

An infinitely long story on a Möbius strip – Instructions for assembly

1. Print out the PDF file on a sheet of DIN-A4 paper in *landscape* format, using about 135 % or 140 % magnification. (For US-letterpaper, something around 130 % or less may be appropriate.)
2. Each strip consists of two lines of text, an upper and a lower line, e.g.,

|“Somehow I can’t shake the nagging suspicion that we’re caught in a time loop,” Möbius muttered. |

|– “Repeating it won’t make it truer,” Klein retorted, reaching for the bottle. “What’s the matter with you?” –|

Cut out one strip, not yet separating upper and lower line.

3. Cut off the blank ends of each of the two lines of text at the thin vertical strokes immediately to the left and to the right of each line of text. (You have to cut a short way along the narrow white strip separating the upper from the lower line to remove the ends of the shorter line.)
4. Fold the whole strip along its length, exactly at the middle of the narrow white separating strip, such that the two lines of text lie back to back. This will be easier if you first draw some instrument with a sharp point down that line, using a ruler.
5. Glue the still-connected lines of text together back to back. (Glue sticks will work best.)
6. Press them firmly together, then let them dry.
7. Now cut off the thin strip of paper containing the fold line, such that the black lines framing the text lines look symmetrical, i.e., have equal amounts of white margin delimiting them.
8. The longer line of text protrudes beyond the shorter one on both ends, left and right. Glue together the protruding bits of paper, back to back, wherefor you have to give the strip of paper a half twist, obtaining a Möbius strip.
9. Start reading; it doesn’t matter where.