

# Wonderful Wonderfoam Journals

Cross-Curricular-Art & Any Subject Area  
Grades 2-6

## Description:

Do you need ideas for creating unusual, bright and lively covers for journal or book projects? Consider using Wonderfoam. This material is as simple to use as construction paper, but has an added dimension of depth. Using several layers of Wonderfoam can add even more visual excitement. If your booklets do not need to lie flat, take advantage of Wonderfoam's durability by twisting, rippling and folding it! It won't crush like paper does.

## Objectives:

- Students will demonstrate the ability to illustrate a verbal topic by creating a design that communicate the topic in a visual way.
- Students will explore different techniques of working with Wonderfoam to achieve the type of image they want.

## Materials:

Wonderfoam®, Pkg. of 10, 9" x 12" (207169-705)  
Railroad Board, 22" x 28", 4-ply, Medium Blue (803003-705)  
Multipurpose Copier Paper, Ream of 500, 8-1/2" x 11", White (053901-705)  
Elmer's® Glue-All, 1.25-Oz. Bottle (008988) OR Aleene's Tacky Glue,  
4-Oz. Bottle (443024-705)  
ProClick Paper Punch (404252-705)  
ProClick 5/8" Spines (404253-705)

## You will also need:

Scissors  
Pencils or ballpoint pens



## Directions:

1. Brainstorm ideas for journal/book covers that will reflect the desired topic. If possible, provide some visual material for the students to look at that relates to the topic. Library books, images from the Internet, posters or photographs could be used.
2. Set a size for the journals and have students draw an image that size for the front of their journals. Have them consider using the Wonderfoam in a more dimensional way. Advise students to avoid using shapes that are very narrow, as they will be hard to cut out.
3. Cut the drawing into the various shapes that make up the composition. Trace around the shapes onto various colors of Wonderfoam.
4. Students will cut out the shapes of their design and glue them onto a background color of Wonderfoam cut to the required size. Elmer's glue will be sufficient if the design is fairly flat. More dimensional designs will require stickier glue, such as Aleene's Tacky Glue.
5. Once the design is complete, cut two pieces of railroad board that are 1/2" taller than the Wonderfoam design. Cut as many sheets of white paper as needed for the book to the same size.
6. Use the Proclick Paper Punch and Binding System to create a book with the railroad board pieces as the covers and the white paper as the inside pages. Glue the Wonderfoam design to the front railroad board cover.
7. Alternatives: Glue the Wonderfoam cover to an existing booklet, or use a simple binding method to create a booklet with an alternate binding system, and glue the Wonderfoam design to the front cover of that.

## National Standards:

Content Standard #1

Grades K-5: Students use different media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences and stories.

Content Standard #3

Grades K-5: Students explore and understand prospective content for works of art.