

Artist Book of the River



How this links with the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site:

The River Derwent runs through 15 miles of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site from Matlock Bath in the north to Derby in the south.

The valley is the birthplace of the factory system which produced a fascinating series of large historic mills. This activity is a fun way to learn where they all are situated.

You will need:

- Sellotape
- Scissors
- Glue
- Coloured paper
- Paints
- Coloured pencils
- Pencil
- Cereal box





¹ Map of attractions, Available online: <http://www.derwentvalleymills.org/map-of-attractions/> Date accessed: 15 July 2020.

How to have a go:

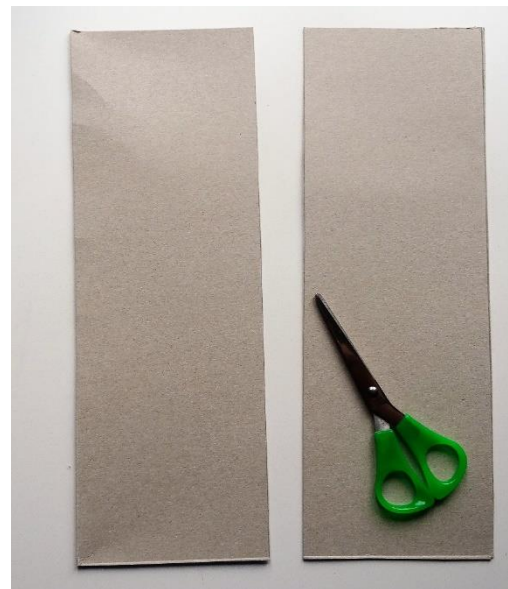
Step 1:

Using the scissors cut out the front of a cereal Pack.



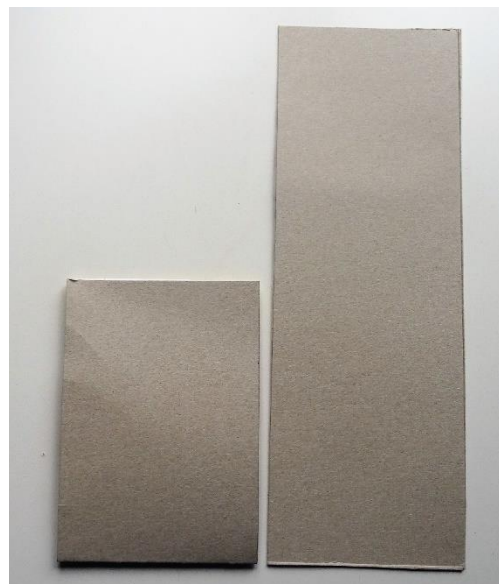
Step2:

Using the scissors cut it in half lengthways.



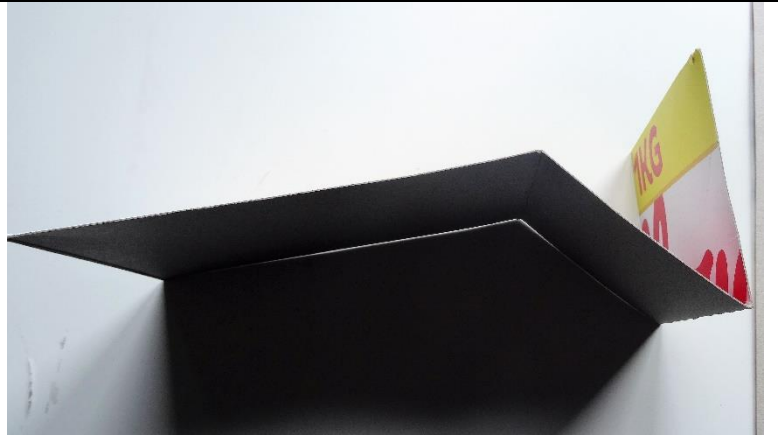
Step 3:

Fold one side in half.



Step 4:

Fold the half into quarters.



