

Bookbinding Resources Master List

This is an appendix/addition to the document "[How to Make a Book](#)" by ArmoredSuperHeavy Contributions by members of the Renegade Bindery discord server, July 2020
If "How To Make A Book" ever becomes an eBook, this document will be included in it.

If you would like to join the discord server (18+ only please!), click this link:

<https://discord.gg/3mBP9ZRHAc>

You may also send a DM or ask on Tumblr to ArmoredSuperHeavy or renegadepublishing for an invite link.

Have something to add? Contact ArmoredSuperHeavy via the Discord server or add comments to the Dreamwidth post version of this document.

Areas highlighted in orange have been transferred to the [Renegade Publishing Dreamwidth](#) community as blog posts. Those sections will be updated on Dreamwidth.

Glossary

[Book Anatomy \(Parts of a Book\) & Definitions](#) - [ibookbinding.com](#)

[Glossary of Binding Terms || The Book Arts Web](#)

Typesetting Software

Calibre

This is a free eBook management application. Use it to switch between file formats including Word. You are almost certainly going to find this application useful.

Adobe InDesign

<https://renegadepublishing.dreamwidth.org/1103.html>

SleepingPatternns make the case for InDesign

<https://sleepingpatterns.tumblr.com/post/620784497878810624/should-i-use-indesign-to-lay-out-my-books-a>

Javert's tutorial:

[how to typeset a book in indesign - an amateur's guide](#)

<https://youtu.be/Q7bdWSGd-Fw>

This is a very comprehensive tutorial on making a book in InDesign

Another useful video, using a slightly more recent version of indesign.

<https://youtu.be/ww6Qk4uRPIY>

[In this one, author](#) Hugh Howey explains how to create a book in InDesign. He also covers stuff like widow lines and tricks to avoid them

https://youtu.be/7Pi9Y_EIHpE

Auto Import AO3 text to InDesign by hechulara

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h3a9s7XtlK7KmTVsR-rHjur1db6lnJvStkcpNgwYxhc/>

Envato Tuts+ - Tutorial videos

InDesign Advanced Course - Adobe InDesign CC 2018 <https://youtu.be/k01oYs6cPV0>

InDesign for Beginners https://youtu.be/RXRT3dHu6_o

Automated AO3 Chapter Splitting in InDesign by hechulara

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uLVfvlzMzUyAyslvIPEZWc4Kzg3DgA39HB6y1af6zhE/edit?usp=sharing>

Affinity Publisher

An affordable and full-featured option. Affinity.serif.com License is \$50 USD one-time (not a subscription)

Aliya Regatti is going to write some instructions!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wWrms4S_qhGuwOk7pt7o9HI2k9GhjVHRE8RaEi8f16s/e/dit#heading=h.fty45afirc6

Typesetting in Affinity Publisher

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10xbDBF_Xx38II7EVGjgBh60gkkanum5Mq6_xnNW1z0k/e/dit

Threerings contributed a full guide: [Formatting Fics for Binding in Affinity Publisher](#)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I5JvGIaufzNzOmDpsXXpGaopo3yyZ_NtqiGXrXkTKyM/e/dit


Robert Chalmers also has advice

<https://robert-chalmers.uk/self-publishing-with-affinity-publisher-how-to-create-a-great-looking-book/>

Imposition for Affinity Publisher:
(TBD NEEDS INFO)

Microsoft Word

How to Make a Book by ArmoredSuperHeavy

 How to Make A Book, by ArmoredSuperHeavy

How to make a typesetting template in word by Stargirltakingflight

[Making a typesetting template in Word](#)

LaTeX

<https://www.latex-tutorial.com/>

<https://gummi.app/>

SPBuchsatz - Free, German version of LaTeX

<https://schreibblogg.de/spbuchsatz/>

LibreOffice

[Typesetting for Fanbinding in LibreOffice](#) By raindragonwing aka Dragon Tree Bindery

Scribus

How to Typeset an AO3 Document for Bookbinding in Scribus, by Lynn Whelmed,
@notwhelmedyet.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vqWwJQAV0tCK3mK5w6qzjuS8zM8KDVGDae5nhjshh0/edit?usp=sharing>

How to Typeset a Novel in Scribus - Michael E. Henderson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0N2TfW4HYA&list=PLWEeGtTlyG_aXAY117vGtCaNytL8wZvP2

Imposition for Scribus

Scribus does not handle imposition (ordering pages for booklet printing), the instructions above include using [Bookbinder 3.0](#) for transforming the pdf into print-ready signatures.

Downloading Fic

AO3

Obviously for AO3 this is built into the site. You can directly download the HTML or other eBook format.

Or...use

Nianeyna's ao3downloader for bulk downloads.

<https://github.com/nianeyna/ao3downloader>

Niacdoyal's AO3 Stylish Downloader

This python script's purpose is to download a fic from AO3 (fic URL and destination have to be provided), but unlike the vanilla on-site downloader, it keeps the author's style.

<https://github.com/niacdoial/AO3-stylish-downloader>

FanFicFare

This is a plugin for Calibre; can be accessed from inside Calibre.

<https://github.com/JimmXinu/FanFicFare>

[List of sites you can download from using this plugin](#)

Prior version: FanfictionDownloader

<https://fanfictiondownloader.net/>

Download a usable file from Fanfiction.net

Wattpad

<https://github.com/momijizukamori/site2epub>

PDF Extraction

Getting text out of a PDF file (harvesting) so you can format it into a book.

ILovePDF

<https://www.ilovepdf.com/>

Calibre eBook Manager

Can translate between PDF, ebook formats, and Word .docx

<https://calibre-ebook.com/>

Removing DRM

DeDRMplugin for Calibre

<https://apprenticealf.wordpress.com/>

Proofreading

Most fic has not been proofread, and depending on your preference, you might elect to do some cleanup of the text before you print it.

