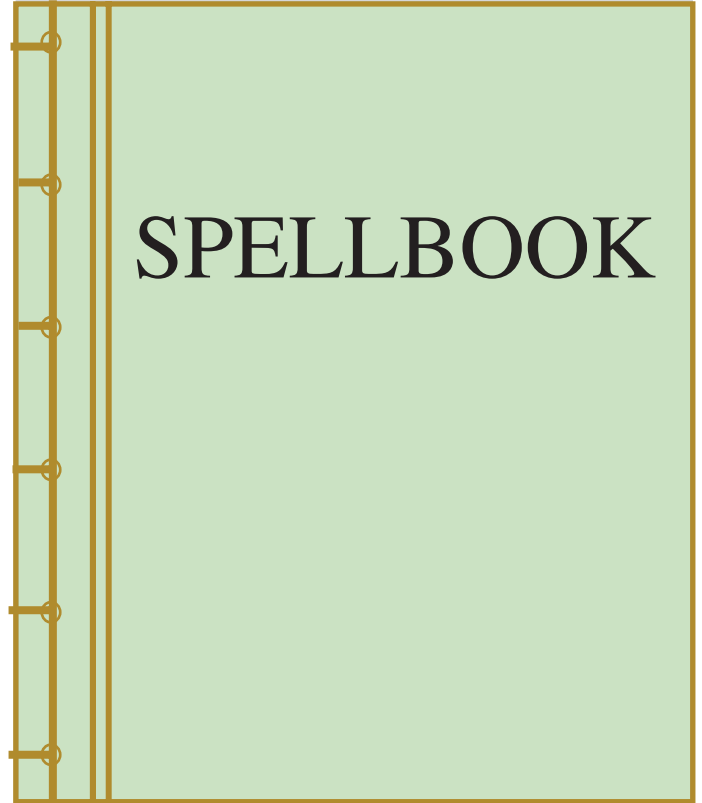


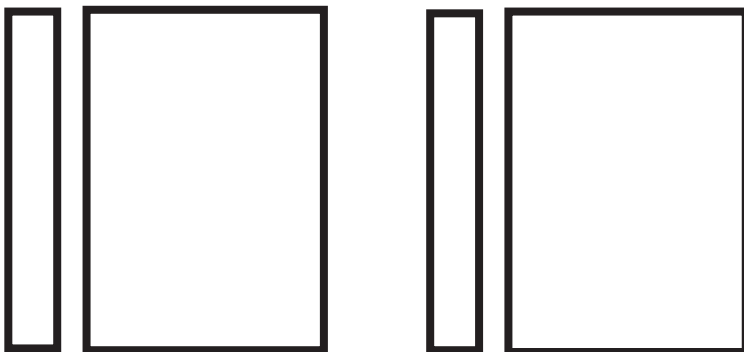
HOW TO MAKE A BOOK

Want something better than a quickly scrawled out spellscroll on the field? A proper prop instead of a piece of notebook paper? This is a simple overview of how to make one. First, we start off with what you need:

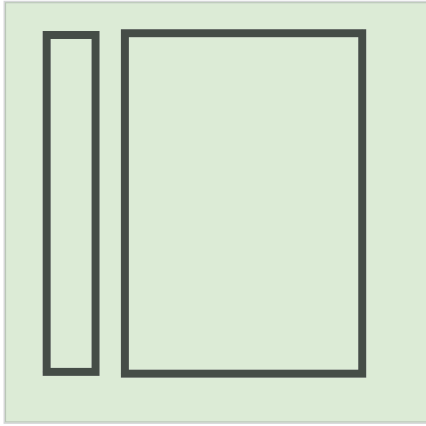
- Pages for book.
- A couple of blank pages cut to the same size as book paper.
- 2 Pieces of the same size thick cardboard, each about an inch taller and 2 inches wider than the paper.
- Cloth or thin leather or good paper for the cover, two pieces, about an inch larger on all sides than the cardboard.
- Thick, high quality thread, like the kind for jeans, preferably of matching or contrasting color, because it is seen on the finished product.
- Drill
- Exacto Knife
- Needle
- Two Clamps
- Two Rulers
- Glue, white or multipurpose.



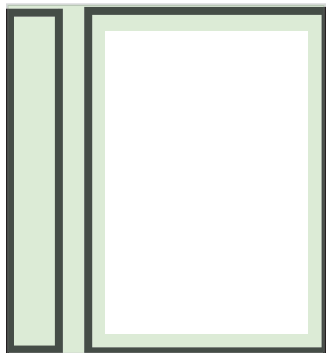
First, take the matching cardboard pieces and place them on top of each other, and making sure they are even, measure a line an inch away from the left side, cut. Now you should have four pieces that look like this:



Next, place the pieces like the picture, so each large square has a smaller strip about 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch (for books with more pages) to its left. Next, take the two covers and glue them to strips and cardboard. The strips are the spine and the larger pieces the covers, so the cloth will hold them together. Make sure you have some space over so you can pull them over the other side of the cardboard and glue them in place. About an inch is good. Also, make sure if you have a grain to follow that the covers are opposite each other.

