

Bookbinding 201: “Spinal Cords”

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This non-adhesive bookbinding class will explore a variety of ways to sew 1, 2, and 3 signatures into a cover with decorative stitching along the spine. Expect to complete at least a dozen different bindings and gather ideas and the skills to make many more. Students should have a beginner’s familiarity with measuring, folding, determining paper grain, cutting, and scoring (e.g. Bookbinding 101 or equivalent). Students are responsible for most of their tools and materials; a nominal fee of \$5, payable to the instructor, will cover the rest.

Materials List:

- 1 ream of paper for pages*
- 3 sheets of Canson Mi-tientes (or similar weight paper) in different colors
OR 12 sheets of 12 x 12” cardstock
- glue stick or narrow double-stick tape (1/4”-1/2”)
- bone folder
- scissors
- cutting mat
- metal-edged ruler
- clear C-Thru ruler (12” x 1” or 2”)
- X-acto knife + extra blades
- thin awl or potter’s needle tool
- regular sharpened pencil & eraser
- white pencil if you choose dark cover stock
- needles, sizes 18 & 20
- small cake of beeswax

*we’ll be cutting paper down to 8½” x 6”, so that the page size will be 4¼” x 6”