

THE CREATIVE BOOK EXCHANGE

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Book making and book binding

There are many techniques for making books. This is just one approach.

Tools





MATERIALS

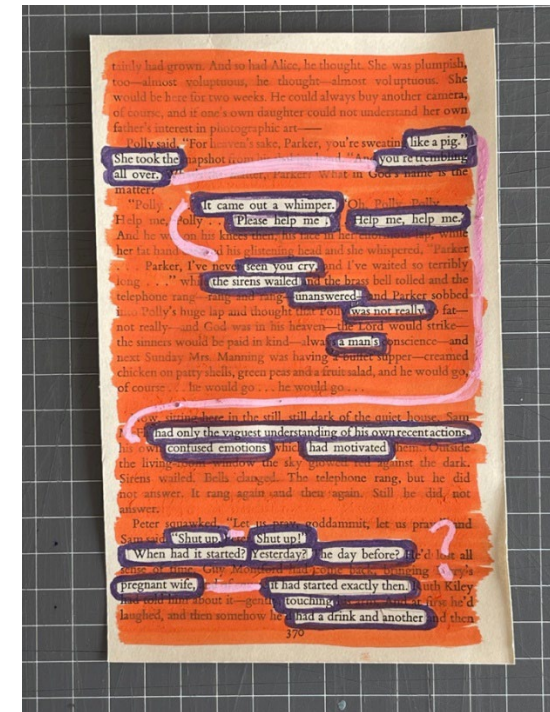
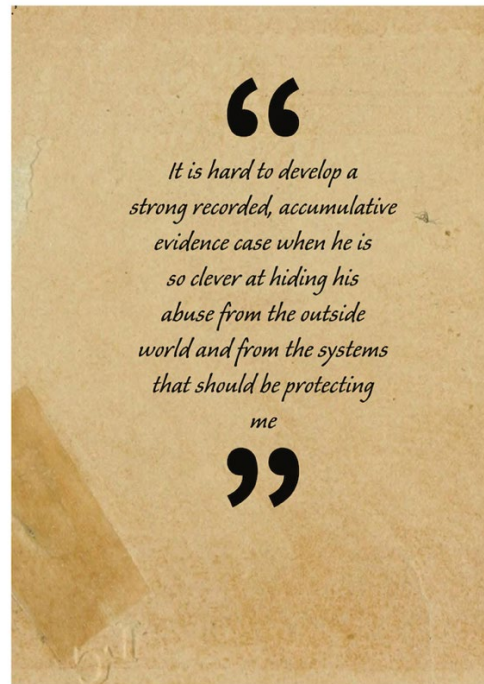
These are suggested materials, other mixed media or approaches can be explored.

- Book Board
- Book cloth
- Hand dyed fabrics
- Calico
- Calico backing fabric

- Old books and papers
- Art paper
- Bond paper
- Handmade papers
- Book papers
- Hand painted or marbled paper
- Magazines for collage
- Printed photographs
- Image transfers

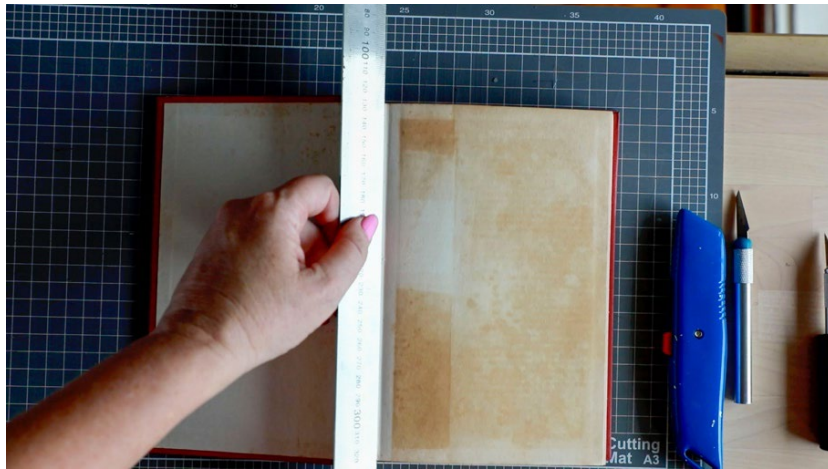
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There are the standard approaches to bookmaking using book cloth and book papers. There are many other options to explore and mix media options. These include hand painting fabrics, digital and analogue collage, printing photographs and graphics, hand drawing, repurposing old book and magazines and handmade papers.

