Sewn Pamphlet Binding with Pocket and Foldout

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This workshop focuses on the single signature sewn softcover pamphlet. A straightforward binding, to which we will add pockets, a foldout and a string and button closure. Ways to personalize and elevate this simple book will be discussed. A great structure for small editions of short text, blank journals and pocket calendars. Pamphlets are versatile and useful structures. Our models and the handout provided will be inspiration and reference for future works.

Materials:

These are the general materials needed. Specific instructions for cutting the paper will be sent prior to the workshop. For Pages: 6-12 sheets white 8.5 x 11, nice drawing or text paper best (copy paper will also work) For Pocket: 1-3 sheets any color 8.5 x 11, text weight paper (copy paper will also work) For Foldout: 1-2 sheets of 12 x 12 light card stock best (or 8.5 x 11 will also work) or heavy copy or drawing paper For Cover: 1-2 sheets of 12 x 12 or 11 x 17 cover weight paper (cardstock or 90-140 lb art paper that folds well)

- 30 inches of bookbinding thread (linen 18/3 bookbinding thread (or button & carpet thread)
- 3-6 feet of cord (any cord 1-2mm thick, such as hemp or cord used for beading) or use what you have
- A flat button between 1/4 and 1/2 inch in diameter (or you can make a button from a scrap of paper)

Tools:

- 2 Binder's clips, small
- Sewing needle, such as a bookbinder's or milliner's needle

(The eye should be big enough to accommodate the binding thread, but not much bigger than the shaft of the needle.)

- Awl or piercing tool
- Scissors
- Ruler, 12-18" metal
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Cutting mat
- X-acto knife
- Bone folder (optional but helpful)
- Beeswax or paraffin (optional)
- Double-sided tape (optional)