Louise Harnby, Proofreader

How to use Dashes in Fiction - US and UK Style (en dash, em dash etc)

<https://www.louiseharnbyproofreader.com/blog/how-to-use-dashes-in-fiction-dashes-uk-and-us-style>

PDF Imposition

Imposition is getting the page sequence set right to print signatures.

These tools can help you create booklet / signatures after generating the file elsewhere as a PDF:

Booklet Maker

URL needed

Bookbinder (Free) (aka Quantum Elephant)

<http://quantumelephant.co.uk/bookbinder/bookbinder.html>

CheapImpostor for MacOS

<http://www.cheapimpostor.com>

Montax Imposer

Good for tiny books

https://www.reddit.com/r/indesign/comments/hrmi08/a6_booklet_printed_on_a4/

Settings screenshot A6 book printed on A4 paper - <https://imgur.com/a/gpJZbCl>

PDFjam

Imposition tool, useful for tiny books

Clickbook

<https://www.bluesquirrel.com/products/clickbook/>

Bookbinder (free) by Cocoa (momijizukamori)

<https://momijizukamori.github.io/bookbinder-js/>

basically Quantum Elephant Bookbinder but 1) you don't have to install anything locally and 2) it's got a few more features (right now, I think the only one is ability to set a new default signature length, but I'm planning to add more). Also, modern Javascript!

Submit feature requests and contributions by opening an issue on the code repository:

<https://github.com/momijizukamori/bookbinder-js>

Journaling and Notebook Blank Pages

Online page generator for lined pages, dot grid notebooks and more

<https://ruledpaper.net/lines/horiz/>

Fonts, Typography, Layout

Get Fonts Online

If you like blackletter fonts, check out the work of Dieter Steffmann, who has been making computer versions of old blackletter fonts for years and releasing them for free as he considers them to be a shared cultural heritage! I love this philosophy.

<https://www.dafont.com/dieter-steffmann.d253>

<https://www.dafont.com/>

<https://dealjumbo.com/downloads/category/freebies/fonts-freebies/>

<https://creativemarket.com/fonts/categories>

<https://www.onlinewebfonts.com/>

<https://www.fontspring.com/free?sort=alpha>

Fonts, Typography, & Layout

Better Type: Learn to see subtle distinctions in the faces and the spaces of text type. Achieve legible, beautiful, and expressive type every time.

Betty Binns - Watson Guphill - 1989

ISBN 0823004848

The Complete Guide to Typography: A Guide to Setting Perfect Type

James Felici - Adobe Press - 2003

ISBN 9780321127303

Just My Type: A Book About Fonts

Simon Garfield - Gotham Books - 2010

ISBN 9781592406524

Understand the connotations and subliminal messages that different fonts carry and make better informed design decisions.

The Elements of Typographic Style

Robert Bringhurst

ISBN 978-0881792126

Commonly referred to as the bible of typography, The Elements of Typographic Style goes into detail about the history of typography, layout, fonts, as well as practical advice on how to select and design your own layouts.

Butterick's Practical Typography

Matthew Butterick

<https://practicaltypography.com/>

Online only book, much of which is taken from his other book:

Typography for Lawyers

Matthew Butterick

<https://typographyforlawyers.com/>

which is [available in paperback here](#)

Contemporary Book Design

Bookmaking: Design/Edit/Production

Marshall Lee - W. W. Norton & Company - 2004

ISBN 0393732967

Includes very important info on the components and usual sequence of a layout (i.e. title, dedication, contents, indices etc)

Notes on Book Design

Derek Birdsall - Yale University Press - 2004

ISBN 0300103476

Includes discussion of case/cover design

On Book Design

Richard Hendel - Yale University Press - 1998

ISBN 0300075707

This focuses on the aesthetics of page layouts.

Fonts In Use (Tag: Book interiors)

<https://fontsinuse.com/tags/499/book-interiors>

<https://fontsinuse.com/search?terms=book+interiors>

Historical Book Design

The Book: The Story of Printing and Bookmaking

Douglas C. McMurtie - Dorset Press - 1943

ISBN 0880293489

Modern Book Design: From William Morris to the Present Day

Ruari McLean - Essential Books - 1959

(no ISBN)

Book Typography 1815-1965 in Europe and the United States of America

ed. Kenneth Day - University of Chicago Press - 1965

(no ISBN)

Victorian Book Design and Colour Printing

Ruari McLean - Faber & Faber - 1963

(no ISBN)

Art of the Printed Book 1455-1955: Masterpieces of Typography Through Five Centuries from the Collections of the Pierpoint Morgan Library, New York

Joseph Blumenthal - Pierpoint Morgan Library - 1973

(no ISBN)

Illustrierte Geschichte der Buchdruckerkunst: mit Besonderer Berücksichtigung Ihrer Technischen Entwicklung bis zur Gegenwart

Karl Faulman - A. Hartlebens Verlag - 1882

The Archaeology of Medieval Bookbinding

John A. Szirmai - Routledge - 1999

ISBN: 9780859679046

Easy to read and navigate with a lot of explanations and pictures.

[Darthmouth Ancient Books Lab](#)

Background and How to Projects in Paleography, Papyrology, and Codicology

Fonts In Use - sorted by artwork date

<https://fontsinuse.com/collection?order=artwork-date&page=250>

(click the "previous" button to move forward in time until you arrive at the era you're looking for.)

University of Adelaide "Cover to Cover"

Endpapers through history - a discussion of various endpaper styles with images and historical context

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/special/exhibitions/cover-to-cover/endpapers/>

Printer's Ornaments

Printer's ornaments mostly I get from Dover Pictorial Archive books, which are old illustrations, drop caps etc fallen into public domain that are compiled into these big books. Most of them are print only from the 70s to the early 90s, and you have to use a flat bed scanner to digitize them. A few of the later versions include a CD-ROM with TIF versions of the images. I also found some of the print catalogs online (awesome score). Note that some of these Dover books that don't come from one particular source may recycle some images in other books, I've seen some motifs several times, so you probably only need one or two.