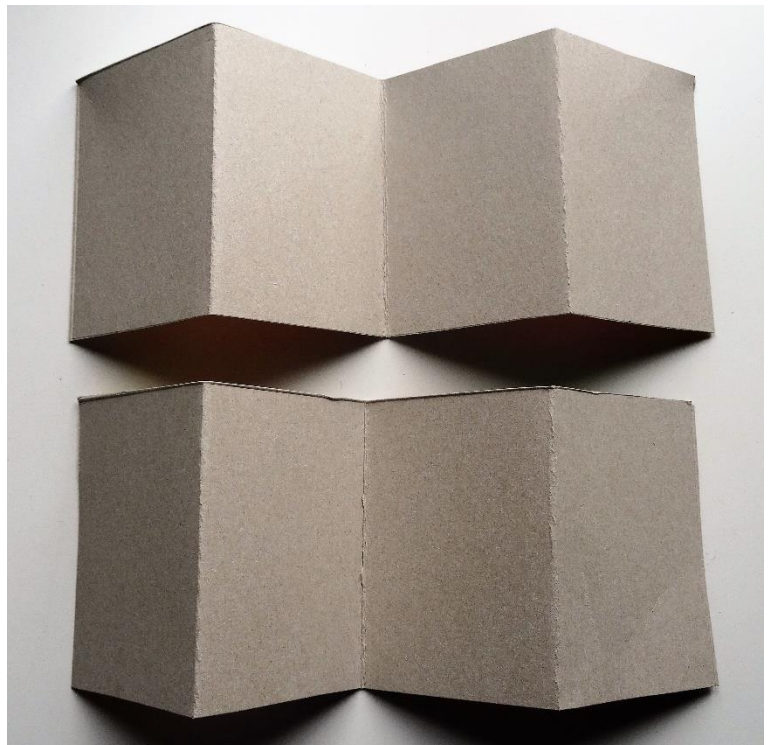
Step 5:

Fold the other half into quarters so you have an M shape.



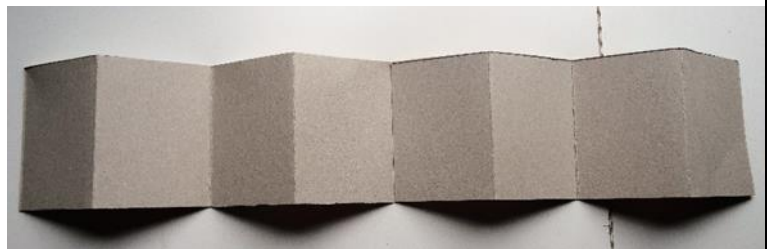
Step 6:

Repeat step 3-5 again for the other half of the cereal box so now you have two folded pieces.



Step 7:

Using the Sellotape place the two pieces side by side and Sellotape together.
When you turn it over it should look like the picture.



Step 8:

Using a coloured pencil write in all the names of the towns and mills try and place them in order on each fold like they are in the picture.

Fold 1:

Matlock Bath
Masson Mills
Lea
Cromford

Fold 2:

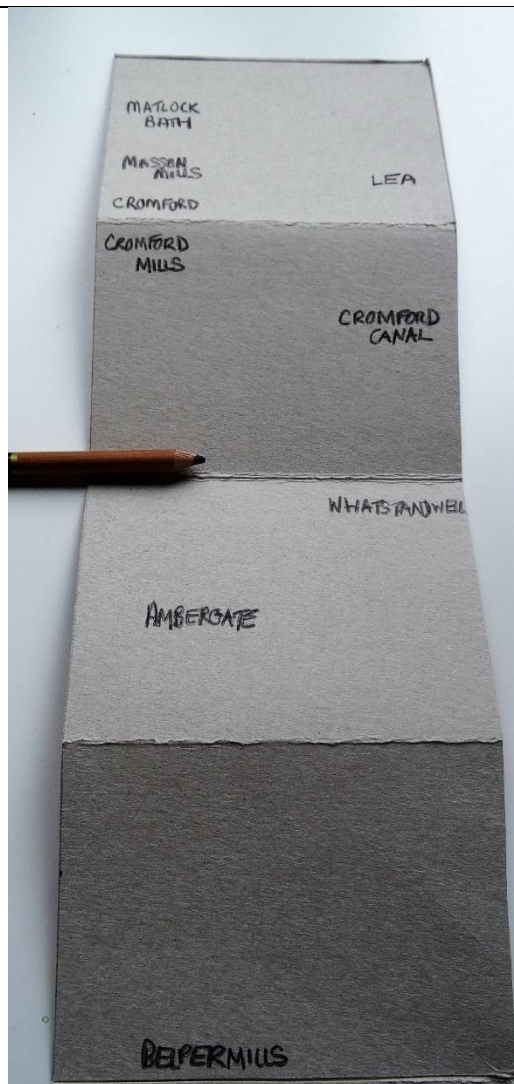
Cromford Mills
Cromford canal

Fold3:

