This invention relates to an improved pocket sketching set and note pad.

One object of this invention is to provide a sketching set which can be used to carry sketching paper or cards safely in a pocket and be available for use as a support for sketching.

Another object of this invention is to provide a transparent envelope for carrying sketching materials, which will be suitable as a small drawing board for sketching, having means to hold paper or cards on its top surface.

A further object of this invention is to provide a sketching set which will frictionally retain paper inside an envelope, will hold paper on its outside for sketching, and which will carry measuring scales, and cut-out designs of convenient figures for aiding in sketching; all as a unit suitable for carrying around in a pocket without danger of breaking or bending or dirtying the paper.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sketching set suitable for quantity manufacture from transparent, fairly stiff, foldable, and flexible plastic.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a device embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a top view looking down at the open end of the envelope;

Fig. 3 is a side view in section taken on the line III--III of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the separator.

The envelope 10 is preferably made from a sheet of plastic folded along the edge 11, the surface 12 being left flat and the opposite surface 13 being bowed in at the center, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The envelope is completed by folding the side flap 14 and the bottom flap 15 over so that the edge 16 of the flap 14 and the edge 17 of flap 15 rest on top of the flat surface 12. Preferably the corners of these two flaps 14 and 15 are cut out along a curve at the portions 20, 21, 22, and 23.

As thus constructed, the envelope 10 will retain paper or cards, etc., even if held upside down, for the pressure exerted by the bowed-in surface 13 toward the flat surface 12 is sufficient to hold them; at the same time being flexible and elastic, it readily yields to hold more paper or cards. To make it easy to place cards in the envelope, the surface 13 is flared somewhat at its top edge 24, and cut-out portions of thumbholes 25 and 26 are provided along the open edge of each of the surfaces 12 and 13.

The flaps 14 and 15 provide a means of yieldingly holding paper and sketching aids on top of the surface 12, which can thus be used as a writing or sketching surface. The edges 16 and 17 will hold the paper, etc., frictionally, and the material is sufficiently elastic so that it will accommodate varying degrees of thickness.

The sheet 27 is made narrow enough to fit into the envelope 10, and long enough to project therefrom, so that it can be a convenient separator between papers or cards inside. It is preferably made of transparent plastic, is preferably removable from the envelope 10, and bears on its surface various aids to sketching, such as the scales 28 and 31 along the converging edges 32 and 33, and the various cut-out stencil designs similar to those illustrated. Since the flaps 14 and 15 have rounded corners, the separator can slide along under one of them and over the other, so that it can be held on the sketching surface 12 in many positions.

It is contemplated that the set will have uses other than for sketching, such as for notes and business cards, and that the envelope will have uses with or without the separator. Changes may be made in size—as, for example, to make it large, so that it will be almost portfolio size, or smaller, as, say, wallet size. Changes may also be made in design, material, shape, and arrangement which will not depart from the invention as claimed.

1. A holder for paper and similar material, comprising a sheet of relatively stiff but still flexible material folded to provide an envelope open along one edge and also folded to provide relatively stiff flaps adapted to overlap one face of said envelope and to remain closed over it along two other mutually perpendicular edges for frictionally holding paper and similar material against said outside face between said flaps and said face.

2. A holder for paper and similar material, comprising a single sheet of material which is relatively stiff and still elastic and flexible, folded to provide an envelope open along one edge, having one of its faces flat, two of the mutually perpendicular closed edges being folded over onto said flat face to provide holding flaps for flat objects on said flat face, and having its other face bowed in at the center to provide sufficient pressure to frictionally hold paper and similar material inside said envelope without deformation and also sufficient pressure between said flat face and said two mutually perpendicular folded-
over edges, so that flat objects may be retained therebetween and said holder will not come open at said folded-over edges.

3. A holder for paper and similar material made from a single sheet of material which is relatively stiff and still elastic and flexible, folded to provide an envelope, open along one edge, having one of its faces bowed in at the center to provide sufficient pressure to hold frictionally paper and similar material inside said envelope, and having its other face flat, two of the mutually perpendicular closed edges being folded over to provide a holding means for said flat face, the corner where said folded-over edges intersect being cut away, so that the edge of a piece of paper may be frictionally retained on the outside of said holder by either of said edges and may slide along the full length or width of said holder.

4. A holder for paper and similar material made from a single sheet of transparent plastic folded to provide an envelope, open along one edge, having one of its faces bowed in at the center to provide sufficient pressure to hold frictionally and resiliently without deformation paper and similar material inside said envelope, and having its other face flat, two of the closed edges being folded over permanently to provide a holding means for said flat face, said flat face being urged by the pressure of said bowed-in face into contact with said edges, except when a flat object is forced therebetween and held there by said pressure.

5. A pocket sketching set including a single sheet of transparent plastic folded to provide an envelope open at one edge, and having cut-out thumb-holes along said edge, the two mutually perpendicular edges other than said open edge and the edge where the fold is made, being folded around to close said envelope and provide holding means on one of the outside faces thereof, the corners of said folded over edges being cut away in a curve, said face being flat, the opposite face of said envelope being bowed in at the center toward said flat face, and a removable separator of transparent plastic, slightly longer than said envelope, but narrow enough to fit within it, having thereon guiding edges and cut-out portions of various shapes of use in sketching, adapted to be aligned and retained slidably by either folded-over edge.

6. A holder for sketching material comprising an envelope of relatively stiff but still flexible material open at one edge and having two of its mutually perpendicular edges folded over the flat outer surface of one side of said envelope so as to frictionally retain paper thereon and to align and retain slidably a sketching aid along the two mutually perpendicular directions, the corners of said folded edges being cut away, so that an edge of said aid may slide along the full length or width of said envelope.

7. A pocket sketching set including a single sheet of a relatively stiff but still flexible material folded to provide an envelope open at one edge, the two mutually perpendicular edges other than said open edge and the edge where the fold is made, being folded around to close said envelope and provide holding means on one of the outside faces thereof, the intersecting corner of said folded over edges being cut away, said face being flat and the opposite face of said envelope being bowed in at the center toward said flat face; and a removable separator sheet slightly longer than said envelope, but narrow enough to fit within it, having thereon guiding edges and cut-out portions of various shapes of use in sketching, adapted to be aligned and retained slidably by either folded-over edge.

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