All the ISBNs are for Dover books.

Some of the print catalogs:

Allerlei Zierat - Schelter and Giesecke 1902 = ISBN 0486417980

American Type Founders Co. - 1897 (online at Hathitrust)

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100765074>

MacKellar, Smiths & Jordan, Philadelphia 1895 (online at Hathitrust)

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100684594>

Enschede Type Catalog 1891 - ISBN 0486251721

George Bruce's and Son - Type Catalog 1869 (online at Hathitrust)

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011798448>

George Bruce's and Son - Type Catalog 1882 = ISBN 0486233200

Mechanics Type Foundry, Creswell, Wanner & Co. 1880 (online at Hathitrust)

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100208363>

Porret Illustrations Typographiques 1838 = ISBN 0486242714

Cesare Ratta - multiple publications from 1925-27 - ISBN 0486251675

Some more ISBNs of Dover Pictorial Archive books:

0486239446 - Pictorial Archive of Printer's Ornaments from the Renaissance to the 20th century (from some 30 sources)

Joseph Beunat's 1813 catalog of neoclassical architectural pieces - 048622984X "Empire Style Designs and Ornaments"

0713723300 - Celtic Borders & Decoration - Courtney Davis (1992)

048699659X - 660 Typographic Ornaments (w/ CD ROM) this book doesn't list sources but it contains art nouveau / jugendstil, victorian, and some renaissance styles.

0486219984 Handbook of Renaissance Ornament

0486266052 Decorative Ornaments and Alphabets of the Renaissance

0486999807 (diverse periods)

0486233049 florid & unusual alphabets

0486253783 baroque ornaments (architectural, not ideal for books)

0486996204 geometric ornaments

Online Sources

<https://thegraphicsfairy.com/category/antique-print-ornament/>

<https://www.rawpixel.com/>

HeritageType Free Illustrations:

<https://www.heritagetype.com/collections/free-vintage-illustrations>

Royalty free headpieces

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Headpieces_\(book_illustration\)](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Headpieces_(book_illustration))

Materials

Tony Firman

offers free plans to DIY build your own lying press, punching cradle, and sewing frame
<http://www.tonyfirmanbookbinding.com/Making-simple-equipment.html>

Suppliers - United States

Aliya Regatti's [comparison document](#) for major suppliers Talas and Hollander's

Talas Online - US New York

Talasonline.com

huge selection of archival, library, bookbinding, includes heavy equipment and things like real vellum.

Hollander's - US Michigan

Hollanders.com

best selection of decorative paper; also different bookcloths, offers Davy board custom cutting service which is worth it

You should also buy the book [Introduction to Bookbinding and Custom Cases](#) by Hollander - its steps similar to mine above but better explanation and photos. Plus you can make a slipcase from the same materials. Highly rec this book.

Blick Art Supply

DickBlick.com

Stocks some essentials; if you have a brick and mortar near you it's great for emergencies like if you run out of glue in the middle of winter.

International shipping available.

Affordable Binding Equipment by Jim Poelstra

<https://affordablebindingequipment.com/>

His "simple sewing frame" and "simple book press" are very similar to my homemade ones. They absolutely do the job.

Colophon Book Arts Supply - Indiana

<https://www.colophonbookarts.com>

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Basic materials, tools, board and cutting services, also historically appropriate alternatives to Davy board. Some decorative paper

Book Craft Supply Co. - California

<https://bookcraftsupply.com/>

Dharma Trading Co

Fiber Arts Supplies & Clothing Blanks since 1969

<https://www.dharmatrading.com/>

[Most helpful are the Chemical, Tools, and Leather supplies](#)

John Neal Books, Greensboro, NC

https://www.johnnealbooks.com/prod_detail_list/bookbinding

NA Graphics - Colorado

<https://www.nagraph.com/storefront.html>

Letterpress/Printing supplies, bone folders, embossing--foil stamping, ink for letterpress

Editions Studio - Seattle, WA

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CEqFyCWJLIJ/>

Just got in a bunch of bookcloth

Kinglet Cottage Designs (Utah, US)

<http://kingletcottagedesigns.com/>

Hand-dyed and hand-painted 18/3 linen thread - intended for exposed binding types

Church Paper (Tennessee, US)

Renegade members hit them with so many orders they set up a special product just for us! Book Binding Paper – 8.5 x 11 Short Grain in choice of two common weights and 4 colors: cream, ivory, warm white, or white

<https://www.churchpaper.com/product/book-binding-paper-11x8-5-short-grain/>

Decorative Paper - US

In addition to Hollander's and Talas,

Mockingbird Paperie, Ithaca NY,

queer-aligned business

<https://www.mockingbirdpaperie.com/>

Dolphin Papers - Indiana

<https://store.dolphinpapers.com/>

Mulberry Paper & More

<https://www.mulberrypaperandmore.com/default.aspx>

FineArtStore - New York

Huge selection, competitive prices.

<https://www.fineartstore.com/>

Dick Blick

Decorative paper

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/shizen-decorative-paper-screen-print-assortment-packs/>

PaperPapers

Decorative paper & colored paper. carries a ton of sample packs - be sure to order "text" weight, not cardstock.