Whatstandwell
Ambergate

Fold 4:

Belper Mills

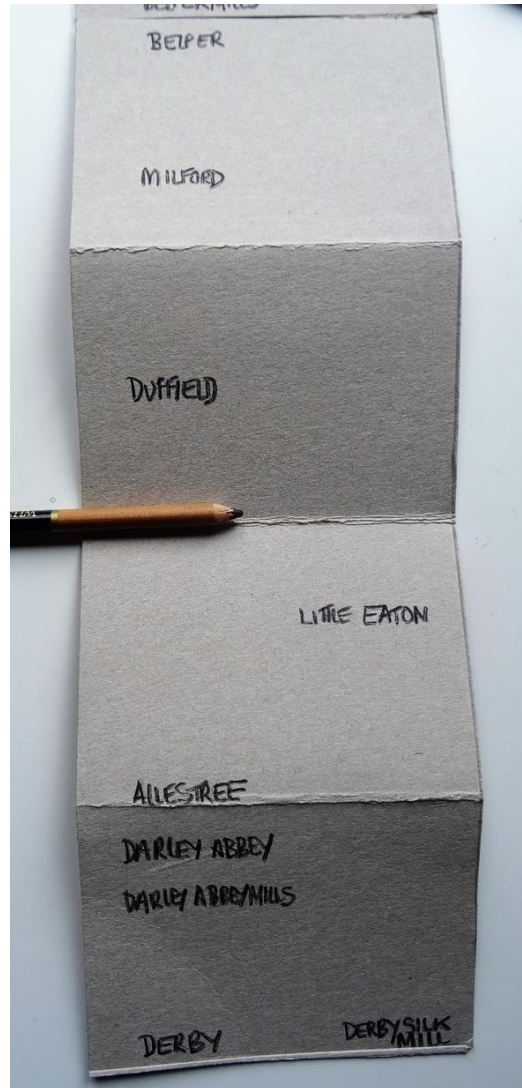


Fold 5:
Belper
Milford

Fold 6:
Duffield

Fold 7:
Little Eaton
Allestree

Fold 8:
Darley Abbey
Darley Abbey Mills
Derby
Silk Mill

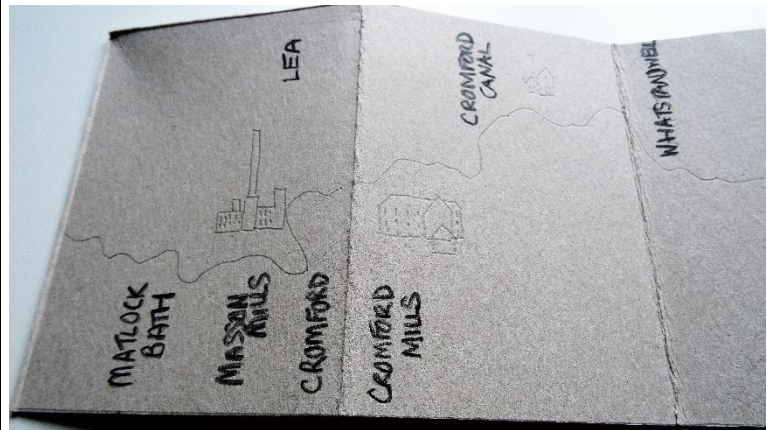


Step 9:

Using a pencil draw in the shape of the river using the image of the map provided.

Where there is a mill written draw in a mill shape it does not have to be accurate but if you want to you can copy the pictures of the mills provided to you in this pack.

(You can also add in any other buildings that you may know too.)



Step 10:

Using the paint provided and some water in a cup.

Paint the river blue.

Wash your brush clean.

Paint in the areas around the river green.

