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Bookbinding

Materials List

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All materials will be provided for students to create a 6x4in "sweet" binding book and any other books made in the class; students will need to provide most of their own tools. Bookbinding can require a lot of materials and tools, but most items may be used for multiple projects. Part of the fun of bookbinding is how individual and customizable it can be.

Required Student Materials

- Ruler, preferably at least 24 in. and metal like https://www.dickblick.com/ products/blick-stainless-steel-ruler/
- Craft or snap blade knife like https://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-premiertwist-lock-knife-blades/ *note, we will be using the knife to cut through a chip board type material*
- A medium (roughly ½ inch in width) sized brush that can be used with glue please note that a brush used for glue will not return to its prior state and will only be fit for use as a glue brush after.
- Water jar
- A small spray bottle for water
- Scissors
- Self-healing mat (does not need to be huge, at least big enough to cut out something 6x4 inches.)
- Phone book, old textbook or similar; to use for punching holes please do not use a
- book you care about as it will sustain punctures in the process. If you have a selfhealing mat you can simply use this but it may be a little more challenging.

Optional Materials (useful but not essential)

- Bookbinding awl, like https://www.dickblick.com/products/sewingawl/ (there is a class set)
- A bone folder (there is a class set)
- Drafting triangle (45)
- Book weight or binder clips
- A container, like a pencil box, to carry tools in

Most items are available from Dick Blick but more options may be found from online bookbinding suppliers or on Etsy.



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