<https://www.paperpapers.com/poptone-text-weight-multi-pack-dfs.html>

<https://www.paperpapers.com/favorite-tropics-mix-text-weight-papers-try-me-pack.html>

<https://www.paperpapers.com/basis-variety-text-weight-paper.html>

Two Hands Paperie, Boulder, CO

Decorative paper, incl. Limited marbled selection

<https://twohandspaperie.com/decorative-paper/>

MarbledPaperArtisan on Etsy - Missouri

Decorative paper. unusual traditional marbling designs

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/MarbledPaperArtisan>

Flowerseedpaper - Seattle, WA

Decorative paper

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/flowerseedpaper>

ChibiJaySupplies - Santa Cruz, CA,

Decorative paper. 600+ designs of Chiyogami paper

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/ChibiJaySupplies>

Artworks Excelsior, Excelsior, MN

Decorative paper

<https://www.artworksexcelsior.com/decorative-paper>

Craft Paper Source - Texas.

Decorative paper. All their paper is pre cut to 8.5x11. Ends up being pretty expensive compared to buying big sheets but good for a one-off project.

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<https://www.etsy.com/shop/craftpapersource>

aLGae marbling - Philadelphia, PA

Decorative paper

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/aLGaeMarbling>

The Art of Marbling, Galen Berry - Oklahoma, US

Marbling supplies & bespoke papers

<http://marbleart.us/index.htm>

Paper Arts - Dallas TX

118 N Peak St, Dallas, TX 75226

Phone: (214) 828-9494

Book Craft Supply - US, CA

FIFTY hard to find colors of bookcloth; some other supplies.

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/BOOKCRAFTSUPPLYCO>

<http://bookcraftsupply.com/>

Paper Source

Stationery store that also has a selection of decorative papers. Retail locations.

<https://www.papersource.com/gift-wrap/wrapping-paper/handmade>

Hiromi Paper, Inc - US, CA

Specializing in papers from Japan, also carries bookcloth

<https://store.hiromipaper.com/pages/online-store>

PlazaArt - US (East Coast, Nashville, Cincinnati)

Art supply chain with bookbinding basics and decorative paper.

<https://www.plazaart.com/paper-pads-boards/decorative-craft-paper>

Suppliers - Canada

Wyndham Art Supplies - Canada

https://www.wyndhamartsupplies.com/search?type=product&q=bookbinding*&page=1

Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild has a huge supplier list by region:

<https://www.cbbag.ca/learn/resources/suppliers>

Deserres (locations across Canada)

general art supply but sells decorative papers and some basic bookbinding supplies

<https://www.deserres.ca/en/>

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Duly Noted - Halifax

<https://www.dulynoted.ca/search?q=wrapping>

Decorative paper

Fancy Paper (appears to be out of Toronto but website unclear)

<https://fancypaper.ca/>

Specialty paper including premium cardstocks, as well as premium text weight paper from brands like Neenah which are otherwise difficult to source domestically in retail quantities

George Hill & Co - Milton, ON

<https://georgehillco.com/>

Canadian book binding tools and materials. Will ship across Canada. All the things!

Global Paper Shop - Etsy store

<https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/GlobalPaperShop>

Decorative paper, free shipping on some items.

NSCAD Art Supply Store, Halifax, NS

(now with an online store too)

good selection of specialty bookbinding supplies, cloth, tools, etc

<http://nscadartsupplystore.com/>

<https://nscad-art-supply-store.mybigcommerce.com/shop-all/bookbinding/>

LindenLea Paper - Canada

Decorative Paper

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/LindenleaPaper>

The Japanese Paper Palace - Toronto

<https://www.japanesepaperplace.com/store-locator/>

A wholesaler of chiyogami and other Japanese papers, but will sell to the public with a large minimum order.

This site lists all its resellers by region, and since they supply chiyogami paper, the resellers may also have other papers as well.

The Paper Place - Toronto

<https://shop.thepaperplace.ca/index.php>

Decorative papers

Yu Yo Craft Supply + Tea House - Halifax, NS

<https://yuyo.ca/>

Decorative paper, chip board, cord/thread, tapes, premade endbands, measuring/cutting tools etc

Shopper + Canada

<https://www.123ink.ca/>

For printer toner and ink. No longer carries printer paper in any colour but white. Online only, free shipping for orders over \$49

The Paint Spot - Edmonton, AB

<https://paintspot.ca/product-category/other-supplies/bookbinding-tools/>

Bookbinding supplies and online shipping, including board, tapes, glue, and decorative paper. Does online orders. Will do special orders for full-size sheets of chiyogami paper.

Delta Art & Drafting Supplies - Edmonton, AB

<https://www.deltaart.ca/category/Bookbinding/book-binding-materials>

Bookbinding supplies and online shipping, including bookcloth, board, tapes, glue. Does online orders.

Kensington Art Supply - Calgary, AB

<https://kensingtonartsupply.com/>

Bookbinding supplies like glue, thread, bone folders, and decorative paper, including chiyogami and lokta. No online store.

IslandBlue Art & Framing - Victoria, BC

<https://islandblue.monk.ca/>

Bookbinding supplies, including bookcloth, board, tapes, glue. Decorative papers include chiyogami, lokta, and marbled. Free shipping on in-stock orders of \$100 for AB, BC, and SK, and \$150 for the rest of Canada.

Suppliers - Australia

NSW Guild of Craft Bookbinders

Supplier list, workshops, etc.

