

Open-Spread binding

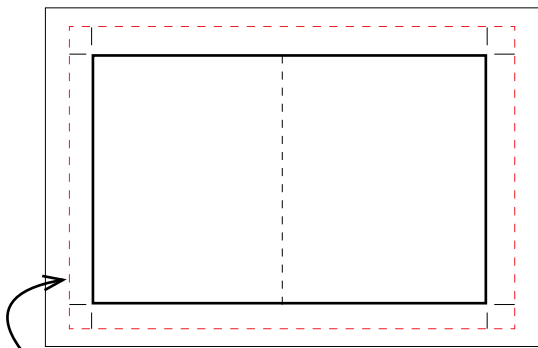
SUPPLIES

Studio Tac (this is a dry adhesive that is available in cuttable sheets)

X-acto blade

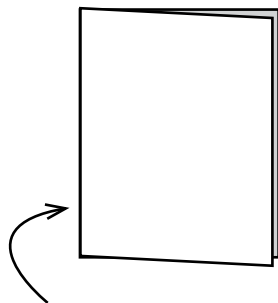
Wooden or Plastic clothes pins

Bone Folder



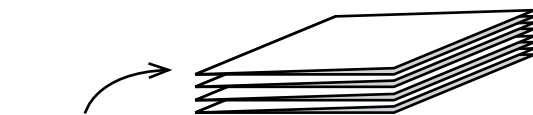
Trim to **OUTSIDE** of crop marks

1. Print your document in spread form with crop marks OR create your original (as a spread of your book) with crop marks that are of equal height (and equal distance from your original). Include your end sheets as the first and last spread.
2. Trim your original just to the outside edge of the crop marks, evenly all around your spread.



Fold page in half, with a sharp crease.

3. Now fold every page in the center and tighten that fold with a bone folder.



Folded edge, aligned.

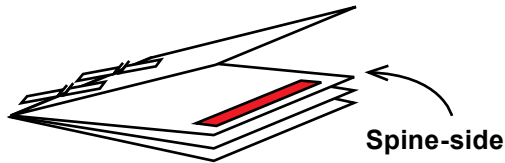
4. Once you have a packet of folded spreads, you will want to jog the folded edge against a flat surface so that the spine is perfectly compact, flat and even.



Clothes pins

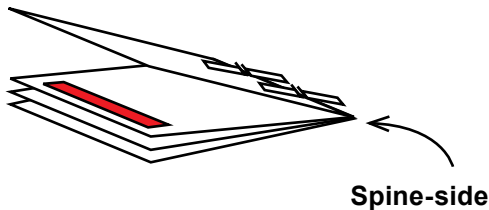
5. You will then want to take something like several wooden/plastic clothes pins (which work perfect as they hold your originals in place without causing a dent in your paper) and carefully pinch your spine-side together in several places.

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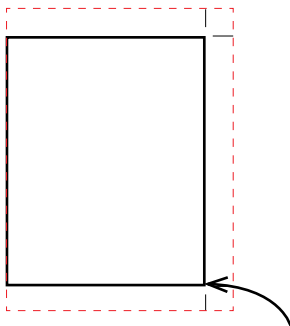


Apply Studio Tac strips on spine-side of book.

6. You will want to have some cut strips of Studio Tac that are approximately 1" tall horizontal strips that are between the size of your original and the size of your original with crop marks. Have approximately one strip per page of your book. Adhering the pages requires precision, otherwise all your crop marks will be off.

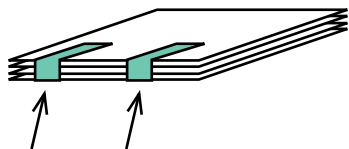


7. Then flip your book 'packet' around so that the loose pages are facing you. You will then attach a strip of studio tack to the outside edge of your original, adhering two (blank sides) pages.
8. Repeat until all pages are adhered together with Studio Tac.



Cut at crop marks

9. Once all your pages are adhered, trim pages on the crop marks. Be careful to cut on the crop marks, otherwise you may over trim.



Reinforce spine with book tape or adhered paper strips.

10. If you want to use a hard cover, you'll need to reinforce your spine with two strips of book tape OR two strips of paper adhered to the spine.
11. Now that your pages are ready, you need to build a cover (either soft or hard). See *Cover Instructions* for further instructions.