

Surprise Booklet

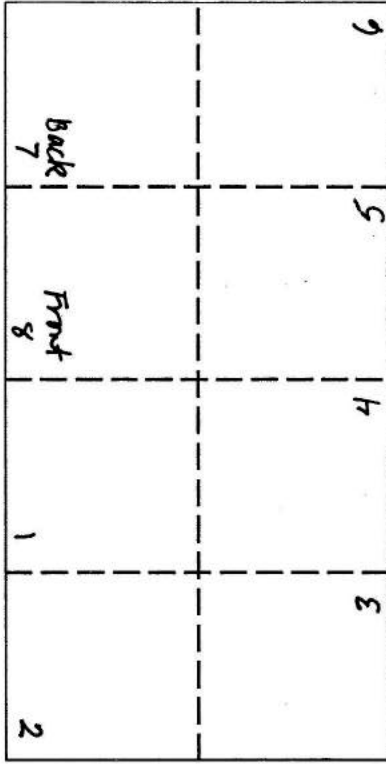
This is my favorite format for a quick card or book. Children love it also because it is such a surprise to make something that appears complex but is really simple to make. No sewing or pasting is needed, but ribbon can be added for decoration.

Fold a rectangle of light or medium weight paper into 8 divisions. Cut from the center fold to the next fold, creating a slit down the center of the paper. Fold as shown. Voila!

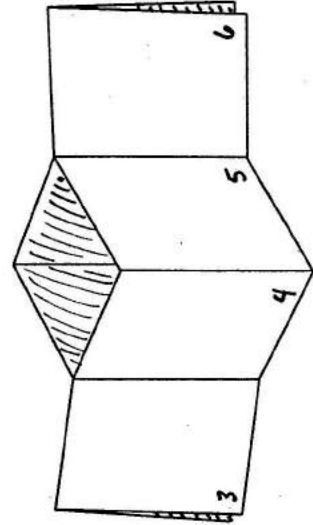
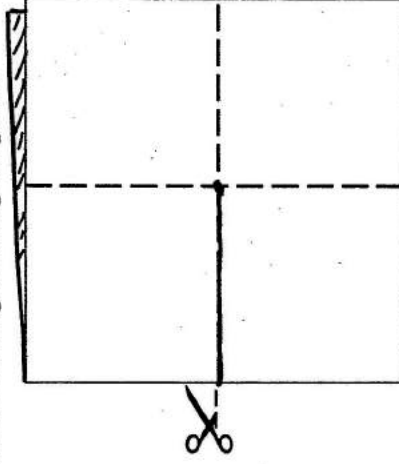
The surprise booklet is popular for printing as all the writing is on the same side of the paper.

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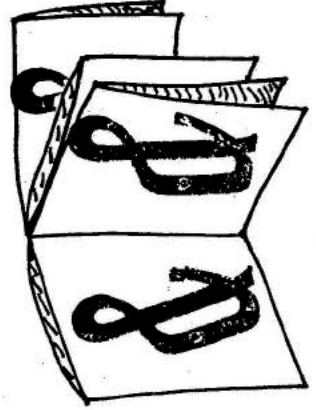
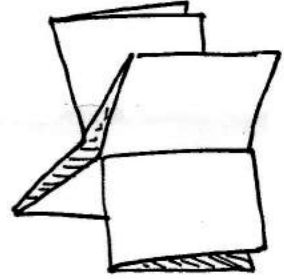
- ☆ Paint on the entire paper an abstract pattern, fold, then design each page to coordinate with the background.
- ☆ Paint a scene beginning on the lower half, then turn the paper upside down and continue around the paper. When it is folded up, the painting is right-side up.
- ☆ Cut windows in the pages for a surprise peek inside. Add a pop-up or other surprise.
- ☆ Send photos to someone in a surprise booklet instead of loose in an envelope. Use the clear corners to hold photos on each page.



Number each page in pencil before you open it up to do your writing. It can be easy to lose your place!



Cut from the center fold to the next folded line, then open up the booklet — surprise!



