Little Link Stitch Book

Materials

- ☐ Signatures: a variety of papers torn or cut to measure 4” high x 6” wide (102mm x `52mm) with the grain running parallel to the 4” edge
- ☐ Signature wrappers: at least 6 thicker decorated or patterned papers cut to measure 4” high x 6” wide (102mm x `52mm) with the grain running parallel to the 4” edge
- ☐ 1 piece of thread measuring 48” (122cm) - waxed linen or cotton thread
- ☐ Thin cord or ribbon for closure measuring at least 20” (51cm)
- ☐ Scrap paper
- ☐ Bookbinding tools (awl, bone folder, 2 needles, punching cradle is optional)

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Directions

- [ ] Once you have gathered your signature papers and signature wrappers, sort and fold them into at least 6 signatures.
- [ ] Note: there is no cover.
- [ ] Press the signatures with a bone folder and press over night.
- [ ] Once out of the press, trim the fore edge if desired.
- [ ] Create a template measuring the height of the signatures ie 4” high and 2” wide (102mm x 51mm)
- [ ] Bringing short ends of template together, fold into three sections, crease folds and open.
- [ ] Mark 2 kettle stitches 1/2” (13mm) from head and tail of template and the link stitch positions at the 3 fold marks. You will have 5 sewing holes (A-E)
- [ ] Mark head of template
- [ ] Mark head of signatures
- [ ] Use template to punch sewing holes in your signatures

Sewing

- [ ] Thread needle with waxed thread.
- [ ] Begin with signature one.
- [ ] Enter hole A of signature 1 from outside to inside leaving 2” tail
- [ ] Exit hole B of signature 1
- [ ] Place signature 2 on top of 1.
- [ ] Enter hole B of signature 2
- [ ] Exit hole C of signature 2
- [ ] Enter hole C of signature 1
- [ ] Exit hole D of signature 1
- [ ] Enter D hole of signature 2
- [ ] Exit hole E of signature 2

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- [ ] Enter hole E of signature 1
- [ ] Exit hole D of signature 1
- [ ] Re-enter hole D of signature 2
- [ ] Exit hole C of signature 2
- [ ] Re-enter hole C of signature 1
- [ ] Exit hole B of signature 1
- [ ] Re-enter hole B of signature 2
- [ ] Exit hole A of signature 2
- [ ] Tie a square knot
- [ ] Take a second needle and bring loose thread inside signature 1 and tie off inside.

- [ ] Add signature 3
- [ ] Enter hole A of signature 3
- [ ] Exit hole B of signature 3
- [ ] Create a link stitch between signature 1 and 2
- [ ] Re-enter hole B of signature 3
- [ ] Exit hole C of signature 3.
- [ ] Create a link stitch between signature 1 and 2
- [ ] Re-enter hole C of signature 3
- [ ] Exit hole D of signature 3
- [ ] Create a link stitch between signature 1 and 2
- [ ] Re-enter hole D
- [ ] Exit hole E of signature 3
- [ ] Create a kettle stitch between signature 1 and 2

- [ ] Add signature 4
- [ ] Enter hole E of signature 4 and repeat the sewing pattern creating link and kettle stitches between signatures 2 and 3.
- [ ] After exiting hole A of signature 4 and creating a kettle stitch between signatures 2 and 3, add signature 5 and repeat with all remaining signatures.

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- [ ] When creating the final kettle stitch on signature 6 or the final signature , create a second kettle.
- [ ] Bring thread inside final signature and tie off. Trim excess thread.

- [ ] Open book to the center, wrap a piece of cord or thin ribbon twice around middle link stitch and wrap around covers to form a closure.

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