WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Scissors, glue (or a glue stick) a ruler and a pencil or pen. A black marker is optional for darkening the edges of the paper.

FOLDING TIP: It’s helpful to ‘score’ the fold lines before folding. You can use an old ink pen, a knitting needle, the end of a paper clip, or any metal object that will crease the paper without tearing it. Scoring will help you fold much more quickly and precisely.

ASSEMBLY:
Cut out the FRONT piece on Parts Page 1 and the BACK piece on Parts Page 2. For each piece, fold DOWNWARD along the center line (indicated with a green triangle) but do NOT glue the two sides together yet.

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Cut out the SPINE on Parts Page 3. Fold the two gray tabs DOWNWARD. Cut out the SPINE LINER on Parts Page 3 and glue it to the unprinted side of the SPINE’s center panel. After the glue is dry, gently bend the SPINE’s center panel around a pen or pencil so it has a slight curve, as shown in Figure 1.

Position the FRONT and BACK pieces as shown in Figure 2 and glue the FRONT and BACK to the gray tabs on the SPINE.

Now flip the piece over. Glue the two sides of the FRONT piece together and then do the same for the BACK piece. Trim if needed. The book should now resemble Figure 3.

We’ll be building a box on the bottom of the book and a lid on the top.

To begin, cut out the BOX TOP on Parts Page 3. Fold the red panel DOWNWARD and then fold all three gray tabs DOWNWARD. Place the BOX TOP on the upper edge of the book’s BOTTOM panel and glue the long gray tab directly over the gray area on the BOTTOM, as shown in Figure 4.

Cut out the BOX BOTTOM on Parts Page 4. Fold in the same manner as the BOX TOP and then glue the BOX BOTTOM to the lower edge of the book’s BOTTOM panel, again gluing the long gray tab directly over the gray area on the BOTTOM.

Next, cut out the OUTER BOX piece on Parts Page 4. Fold the red panel DOWNWARD and fold the gray tab DOWNWARD. Glue the gray tab directly over the outer gray area on the book’s BOTTOM, and then glue the adjacent gray tabs on the BOX TOP and BOX BOTTOM pieces to the unprinted side of the OUTER BOX piece as shown in Figure 5.

Cut out the INNER BOX piece on Parts Page 4. Fold the red panel DOWNWARD, fold the gray tab DOWNWARD, and then glue the gray tab to the remaining gray area on the book’s BOTTOM. Glue the gray BOX TOP and BOX BOTTOM tabs to the unprinted side of the INNER BOX piece. Finish the box by gluing all four red panels to the inside of the box, as show in Figure 6.

Now cut out the LID TOP and LID BOTTOM pieces on Parts Page 5. Fold in the same manner as the BOX TOP and BOX BOTTOM pieces. Attach the LID TOP to the upper gray area of the book’s TOP, and then glue the LID BOTTOM to the lower gray area of the book’s TOP.

Cut out the OUTER LID and INNER LID pieces on Parts Page 5. Fold in the same manner as the OUTER BOX and INNER BOX pieces. Attach the OUTER LID piece to the outer gray area of the book’s TOP and then glue the adjacent gray LID TOP and LID BOTTOM tabs to the unprinted side of the OUTER LID. Repeat this process to attach the INNER LID piece to the remaining inner gray area on the book’s TOP. Fold the red panels down and glue them in place, to form a finished lid as shown in Figure 7.

Cut out the BOX LINER on Parts Page 6. Glue the BOX LINER directly over the white center area of the book’s BOTTOM. Then cut out the LID LINER on Parts Page 6. Glue the LID LINER directly over the the white center area of the book’s TOP. The inside of the book should now resemble Figure 8. You should be able to close the book by fitting the lid into the box.

If you’re building the plain black version, you’re finished!

If you’re building the gold filigree version, we'll add a latch and a strap to finish the project. Cut out the LATCH on Parts Page 6. Fold the two green panels DOWNWARD, fold the two black panels UPWARD, and then fold the two gray panels DOWNWARD. Glue the green panels to the unprinted side of the black panels. Glue the black panels to the gray panels. Glue the gray panels to the unprinted side of the center panel.

To connect the LATCH to the book, place the LATCH directly over the matching area on the front of the book. Glue the two green LATCH panels to the riveted panels on the front of the book, as shown in Figure 9. (Do not glue the center area.)

Cut out the STRAP on Parts Page 6. Fold DOWNWARD along the center line and glue the two sides together. Trim as needed. Curve the STRAP around a pencil, leaving the ends flat but curving the middle area as shown in Figure 10.

Glue the riveted panel on the STRAP directly over the matching panel on the back of the book, as shown in Figure 11. Slide the rounded end of the strap through the LATCH as shown in Figure 12 to hold your Book Safe closed.

And that's everything! Your Book Safe is now complete and ready to hold whatever items you want to hide away.