

Account Book Binding

Materials & Tools

- 1 sheet of handmade paper for pages, 19" x 25"
- 2 pieces handmade paper for covers, 6.25" x 9.75"
- 2 pieces handmade paper for inner covers, 6.25" x 9.75"
- 2 piece of ribbons, cord or thread, 24"
- Bone folder
- Metal ruler and sharp knife
- Hand drill or hole punch
- Scrap paper
- Large clips
- Large needle
- Scrap wood or cardboard

Instructions

- Tear 8 handmade paper pages from the large sheet (6.25" x 9.75").
- Score pages at 1" and 2" from the left/spine edge and crease with bone folder.
- Trim 1" from edge of covers and inner covers.
- Score 1" from left edge on both cover and inner covers, and crease with a bone folder.
- Create a sewing template that allows you to mark sewing holes 3/4" from the spine edge and 1.5" from the head and tail of the book.
- Stack covers and pages and clamp together, use the template to mark the holes and drill/punch sewing holes, protecting your work surface with a board.
- Put first piece of ribbon on needle and enter hole #1 on front cover (leave half the ribbon on front cover).
- Wrap the spine of the book and re-enter hole #1 from front to back.
- Wrap head of the book and re-enter hole #1 front to back.
- Remove needle and repeat at the bottom of the book with hole #2.
- Tie 4 ribbons in a square knot centered over spine of the book between the 2 holes and embellish with beads if desired.