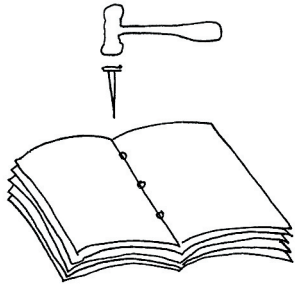


stitch a book

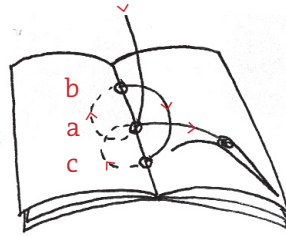


1. Take 8 sheets of text paper and 1 sheet of cover stock.

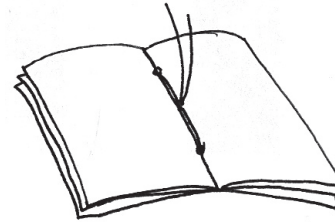


2. Fold paper in half. With a hammer and a nail (or special tool called an awl), poke three holes in center.

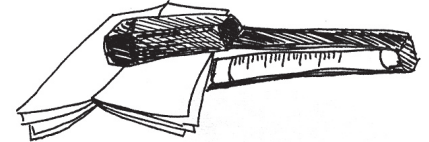
Cut a piece of thread three times longer than the book.



3. Thread a needle and pull it down through the center of the book (a). Then push the needle up through an outside hole (b), and then back down through the last hole (c). Finally, pull the needle up through the middle hole again (a).



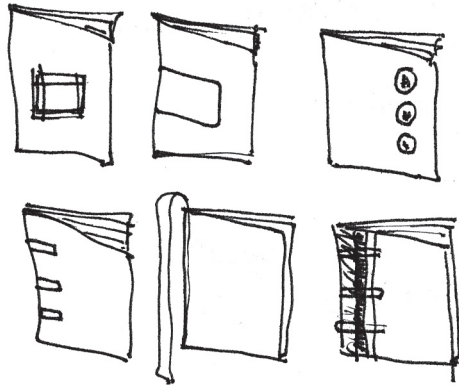
4. Tie the threads together in a knot and/or bow. Be sure to leave enough thread to tie; adjust if you didn't.



FAST ALTERNATIVE:

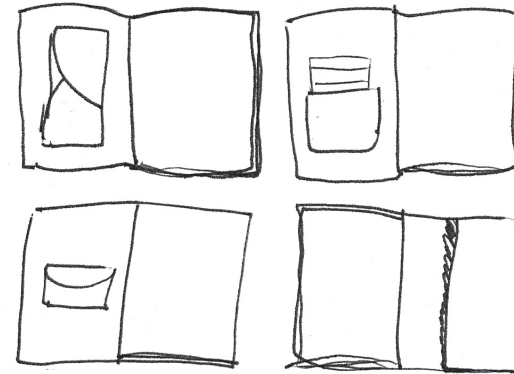
Use a long-necked stapler instead of needle and thread!

design a cover



Use tape, stickers, labels, pasted paper, and more to design your own variations on classic book bindings.

add functions



Add functions by gluing in envelopes, adding ribbon for bookmarks, or folding the cover to create a storage area. Cut a bigger sheet of paper for a jacket.

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