KAFCC Art Explosion Book

Materials:

- (2) 4.5x4.5 pieces of thick cardboard
- (2) 4.5x4.5 sheets of any color paper
- (3) 8x8 sheets of paper
- Glue
- Crayons, colored pencils or markers

● Take your glue stick and glue the entire surface of one of your cardboard pieces

● Place one of the colored cardstock squares evenly on your glued surface. Make sure you press down to ensure your corners won’t come up
- Repeat these two steps with your other cardboard piece

- You now have the front & back covers of your Explosion Book and can set those aside

- You should have three blank sheets of paper in front of you... Take crayons, markers, colored pencils (whatever you have on hand) and decorate both the front and the back of each page

- Try using simple patterns, repeating the pattern on each page. Try not to use words as you may end up gluing over some of them in the later stages.

- Once you're finished designing your pages, you are now ready to start the folding process

- Take your first piece of paper and fold it in half (left to right) making sure to really crease the fold well

- Unfold what you just did, the folded line should be going vertical

- Now fold in half again from the opposite side. This time top to bottom, again making sure that the fold is creased really well
● Unfold again. You should now have folds that look like a plus sign in the middle of your paper.

● To do the next fold you must flip your paper over so it has a peak and looks as if it is a mountain. Leave the paper in this position (this is important to get the page to “explode” open later) and fold it diagonally from the bottom right corner to the top left corner forming a triangle.

● As you unfold the triangle, you’ll see the point where all the lines intersect, press that point up and the paper will pop into place.

● You can now squash the paper down to form a small square.
● Repeat these steps to the other two pieces of paper

● Once you have all three sheets folded, Open them up and line them up in front of you so that the folded parts are facing away from you and the open parts of the paper are facing you

● Take your middle paper and flip it so that the folds are now facing you

● You are now ready to glue your pages together

● Leaving all three in order, look at your paper on your left side, you want to put glue on the open wing of the right side only. Make sure to put glue over the entire square
• Now take the paper on your left and slide it into the left wing of the paper in the middle, positioning the two squares so they line up evenly. Make sure to press together to ensure it won’t come apart.

• Once you have those two papers glued together take your remaining paper and put glue on the wing on your left sliding it into the right wing of the middle paper, lining up the squares.

• Now your three separate pieces should be collapsing on each other to form one page unit.

• You are almost finished!!!
• Now take your glue stick and glue the entire surface of the inside of your front cover and line one square of your page unit up with the font cover and press to ensure its glued down well.
● Repeat this process with the back cover

● Decorate the book cover if you want! Draw, collage, paint, stamp! It’s yours to design.
● You can now “WOW” everyone in your family with your amazing Explosion Book!