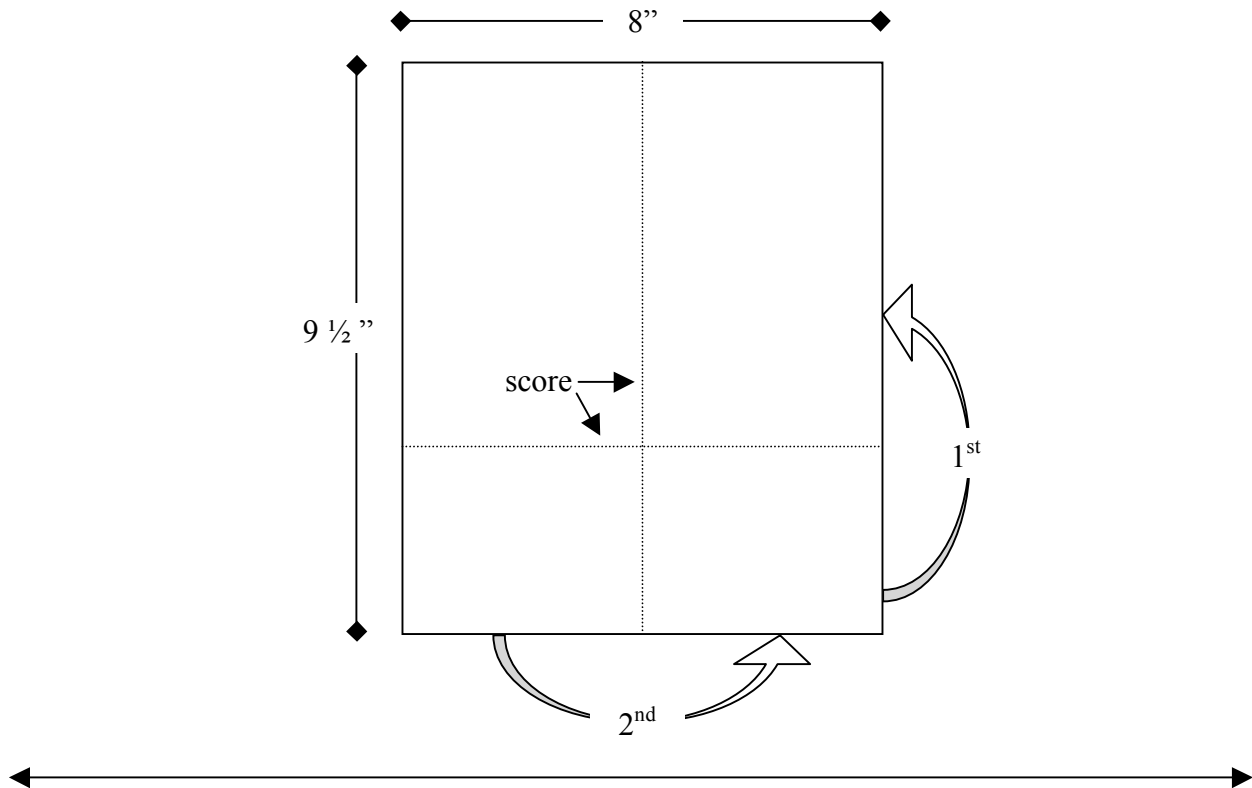Birthday Book – design by Mark Fuller

I used three colors (11 sheets) of 12 x 12 card stock. One color (7 sheets) for the pocket pages and the outside of the front and back covers, a second color (2 sheets) for the spine, binding and inside of the front and back covers, and a third color (2 sheets) is for the tags.
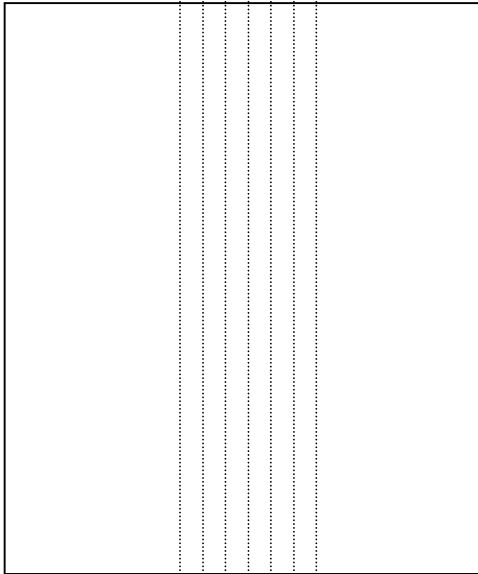
First, make 6 pocket pages. Cut the paper to 9 1/2" tall x 8" wide. Score the width at 4" and the length at 3" from one edge. First fold the 3" scored pocket up, then fold the 4" scored page over. This creates a 6 ½" x 4" page with a 3" pocket on both sides.

Next, create the inner spine. Cut one 12" x 6 ½" sheet. Start 1 ½" from edge and score every ¾" (13 total) leaving the last 1 1/2" also. Create the mountain/valley fold shown below.

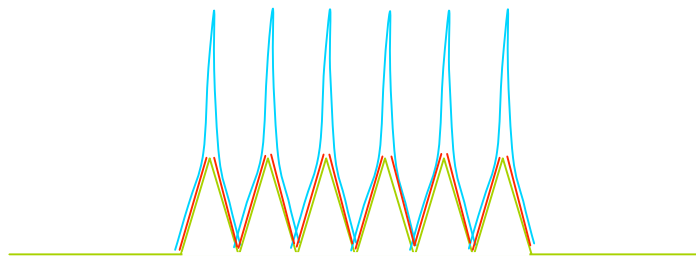The outer binding is simply a 6 ½" x 5 1/4" sheet scored 7 times (¼" spacing) in the center.

The front and back covers are 6 ½" x 4" mat board covered with card stock. **Note: Cover the outside of the mat board only. Do not cover the inside of the front and back covers until step # 4 of the assembly.**

ASSEMBLY

1. Tape the open edge of the pocket pages onto the mountain folds of the inner spine with **tacky tape**. **Regular double stick tape will not hold!**
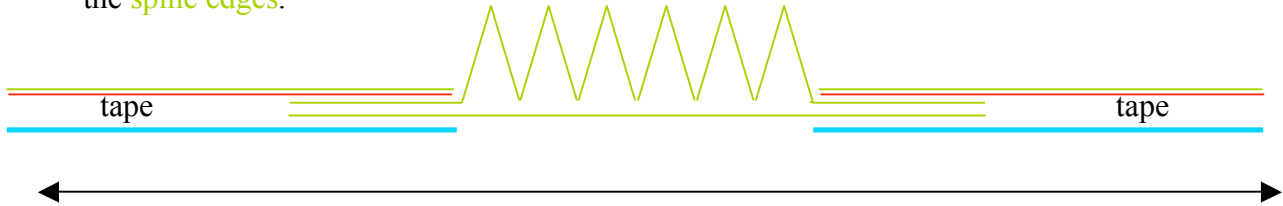
2. Tape the inner spine to the outer binding lining up the edges.

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3. Tape the edges of the binding to the inside of the front and back covers.

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4. Tape a 6 ½" x 4" sheet of card stock to the inside of the front and back covers hiding the spine edges.

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TAGS

Cut 12 6" x 3 ½" tags. Stamp the months of the year and blank lines for entering birthdays. Insert embellished tags into the pocket pages.