To fold-and-cut

The Origami Coloring Book

Voyages of Russell & Holmes

out of an 8.5" x 11" sheet

(Note: The key to a tidy book is to be precise about aligning the edges.)

Fold page in half to make an 8.5" x 5.5" rectangle. Crease edge with thumbnail, then unfold and smooth flat. Fold first one edge up to the page's center line and crease, then repeat with the other edge, taking care not to overlap. Open, smooth flat.

Now turn page 90 degrees and fold the long way. Crease, open, and smooth. You now have a sheet marked with eight rectangles.

Fold in half again as the first time, giving you the 8.5" x 5.5" rectangle. With scissors, cut along the doubled center crease, starting at the folded side. When unfolded, the paper will look like this:



Fold the long way again, giving a 4.25" x 11" rectangle. Push both ends together so the cut sections bulge out front and back, like a four-pointed star. Wrap together the star's points so the front and back covers are on the outsides.

Congratulations, you have a book ready to color!

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