1/2"

1 3/4" SQUARE

Photo

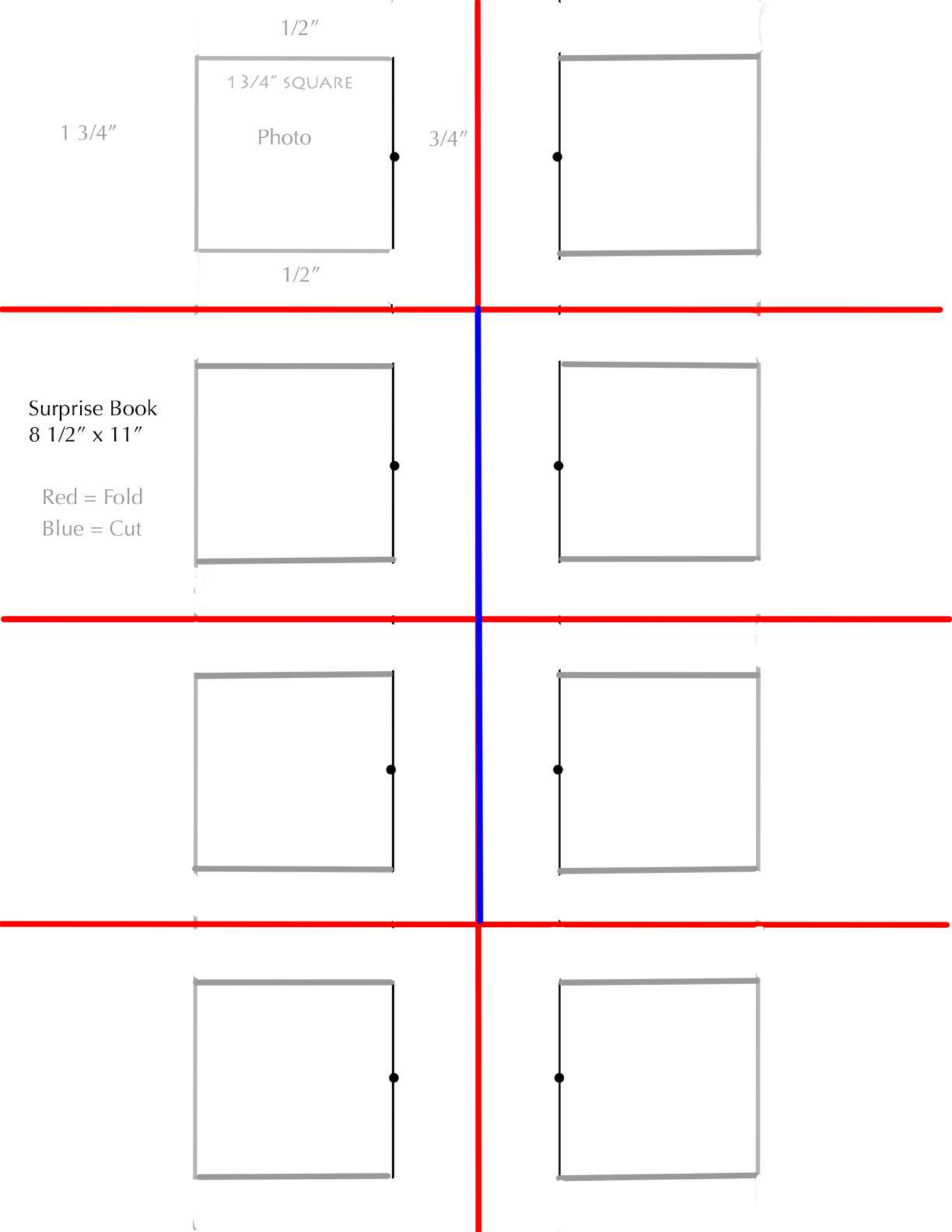
1 3/4"

3/4"

1/2"

Surprise Book
8 1/2" x 11"

