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Bookbinding: A Book Journal Inspired by Kelly St. Community Garden

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The Laundromat Project @ Kelly St.



Photo: Roni Mocán

QUICK GUIDELINE TO MAKE A PAMPHLET BOOK:

Preparing paper for text block:

- Select paper and determine size.
- Fold, score, rip. Remember grain of paper must be parallel to the spine!
- Arrange different type of paper in desired order.

Preparing cover:

- Cut cover to size leaving a "hair" bigger than text block (fold, score, rip).
- Fold the cover (draw, lift, sharp crease; repeat until all folds are done);
- Check-up: Fit the text block inside cover to see if it fits well.

Sewing the book:

- Create a paper jig (sewing pattern), determine how many holes for pamphlet (min. 3).
- Transfer jig measurements to signature and cover by punching holes with awl.
- Measure an amount of linen thread (4 times height of book).
- Wax your linen thread if desired and secure your thread in needle.
- Start to sew on the middle hole (inside for knot on inside; or outside for knot on inside).
- Remember to sew/pull thread towards where you are sewing to avoid ripping paper.
- Create a butterfly stitch all along the spine.
- Close with square knot.
- Cut excess thread, leaving ¼" approx.

Option for decorating the cover:

- Use template of desired figure to cut out its silhouette on the cover.
- Place decorative paper on the inside flap of the cover.
- Adhere it with acid-free double sided tape.

Bookbinding Resources:

BOOKBINDING PLACES IN NYC:

The Center for Book Arts

Bookbinding and letterpress classes; exhibitions; artist residencies; online database collection; store.

28 West 27th St, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10001

Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm

Sat 10am-4pm

<http://www.centerforbookarts.org/>

Women's Studio Workshop

Classes; artist book's database collection.

P.O. Box 489

Rosendale, NY 12472

<http://www.wsworkshop.org>

The Grolier Club

Temporary exhibitions.

47 E 60th St, New York, NY 10065

www.grolierclub.org

The New York Public Library 42 St (Print Collection 3rd Floor)

Prints, Photographs, Ephemera, Books

Stephen A. Schwarzman Building

Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street

New York, NY 10018-2788

<http://www.nypl.org>

SUPPLIES LIST:

Talas

Everything bookbinding!

330 Morgan Ave

Brooklyn, NY 11211

<http://talasonline.com>

Blick

Utrecht

Any other art store around the city

RECOMMENDATION LIST: BOOKS ON BOOKS

Keith Smith Books

Very specialized bookbinding books:

"Structure of the Visual Book"

"Sewn and Pasted Cloth or Leather Bookbinding for Book Artists Requiring No Special Tools or Equipment"

"Non-Adhesive Binding Vol. I: Books Without Paste or Glue"

"Non-Adhesive Bookbinding Volume II: 1-2-& 3 Section Sewings"

"Non-Adhesive Binding Volume III: Exposed Spine Sewings"

"Non-Adhesive Binding Volume IV: Smith's Sewing Single Sheets"

Books @ New York Public Library:

Golden, Alisa J.

Making handmade books : 100+ bindings, structures & forms.

New York : Lark Crafts, c2010.

Mauriello, Barbara.

Making memory boxes : box projects to make, give, and keep.

Gloucester, Mass. : Rockport Pub., c2000.

Rinehart, Benjamin D.

Creating books & boxes : fun and unique approaches to handmade structures.

Gloucester, Mass. : Quarry Books, 2007.