<https://www.nswbookbinders.org>

Andersen's Binding Supplies - NSW

for larger amounts of book cloth/thread/paste powder

<https://bookbindingaustralia.com.au/>

Louise Meyer

Marbled Papers

www.merrindalmarbling.etsy.com

Amazing Paper - NSW

Stocks: Bookcloth, paper, book board

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<https://www.amazingpaper.com.au/shop/category/bookbinding-supplies>

Pemberly Bookbindery - Perth

<https://www.etsy.com/au/shop/PemberleyBookbindery>

Eckersleys

Marbling supplies, cutting mats, general craft supplies

<https://www.eckersleys.com.au/>

Cavalier Art Supplies - Victoria

Decorative paper

<https://www.cavalierart.com.au/product-category/papers/fancy/>

Dymocks

Decorative papers

<https://www.dymocks.com.au/books/stationery/cards-and-wrap/wrapping-paper/>

Melbourne Etching Supplies - Melbourne

Bookbinding tools, limited paper

<https://www.mes.net.au>

Kami Paper - Victoria

Decorative paper

<https://www.kamipaper.com.au/>

PaperSource Australia

Decorative paper

<https://www.papersource.net.au/>

Creative Paper Tasmania

Paper

<https://www.creativepapertas.com.au/Shop/Paper>

Traditional BookBinding - Victoria

<https://traditionalbookbinding.com.au/>

<https://www.etsy.com/au/shop/TBookBinding>

Steady As She Grows

Basic kits

<https://www.etsy.com/au/shop/steadyasshegrows>

Suppliers - UK

[WM Booth Draper - London](#)

<https://www.wmboothdraper.com/index.html>

Historical sewing and fabric supplies, Linen and Wool Draper

Jessica Goultly Marbled Papers

www.folksy.com/shops/thewhimsicalmarbler

Vintage Paper Co.

<https://vpco.uk/>

Decorative paper, really neat

Shepherds - London

<https://store.bookbinding.co.uk/>

Decorative paper and other supplies, including bookcloth

Bookbinding Supplies

<https://bookbinding-supplies.co.uk/>

Quite a few options, including presses and the like

Ratchford

<https://ratchford.co.uk/>

Bookbinding supplies, and also papers

Society of Bookbinders

<https://www.societyofbookbinders.com/>

Meetups and supplies, when COVID isn't happening

<https://freebooks.bookbinders.club/>

Looks neat; have not investigated thoroughly

Jemma Lewis Marbling - Wiltshire, England

Marbled papers

www.jjemmalewismarblinganddesign.bigcartel.com

PaperTreeNook on Etsy - UK.

Decorative Paper. Great selection, low per piece price

<https://www.papertreenook.co.uk/ourshop/>

Hobbycraft based in UK

Decorative Paper

<https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/papercraft/paper-and-card-packs>

Urbanstax- London, UK

Shweshwe cloth (can be used for making bookcloth)

<https://www.urbanstax.com/product-category/all/shweshwe-by-the-metre/>

G.F. Smith

Munken papers - the pure smooth cream and lynx smooth natural white in A4 are long grain

<https://gfsmith.com/our-papers>

Eco Craft

recycled paper in A4 sizes - both long and short grain

<https://www.eco-craft.co.uk/>

Marmor Paperie

Marbled papers and marbling workshops in London

<https://marmorpaperie.co.uk/collections/papers-gift-wrap>

Suppliers - Europe

Ireland

PaperAssist - Republic of Ireland

Only known retailer for Munken Print paper

Based in Ireland so no import duties for EU binders

paperassist.ie

Netherlands

iBookbindingSupplies - Netherlands

sells 3D printed bookbinding tools including corner cutting jigs:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/iBookBindingStore>

Pepin Press - Netherlands

www.pepinpress.com

Decorative paper - marbles

“Gift & Creative Papers” series is marketed as gift wrap; many hard to find patterns (art nouveau, william morris, modernist, cubism etc). They come folded up (2 folds per sheet) in a book. You tear the pages out. Each sheet has plenty for making about 2 sets of end

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papers or doing half binding on several books. These are resold in many retail book stores and ebay, etc.

Van Heek Textiles - Netherlands

Bookcloth

www.vanheektextiles.nl

De vlieger - Amsterdam, Netherlands

A true paper candy store, has bookbinding materials, a wide scope of paper and art supplies

<https://www.vliegerpapier.nl/>

Balacron International - Netherlands

a "global operator in the field of cover materials". Their Textile collection contains various types of bookcloth

<https://www.balacron.com/en/collections-balacron-covers/textile>

May be wholesale only.

Spain

EILibroRojoBCN - Barcelona, Spain

Decorative paper and other supplies

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/EILibroRojoBCN>

France

Eden Workshops - France

Offers a huge range of medieval and renaissance era reproduction book hardware (hinges, clasps etc)

http://edenworkshops.com/Book_Furniture.html

Le Geant des Beaux Arts - France

Binder board, bookcloth, tarlatane and some other things.

<https://www.geant-beaux-arts.fr/>

Rougier & Plé - France

Waxed thread, some equivalent of linen tape, lokta papers.

<https://www.rougier-ple.fr/>

Magasin Sennelier

<https://www.magasinsennelier.art/en/20-reliure>

Le comptoir de la reliure

<https://www.comptoir-reliure.fr/>

La théière de bois

<https://www.theieredebois.com>

Atelier Livrelivre - France

Bookbinder, not sure on supplies

www.livrelivre.com

Mael Retiere - France

Bookbinder, offers classes and workshops

reliureboccard.fr

Relma, St. Michel, Paris - France

Book arts, decorative papers

<http://www.relma.fr>

L'Eclat de Verre - France

Bookbinding materials, marbled and decorative papers

<https://shop.eclatdeverre.com/fr/>

APG Reliure - France

Bookbinding materials, marbled and decorative papers

<https://www.apg-reliure.com/fr/>

Boesner

<https://www.boesner.fr/supports/cartons/materiel-de-reliure/>

online store with a couple bookbinding supplies

Scandinavia

Panduro Hobby

<https://panduro.com>

has glue and decorative papers, they're a chain (with physical locations) delivering to parts of Scandinavia+parts of Germany.