Red = Fold
Blue = Cut

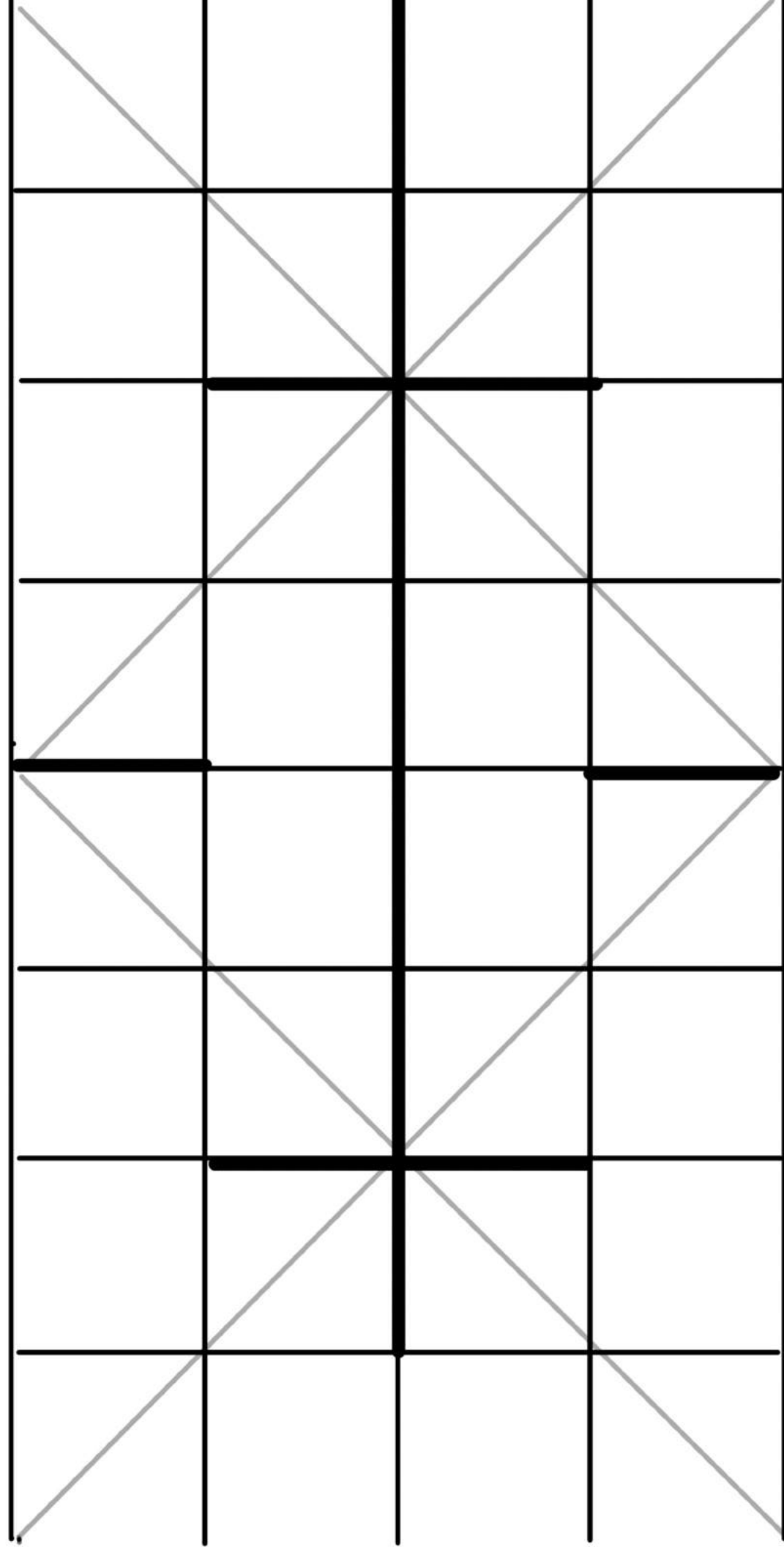


— Fold as MOUNTAIN FOLDS

— Fold all diagonals as VALLEY FOLDS

— CUT

Diamond-Fold Maze Book



This rectangle is 5 1/2" x 11". Any rectangle that is 2:1 will work