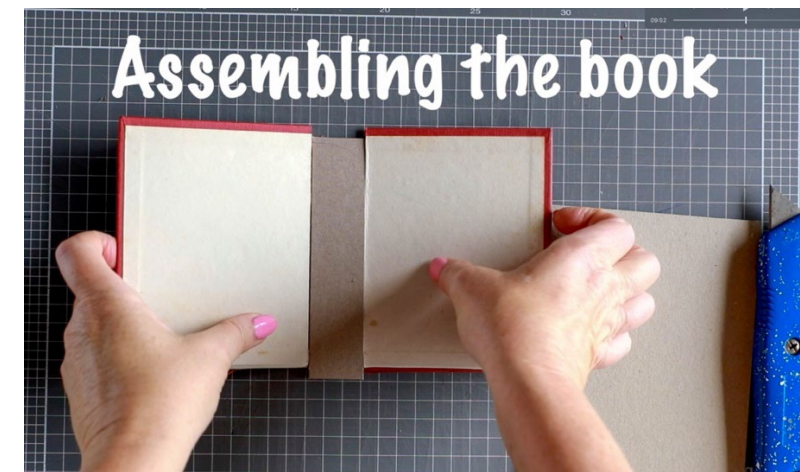


REPURPOSING OLD BOOKS CONSTRUCTION

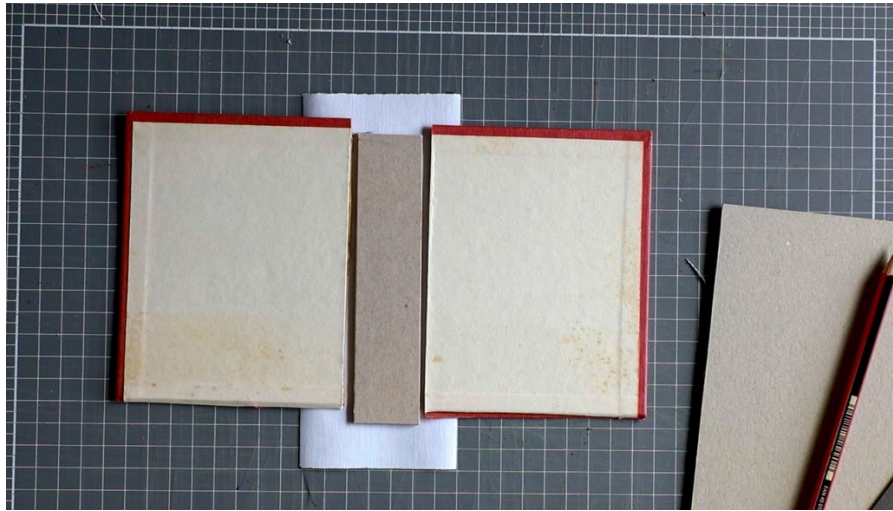
Cut the pages from the book with the craft Knife. Cut the book cover from the spine of the book.



Cut the cover in half to make 2 new book covers. Measure and cut the spine from the recycled book or from a piece of book board.



Choose a book fabric, paper or other fabric for the spine binding.
Measure and cut the fabric for spine to the size of the book, allowing for a generous piece to partly cover the front and back cover of the book.
Allow for a gap between the book spine and cover.



Glue the book fabric to the covers and spine. Check the book covers and spine align.



Use the bone folder to score the creases. Use the bone folder to smooth the glue and fabric.



Glue the end papers inside the book cover



Weight down the book cover while it dries, other books can be used as a weight. Glue or bind the contents of the book.

