

The Drum Leaf Binding Sampler

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TOOLS

Required

- PVA
- Bone or teflon folder
- Small self-healing cutting mat
- Metal ruler or straightedge, 12" is adequate
- X-acto, scalpel or olfa knife and a few extra blades
- Scissors
- Small glue brush
- A pair of gluing up boards: scrap book board the height of the text block and a little narrower, one of the long edges of both covered in clear packing tape
- waste paper
- pencil

Optional

- Microspatula, Talas #TTB002001 or similar
- Dividers, an inexpensive set from Talas #TTB033004
- Square with base, Talas #TTB041001, or some device to keep text block and boards square
- 8" plastic drywall knife ((this is neater and more precise than a brush and the ideal tool for the Drum Leaf binding)
<https://www.amazon.com/Knife-Drywall-8-Hd-Plastic/dp/B000BOCDSW>
- "Paper Rulers" strips of 1/2" wide to use for quick measuring when ruler is awkward or unnecessary

MATERIALS

The workshop model has a folded page size of 6.25 x 4.25". Of course, future books you make using this structure can be any size you wish. The dimensions given for some pieces are rough cut only. The workshop will provide information for cutting each piece to size in relation to other parts of the binding.

Unless noted, all materials are grain direction parallel to the spine. Dimensions below are (height) x (width).

Text block

- heavy paper that will fold without cracking, 8 @ 6.25 x 8.5" unfolded
- Arches text equivalent, heavy Japanese tissue, or cambric spine lining 1 @ 6.5 x 1"
- thin colored tissue to cover board edges at spine, 1 @ 2 x 2" (optional)

Spine wrappers

- Spine stiffener + spacer: 20 pt card, 1 @ 6.5 x 2"
- for standard version: book cloth, 1 @ 4 x 2.5"
- for hugging spine: a different color of book cloth, 1 @ 4 x 2.5"
- for one-piece wrapper: one-piece spine wrapper, parchment or stiff paper that folds without cracking, 1 @ 3 x 2.5

Boards

- Thin board or heavy card, 2 @ 6.25 x 4.25"
- 2 card fills, thickness should be equal to the thickness of the spine wrappers, 2 @ 6.5 x 4"
- 2 decorative paper to cover boards, text weight, 2 @ 7.5 x 5.5"