

## Binding Techniques

- covered wrapping a hardcover
- materials sharp x-acto, box cutter, metal ruler, drill, diluted pva or wheat paste, butcher paper, davies book board
- practice example 4.5 X 6.5" book covers  
[for 4 X 6" booklet: .25" overhang]
- 1 trim book board to size [4.5 X 6.5" covers] :: there is a right way and a wrong way to cut down book board. first, you need to find the direction of the grain and mark your board with lines on each side to remind you the direction of the grain. second, when you're deciding where to cut the board for your covers, it is imperative that you never have the grain running in the direction of the spine [this is because it is more likely to warp this direction rather than having the grain run perpendicular to the spine]
  - 2 trim wrapping paper to size [6.5 X 8.5" :: you will need at least an inch extra on each side]
  - 3 trial run :: lightly in pencil, mark out where the book board will be placed on the wrapping paper. measure it squarely on the paper and trace a light box
  - 4 using diluted pva or wheat paste, brush the side of the wrapping paper you will be pasting to the board [do not put too much paste on the paper :: the paper will warp fast. brush all the way to the edges of the paper by carrying the brush through off the edge of the paper and onto junk paper [junk paper that has been junked up with glue is referred to as "poison." we keep a large stack of junk paper on hand and frequently change out poison papers with fresh junk paper
  - 5 place the board onto the paper; push hard, flip it over and kneed out any bubbles
  - 6 trim the corners off the wrapping paper about .25" from the edge [this will help reduce too much paper folding around the corners of the board]
  - 7 you will need to work fast as the glue will dry; fold over opposing shorter edges first; tuck corners in neatly; fold over opposing longer edges second; your fingers will be managing several problematic areas at once. massage and hold the paper down until it stays steady

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- 8 make sure everything is completely dry
- 9 trim down paper to place on the inside front cover  
[4 X 6"] :: this will cover the wrapping
- 10 brush-apply paste to the inside front cover paper and  
place the paper perfectly aligned on the book board;  
massage as needed; be very cognizant of sticky fingers  
throughout all of this. glue stains are inappropriate and  
not tolerated in the book arts world.
- 11 rinse and repeat steps 1-10 for the second cover