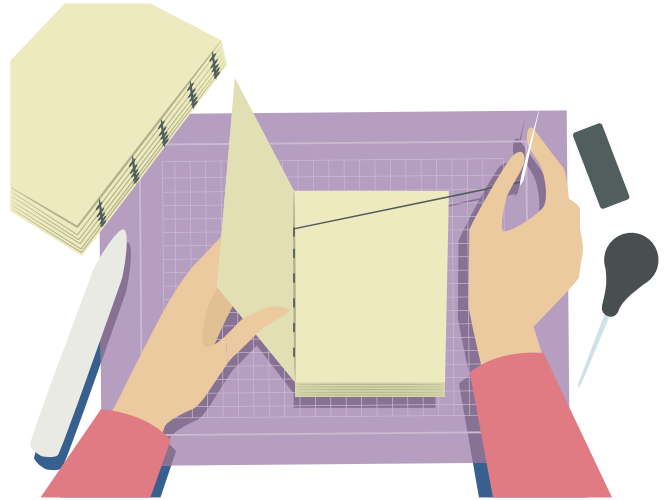


# BOOK BINDING INSTRUCTIONS

## Supplies:

- paper (watercolor suggested)
- Chipboard or thick cardboard big enough to make your cover (you can often use the cardboard on the back of a pad of paper)
- Wax thread or thin ribbon
- A bookbinding awl or thick sturdy needle
- A bookbinding needle or thick dull needle
- A piece of thick cardboard or old cutting board to protect her surface from possible holes
- A ruler or measuring tape
- Optional: a flat edge like a ruler or folding tool to help you fold the pages more evenly
- Optional: fun paper to decorate your cover or put in with your signatures



## Instructions:

1. Fold an even number of paper pages in half.
2. Use a ruler to mark where you are going to puncture your holes on the paper. Your marks should be evenly spaced.
3. Use a book binding awl or thick sharp needle to puncture all of your pages on the marks you made.
4. Mark your thick cardboard or chipboard using the same measurements you did on your paper.
5. Puncture your chipboard or thick cardboard. This can be kind of difficult. You may need help.
6. Layer 3 - 5 pieces of folded paper to make a signature. repeat until you have used all of your folded pieces of paper. Make sure all of your signatures have the same number of pages.
7. Now you can begin binding your book. If you forget how to do this part refer to this instructional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2FRKbQI2kY>
8. Last but not least, decorate your cover!