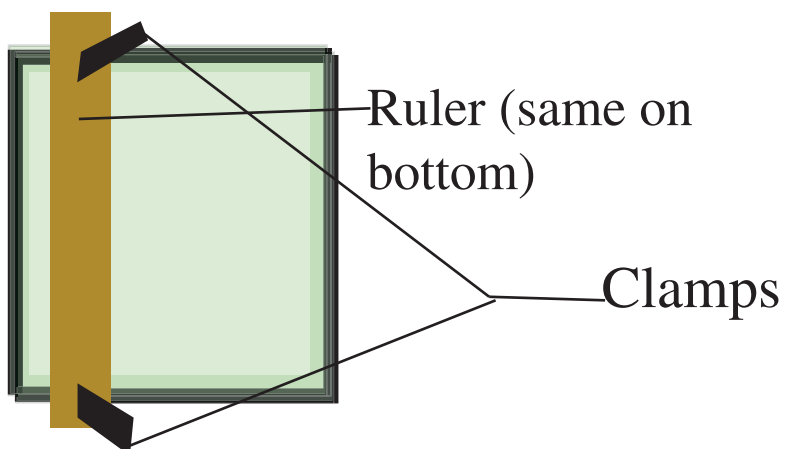


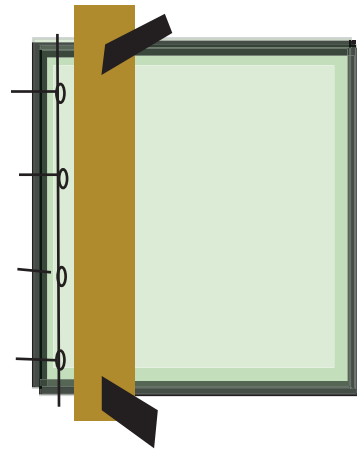
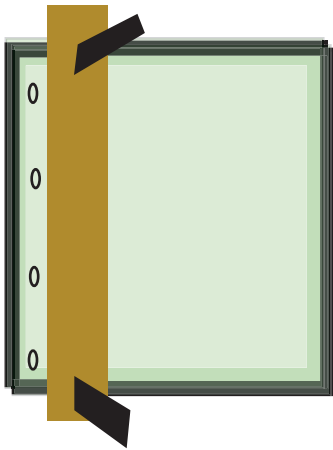
Now you should two of something like this. If you have a bone folder, use it to get out the creases on the cover. Otherwise a piece of excess board will work. Once dry, pull the excess cloth to the other side and glue it on that side, tight. Dry again.



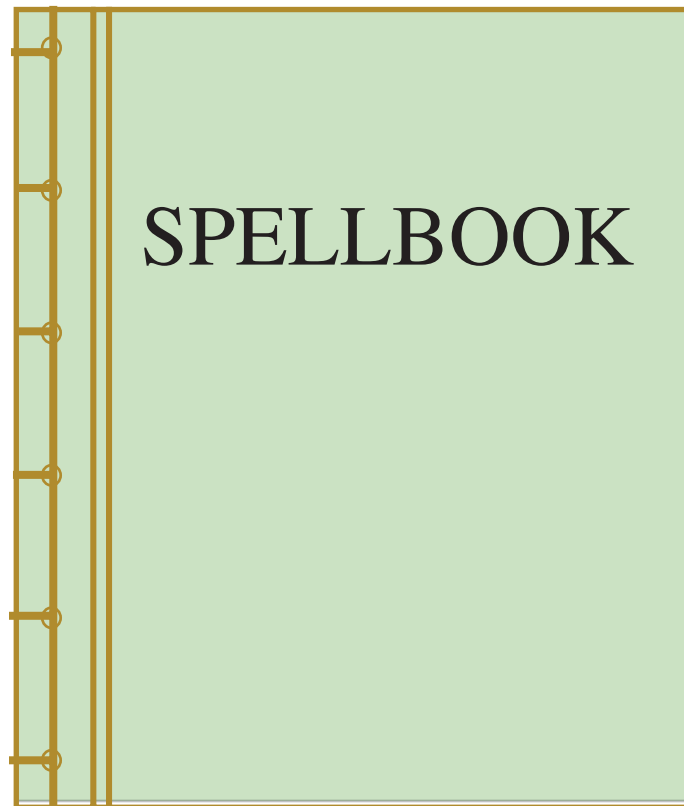
Next, take the extra paper you have a glue it on the inside of each cover for the inside of the cover. Dry again.

The next part is kinda tricky, and may take several times to get correct. Take the pages of the book, in the proper order and place them as they would go on the finished book. Make sure that there is enough of a margin on the left side, about an inch and a half extra to fit in the spine. Place them together and then take the two rulers, place them over the spines and clamp them together, leaving room to drill holes through the middle of the spine. Make sure the paper goes that far to it. Center the paper so there is a little cover over the edges. Clamp the rulers on each end.





Now drill holes through the middle of the spine, taking care to pierce the paper and not to jar the book or covers. Then take the needle and thread and sew the book together. there are many ways to do this, but make sure the thread holds tight, as it is the only thing holding the book together. I suggest doing it several times. Now take off the clamps and rulers and you have your book.



Decorate the covers and enjoy.