Boesner

Sweden - <https://www.boesner.se/bokbinderi>

Denmark - <https://www.boesner.dk/bogbindermaterialer>

online store in sweden and denmark, both websites list "bookbinding materials" as categories with no content -- unsure if boesner is going to sell bookbinding materials in scandinavia (again?) or not)

Switzerland & Austria

Boesner

Switzerland - <https://www.boesner.ch/buchbinderei>

Austria - <https://www.boesner.at/buchbinderei>

online store, a couple physical stores too

has a small selection of bookbinding supplies (incl. a few different types of bookcloth (incl. duo, here called "changierender Einbandstoff"). some of them can be bought as individual sheets of {63-70}cm x 100cm, some of them only come in packs of 10 such sheets)

Germany

Ollilypaperware - Cologne, Germany

Decorative Paper

small selection of bookcloth. comes in sheets of 25cm x 25cm to 50cm x 100cm

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/ollilypaperware>

www.ollilypaperware.com

Robert Kumetat - Cologne, Germany (physical store in Cologne, has online store as well)

Bookbinding supplies, the physical shop sells only in cash

many different types of bookcloth, incl. duo (as of oct 2022). online store: 50cm x 100cm

<https://www.kumetat.koeln/>

<https://kumetat-rpk.koeln/> (onlineshop)

Schmedt - Germany

Bookbinding supplies, minimum order 25€ ohne Mehrwertsteuer

many different types of bookcloth. {100-130}cm x 100cm

<https://www.schmedt.de>

Boesner

<https://www.boesner.com/buchbinderei>

online store (also in other countries, see below)

many physical stores in germany (also in other countries, see below)

has a small selection of bookbinding supplies (incl. a few different types of bookcloth (incl. duo, here called "changierender Einbandstoff") but it seems like you have to order 10 sheets à {63-70}cm x 100cm at once?

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they do sell individual sheets of bookcloth (70cm x 100cm) at their physical stores (including duo)

Leo's Nachfolger

<https://www.leos-nachfolger.de/>

online store with a large selection of bookbinding supplies for commercial customers, but they also have a note that potential private customers can give them a call (<https://www.leos-nachfolger.de/html/de/document-1-versand.html.html>)

Architekturbedarf - Germany

arts & crafts supplies, diverse Angebote für Pappen und Kartons

<https://www.architekturbedarf.de/>

Handmarbled Papers - Bremen, GER

www.handmarbledpapers.com

may possibly start selling single sheets of the paper

Dirk Lange Handmarmorpapier - Gorsleben, GER

<https://www.handmarbledpaper.com/shop>

www.handmarmorpapier.de

Decorative paper - marbles

PaperFunGermany on Etsy - Germany.

Decorative paper, Intense colors

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/PaperFunGermany>

Modulor - physical store in Berlin, ships to Germany and rest of EU

Sells bookbinding supplies

<https://www.modulor.de/en/craft-supplies/bookbinding-essentials/>

Italy

Giulio Giannini e figlio (ITALY)

<https://www.giulioGiannini.com/en/>

Decorative paper - marbles

Il Papiro Firenze (ITALY)

ilpapirofirenze.eu/en/

Decorative paper - marbles

Marbled Arts (Florence, ITALY)

Decorative paper - marbles

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www.eshop-marbledarts.com

Arzanart - Venice, Italy

www.arzanart.com

Decorative paper - marbles, and workshops

Czech Republic

Atelier Knihy

Information in Czech and Slovak: books and supplies

<https://www.atelierknihy.sk/literatura/>

Voss Zadovice - Czechia (Also ships to Slovakia and Poland)

Bookbinding supplies

<http://www.vosszadovice.cz/>

Balkans Region

There are three shops selling bookbinding materials in the Balkans region:

Crescat - Zagreb:

<https://www.crescat.hr/>

Crescat accepts international orders, and they sell materials and equipment for restoration, archives, museums and libraries as well as for private collections. It has a wide selection of tools and materials, including presses and sewing stations which range from €180 to €330. Most of their other materials seem to be very affordable.

Fibel - Zagreb

http://www.fibel.hr/hrvatski/fibel-zagreb_1/

Belgravia - Belgrade

<https://belgravia.rs/>

Belgravia mostly sells their supplies to the printing industry, and they have a great selection of bookcloth so I'm hoping they would sell to small buyers too.

Russia

Katy Ebru - Russia

custom marbled paper

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/katyebru>

Suppliers - Africa, Middle East

Dodin's Marbling on Etsy - Israel

Decorative paper - really traditional marbles

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/HandMarbledPaper>

Saieds Papyrus Art - Egypt

Authentic papyrus

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/SaiedsPapyrusArt>

DIY Bookbinding Supplies - South Africa

<https://diybookbindingsupplies.co.za/>

Peters Papers - South Africa

<https://www.peterspapers.co.za/>

Suppliers - East Asia

Japan

Awagami Factory - Japan

Indigo, shibori, katazome, unryu etc

<https://awagami.com/collections/decorative-papers>

ITOYA - Tokyo/Yokohama

Chiyogami, stationary, die stamps, various craft supplies.

https://www-ito--ya-co-jp.translate.google/?_x_tr_sl=ja&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc

TAKEO - Ji

Papers, decorative, various text sizes. Not particularly cheap for a ream but high quality and you can get cream colored papers.

https://www-takeo-co-jp.translate.google/?_x_tr_sl=ja&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc

Sekaido - Tokyo, other locations (chain)

Best option for finding text paper at a reasonable price other than Amazon Japan.

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Amazon Japan listings (as of 27 Nov 2022):

Lineco glue at reasonable price:

https://www.amazon.co.jp/gp/product/B01EQN765I/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o03_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Saifuku Japanese bookbinding glue:

https://www.amazon.co.jp/-/en/SAIFUKU-Bookbinding-Glue-10-6-2660-0002/dp/B0718VNQMG/ref=d_pd_day0_sccl_2_4/356-4165465-0316359?pd_rd_w=dYrKt&content-id=amzn1.sym.3493130d-f88a-408a-9c45-f0cd433cf9b4&pf_rd_p=3493130d-f88a-408a-9c45-f0cd433cf9b4&pf_rd_r=4G2HAK5F5JP0BG9TD6B9&pd_rd_wg=cZDYg&pd_rd_r=d8831160-7955-4e43-a3e3-6c4b95db787f&pd_rd_i=B0718VNQMG&psc=1

Cord (natural material, jute):

https://www.amazon.co.jp/gp/product/B008ADL58U/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o05_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Super/mull (Lineco):

https://www.amazon.co.jp/-/en/Lineco%E3%81%AB%E3%82%88%E3%82%8BLineco-Book-Making-Supplies-Binding-Super/dp/B0007LS8G0/ref=d_pd_day0_sccl_2_1/356-4165465-0316359?pd_rd_w=FnDNs&content-id=amzn1.sym.3493130d-f88a-408a-9c45-f0cd433cf9b4&pf_rd_p=3493130d-f88a-408a-9c45-f0cd433cf9b4&pf_rd_r=6SV814DVHBHQ9H3NQANP&pd_rd_wg=1f000&pd_rd_r=40b45489-cf65-42be-8836-109508a28588&pd_rd_i=B0007LS8G0&psc=1

A5 Ivory paper:

https://www.amazon.co.jp/-/en/gp/buyagain?pd_rd_w=iS7qq&content-id=amzn1.sym.75ab397f-6b9f-49d2-abc8-69d1c43d442e&pf_rd_p=75ab397f-6b9f-49d2-abc8-69d1c43d442e&pf_rd_r=N5QH39J1HNAQZPNEZH&pd_rd_wg=Tsvdv&pd_rd_r=b5433ac4-13e4-4640-a07e-937ac91a50bb&pd_rd_i=B0037151R6&ats=eyJleHBsaWNpdENhbmRpZGF0ZXMiOiJCMdAaNzE1MVI2liwiY3VzdG9tZXJJZC16IkEzS1BPRzhNQ1lzTVVGIn0=&ref_=pd_nav_hcs_rp_1

Singapore

Straits Pen - Singapore

Carries Tomoe River FP - Loose Sheet, 11.7 x 16.5 Inches (A3-size), Cream, 50 Sheets/Pack (TMR-A3P-Y)

<https://web.straitspen.com/tomoe-river>

Suppliers - South America

Color Animal - Santiago, Chile

<https://www.coloranimal.cl/>

General arts supply

Book Paper

Places that have a cutting service so you can get the grain direction right:

CutCardStock

Cutting fee is only \$3 a ream

Carry both Domtar EarthChoice and Cougar Natural Digital Smooth.

https://www.cutcardstock.com/collections/discount-paper?pf_t_size=11x17

PaperWorks - RI, US

Paperworks.com

The Papermill Store - WI, US

Thepapermillstore.com

Mohawk Paper Mill - US

You can buy Mohawk Superfine direct from the mill at less than \$1/sheet.

<https://www.mohawkconnects.com/products/paper/mohawk-superfine>

Officeworks - Australia

<https://www.officeworks.com.au>

Clairefontaine Trophee Cream; Reflex Colours Sand 80gsm

Hammermill Colors Multipurpose 20 lb Bond (75gsm) in Cream is very affordable, widely available in the US market via major retailers.

Papercutz - UK

For the UK- can order A3 and have cut

<https://papercutz.co.uk/cut-crease>

Tomoe River FP - Loose Sheet, 11.7 x 16.5 Inches (A3-size), Cream, 50 Sheets/Pack (TMR-A3P-Y)

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01GFRKB1E>

<https://vanness1938.com/collections/tomoe-river-paper/products/tomoe-river-cream-a3-loose-leaf-50-sheets>

Singapore supplier: <https://web.straitspen.com/tomoe-river>

Bookmark Ribbons

Rioux Ribbons - NJ, US

Buy direct from mill

Lgbtq+, trans, lesbian, pansexual pride ribbons in narrow $\frac{3}{8}$ " widths

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/HessbergUSA>

Ribbonfactory.com - PA, US

buy direct from mill

Nice double-faced satin ribbons in narrow $\frac{1}{8}$ " width

Ribbonfactory.com

Ink & Toner

You will use a lot

Great Cartridge - US Texas

<http://greatcartridge.com/>

Shipping Supplies

Uline

Boxes the exact right size to mail books with finished dimensions 9" x 6" (i.e. books made using US Letter 8.5x11" paper)

<https://www.uline.com/Product/Detail/S-11215/Easy-Fold-Mailers/9-1-2-x-6-1-2-x-2-Kraft-Easy-Fold-Mailers>

Techniques

General

covers everything from basic pamphlets to stab bindings all the way to fully cased-in multisection bindings

<https://londonbookarts.org/product/making-books-a-guide-to-creating-hand-crafted-books-by-the-london-centre-for-book-arts/>

Bookbinding & Conservation By Hand

Laura S. Young - Oak Knoll Press - 1995

ISBN 1884718116

PBS Documentary "The Bookmakers"

<https://www.tpt.org/the-book-makers/>

Medieval & Early Modern Manuscripts: Bookbinding Terms, Materials, Methods and Models by Special Collections Conservation Unit of the Preservation Department of Yale University Library.
<https://travelingscriptorium.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/binding-booklet-2015.pdf>

Binding Library Style

How to Bind a Book, Library Style, By Mirilya

Here's my guide to binding books library style, the way I learned when I worked in a library preservation lab. It specifically covers: making a measuring guide, making the case, and casing in. I'm sure there are parts that don't make sense, but I did my best to clarify from notes I wrote on a torn-off end sheet six years ago. Let me know if there are errors and I can edit/clarify as needed

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IKvNnVBz2-lmiSXegnkLEkfQP_ksMiy5WeSC1VM0KzU/edit?usp=sharing

Punching Signatures

Make a punching cradle:

TonyFirmanBookbinding has free manuals.

<http://www.tonyfirmanbookbinding.com/Making-simple-equipment.html>

Punching with no cradle:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=sRrvhrm8wZM>

Case bound book construction

DAS bookbinding on YouTube: A series on how to put together a case bound book: "Adventures in Bookbinding" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a45Xecz9dVo>

Randall Hoyt on Youtube has a series of videos that demonstrate book assembly and a good technique for using trash paper to prevent glue smears.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/randallhoyt>

Sage Reynolds videos, great for beginner

Glue basics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuoldYdzzzE>

Sewing Signatures pt 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gc9wnUCflk>

Sewing Signatures pt 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=556AnldBFyU>

Tipping On Endpapers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vB5xsWS98BQ>

Making Headbands & Rounding the Spine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtdhVncAPZw>

Lining the Spine pt 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9spV9n6N_mw

Lining the Spine pt 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BL7CaBLUKRM>

Making a Case:

Making a Case pt 2 & Casing In: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glbe_fDpCiU

(Optional): String Filled Case: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmoPcSFBYPY>

(Optional): Making an Inset Board: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRIWRP4g_O8

Introduction To Bookbinding & Custom Cases: a Project Approach For Learning Traditional Methods

Tom Hollander-Cindy Hollander - Schiffer Publishing - 2019

ISBN 9780764357350

<https://hollanders.com/>

Highly recommended by ArmoredSuperHeavy; photo tutorial

Books, Boxes and Portfolios

Franz Zeier- McGraw-Hill Professional Publishing - 1990

ISBN-13: 9780830634835

Conservation Book Repair: A training Manual

Artemis BonaDea and Alexandria Prentiss

Published by Alaska State Library

1995

<https://library.alaska.gov/hist/conman.html>

Short Works - 1 Sigt - Booklet

Eat0crow on Tumblr created a step by step guide for binding a single signature:

<https://eat0crow.tumblr.com/post/623208882602377216/ive-been-seeing-an-increasingly-large-a-mount-of>

Short Works - 1-5? Sigt - German Stiffened Paper Binding

German Stiffened Paper Bindings - Peter Verheyen

How to bind a very short work using the German stiffened paper binding method.

<https://pressbengel.blogspot.com/2012/06/german-stiffened-paper-bindings-2.html>

French link stitch - DAS Bookbinding

For short pieces without use of tapes or cords. You can combine this method with either the stiffened paper binding or a hard spine case binding.

<https://youtu.be/O4ZPdbaM-Ws>

Steifbroschuren - Stiffened Paper Binding - DAS Bookbinding

German stiffened paper binding with a variety of endpaper attachment methods

References the Verheyen article.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGcG2v4TXw0>

Sewn Board Binding - Peter Baumgartner

<https://youtu.be/Z20qNVsk3xE>

This is a very detailed video on a sewn binding with very neat stiffened card/paper covers. No voiceover, but very clear

Short Works - 1-3 Sigt

Keith A. Smith, *1- 2- & 3-Section Sewings: Non-Adhesive Binding Volume II*,
2017 keithsmithbooks.com ISBN 0963768220

Part of a 5 volume series on non-adhesive binding methods.

Stab Binding & Other Glueless Methods

Useful for (page range?)

<http://www.amphian.com/view/stabhempleaf.php>

<https://beccamakingfaces.com/category/japanese-stab-binding/>

Secret Belgian Binding

Sea Lemon has a great tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-oct9Ttp1g>

Hollander's tutorial is also great, and slightly different:

<https://hollanders.com/pages/secret-belgian-binding>

Coptic Binding

Sea Lemon - DIY Coptic Stitch Bookbinding Tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue52htX3j0k>

the most clear for the basic technique

How to get a tight coptic stitch:

<https://www.editions.studio/inklings/2018/2/7/blog-post-four>

Hot Foil Stamping

Mark Anderson has secrets for using a Kwikprint hot foil stamping machine.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/busterv>

Using various hot foil methods (Cricut/Freehand pens)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lfZ1IRVioi0yuQFaNekF1SiiW4dv4tBN3xFYcSPiNKg/edit?usp=sharing>

Edge Gilding

Edge Decoration for Books

Peter Geraty

Revised 2014

https://guildofbookworkers.org/sites/guildofbookworkers.org/files/standards/2004_petergeraty.pdf

Fore-Edge Painting

By spockandawe.tumblr.com

Slides: [Hidden Fore Edge Painting](#)

Explanation:

<https://spockandawe.tumblr.com/post/675498077708222464/hidden-fore-edge-paintingpptx>

Leather Tooling

<https://everything2.com/title/gold+tooling>

Conservation

National Park Service, Conserve O Grams

https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications//conserveogram/cons_toc.html

Library Preservation and Conservation Tutorial from Cornell University Library

<https://chinapreservationtutorial.library.cornell.edu/content/basic-remedial-treatment>

<https://library.alaska.gov/documents/hist/convservation-manual.pdf>

Custom Printed Covers

By Cloven Hoof Bindery

[Making Custom Covers: A Tutorial](#)

Make Your Own Bookcloth

<https://bigjumppress.blog/2013/12/23/put-down-that-mulled-wine-immediately-we-are-making-bookcloth-today/>

Designing, printing and making your own bookcloth by Kristi Warren:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-W8gZkmuGo>

DAS filled media tutorials (no paper backing): <https://youtu.be/ek2-1VJfskY>

DIY Tools

Make a punching cradle:

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<http://www.tonyfirmanbookbinding.com/Making-simple-equipment.html>

Make a lying press:

<http://www.tonyfirmanbookbinding.com/Making-simple-equipment.html>

Handles for a lying press:

<https://www.harborfreight.com/12-in-handscrew-clamp-60551.html>

Bolts for lying press:

carriage bolts and wingnuts

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Robtec-1-2-in-x-8-in-Stainless-Steel-Carriage-Bolt-10-Pack-RTI2320027/205459120>

pet/baby gate threaded spindle rods.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B072QZPV5S>