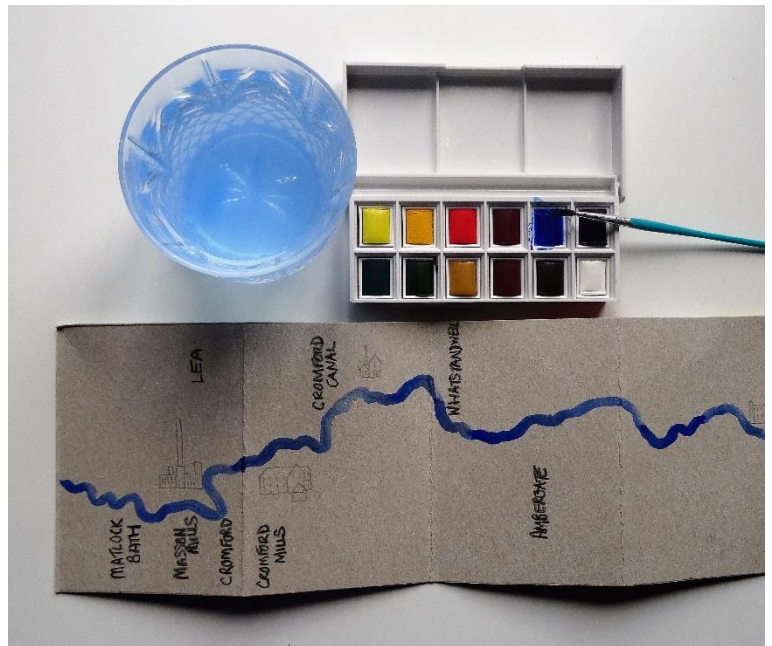
Wash your brush clean.

Paint in the buildings brown.

(You can also use other colours if you wish to add any other details to your map that you may know.)

You have now completed one side of your artists book.

Let it dry before moving to the next step.



Step 11:

Turn over your book and using the coloured paper provided cut out small rectangles enough for each section.

Using the glue stick them on to the printed side of the book.

Let them dry.

**Step 12:**

Using the oil pastels provided colour in between the stuck down card pieces use lots of different colours.

Now you can write a story or a poem on the card pieces you can write in pencil or use a coloured pencil crayon.

Write about what has happened in the valley may be to you or someone else you know.

Maybe you could write about the history of the mills or the people who worked there?



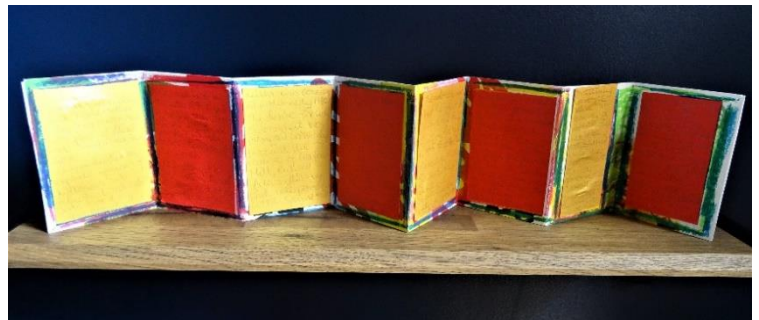
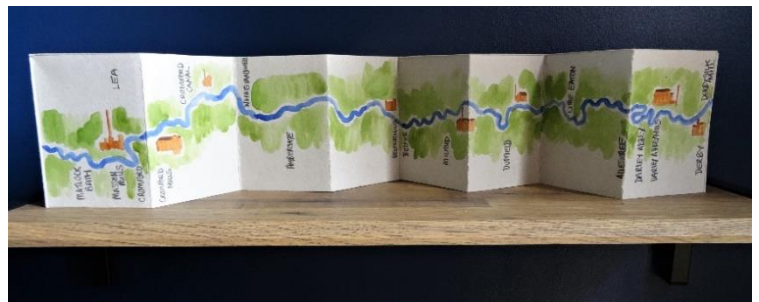
Step 13:

Now your book is finished you can look at it from different angles, fold it up, open it out maybe take a picture of it or give it to a friend.



Step 14:

You can also keep it for yourself and display it on a shelf.



Please let us know what you think of this activity and share your work with us

When you have had a go at this activity, we'd love to hear what you think, or see your work. Please send us any feedback below by 12th October 2020.

Post us your work – If you would like to post us any of your work or let us know what you think of this activity with a note with your name and address (and age if you'd like to share that). We are hoping to have an exhibition in the Autumn on one of the mill sites of the work created by people all along the valley. We will return all your work to you after the exhibition.

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Hope you enjoy doing this craft activity!