



Suggested Bookbinding Tool Kit

Don't worry if you don't have all the items listed below; you can add to your kit as needed.

Please bring your kit to all hands-on programs in addition to the items requested by the program presenter.

Essential items:

- Bone folder
- Pencil and sharpener or automatic pencil with eraser
- White eraser
- Corked backed steel rulers
- Dividers
- Triangle and square
- Cutting Mat
- Paper knife or bookbinder's knife
- Scalpel, Exacto or craft knife (pliers to snap blades)
- Utility knife to cut book board
- Scissors (small and large)
- Bookbinder's Awl or heavy T-pins
- Bookbinder's Sewing Needles or a variety of sewing needles
- Waxed or unwaxed Linen thread
- Beeswax for unwaxed thread
- PVA glue, container to hold glue
- glue brushes or inexpensive ¼" – 1½" natural bristle brushes from craft or hardware store
- Container for water
- Double-stick tape
- UHU stick glue in a tube
- Rubber glue pick-up square
- Bulldog clamps or binder clips
- Very large paper clips and rubber bands
- Piercing cradle or phonebook
- Sand paper and emery board (those used for acrylic nails)
- Weights
- Waxed paper
- Apron
- Container to carry tools
- Bandages

Other useful items:

- Micro spatula
- Metal engineering measuring strips
- Centering ruler
- Japanese hole punch
- Sponges
- Baby wipes
- Tweezers
- Bricks wrapped in paper (to use as weights)
- Multi-hole or single-hole punches
- Decorative edged scissors
- Pens, Markers, stamps, etc

Notes: