remaining side of the jacket around one end of the manila folder. Crease the folder where the left edge of the spine will sit. To ensure accuracy, lightly mark the fold with pencil before creasing. Glue the jacket in place, wrapping it around the edge of the folder. Trim any excess folder extending above the jacket. Secure with paperclips until dry.



Step 3: For the center spines (2, 3, and 4), cut out the spine printouts of your choice. Trim and fold each into thirds to create the same pillowed effect. Glue in place and secure with paperclips until dry.



Step 4: Once the spines are dry, glue them onto the manila folder, aligning them without gaps. Trim any excess folder extending above the spines.



Step 5: To create Jacket 5, use a full jacket and repeat Steps 2 and 3. This time, cut off the left (back) cover and roll the remaining side into the spine. If needed, trim the manila folder to support the full jacket. Glue in place and trim any excess folder.



Personalization: Add extra spines to create a wider hidden compartment. For best results, display on a higher shelf to conceal the interior. Your project works as a standalone piece, between bookends, or blended among other books.



Happy crafting!

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