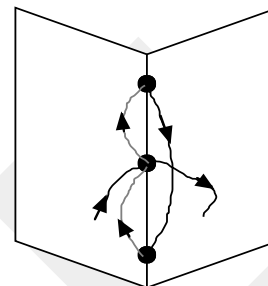


Sewn Signature Books

simple pamphlet binding

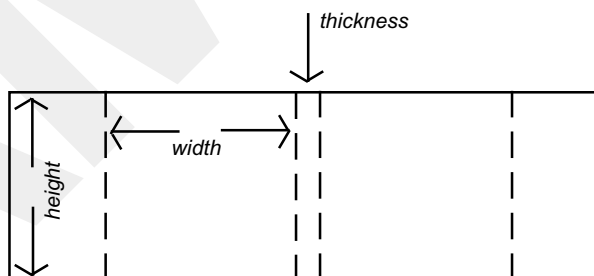
- 1) determine number of pages and size and if you want a different paper for the sewn on cover. this type of book structure can support up to 8 folded sheets (for a total of 32 pages). cut paper to (height of pages) X (2 X width of pages)
- 2) fold paper in half. fold all the sheets for each pamphlet at the same time, except for papers of different weights, such as a heavier cover
- 3) clip pages together with paperclip and pierce three holes for sewing. one is in the middle, the other two no closer than $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top and bottom
- 4) sew book. see diagram. solid black lines are on the outside. dotted gray lines are in the inside
 - a) outside middle hole to inside
 - b) along inside to top hole and then out
 - c) along outside (past middle hole) to bottom hole and then inside
 - d) along inside to middle hole and then outside
 - e) tie square knot



Notes: by reversing the sewing (i.e. starting on the inside) the knot will be hidden. after tying the square knot, a bow knot or beads can be added to the thread ends. ribbon can be used rather than thread. for larger pamphlets, use a five-hole sewing. the pattern is the same, but an extra loop is made to reach the very top hole before heading past/to the center hole.

single pamphlet with separate cover

- 1) make basic pamphlet as above, with or without heavier paper on outside to help support cover
- 2) cut piece of heavy-weight paper for cover (height of pages) X (2 X width of pages + thickness of pamphlet + 2" + 2")
- 3) fold the cover as shown
- 4) fit onto pamphlet by placing flaps over the outside pages of the pamphlet



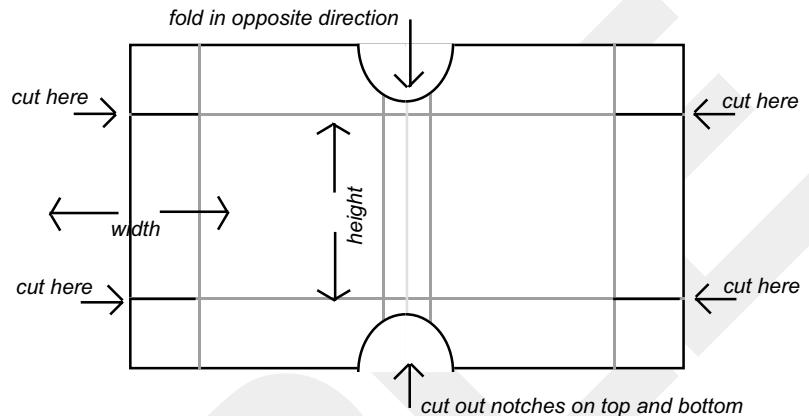
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double pamphlet with finished cover

- 1) prepare two sets of pamphlet signatures by cutting them to size and folding in half. it is not necessary to add a heavier sheet on the outside of either signature
- 2) cut another piece of paper which will be endsheets and where the two pamphlets are sewn in. the size is (height of pages + 3") X (2 X width of pages + 1" + 2"). fold and cut as in

DIAGRAM A. make all the cuts first. then fold in the left and right edges and then the top and bottom. last, fold the center in the opposite direction and then fold 1/2" on either side of the center fold. it may help to score all the lines before making any folds or cuts.

DIAGRAM A



- 3) insert one signature on either side of middle fold in the valleys. fold back signature in half back over the front. paper clip the first half the front signature and the second half of the back signature (which is now in front of the front signature) together. paper clip the second half of the front signature, the mountain fold of the endsheet and the first half of the back signature
- 4) pierce three sewing holes as in the single pamphlet. sewing is the same, except instead of heading back to towards the center after reaching the top sewing hole, loop the thread over the top, around, back through the same hole and then proceed to the bottom. do the same thing at the bottom and bring the thread out the center hole and tie off the thread. this keeps the small accordion holding the two signatures from separating at the top or bottom

- 5) for the cover, cut a piece of heavier weight paper (height + 2") X (2 X width + thickness + 3"). fold and then cut as in DIAGRAM B. the top and bottom are folded first, leaving flaps on the front and back

- 6) insert flaps of cover into slot on side of endsheet to attach cover to textblock

DIAGRAM B

