

# Cadette Book Artist Badge



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## book

/bōōk/

Learn to pronounce

*noun*

1. 1.

a written or printed work consisting of pages glued or sewn together along one side and bound in covers.

In this badge, try a variety of methods to create your own style of book artistry:

### Steps:

1. Explore the art of bookbinding
2. Get familiar with the insides of a book
3. Try out book artist techniques
4. Focus on function
5. Focus on style

### Purpose:

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to make different kinds of books.

# 1. Step 1: Explore the art of bookbinding

Since the dawn of civilization, humans have been creating and preserving documents. The invention of paper created a variety of new methods and cover materials to bind documents and books.

Choose one of these activities:

**Visit, watch a video of, or read an interview with a book artist or bookbinder.**

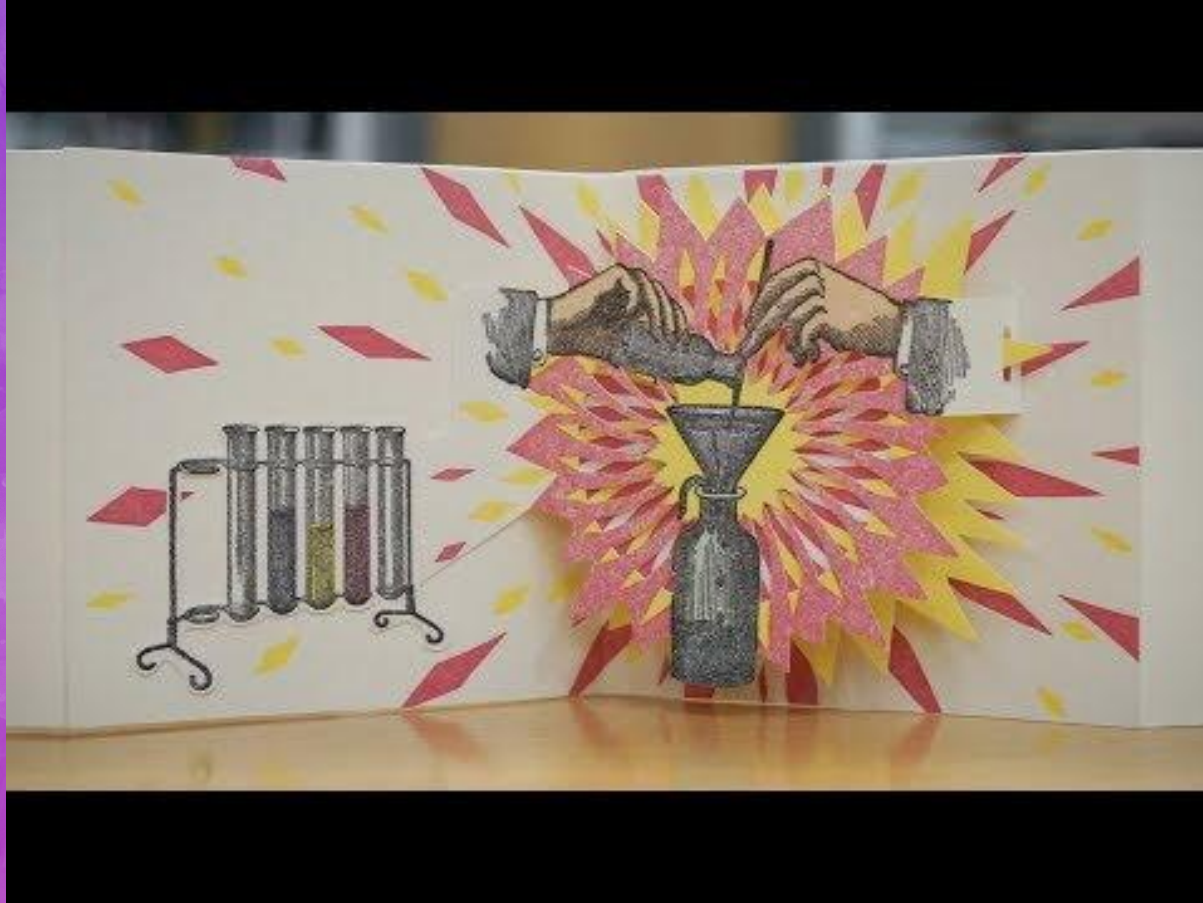
Find out:

- How they got involved in the book arts
- Why they love making books
- What kinds of books they make
- What kinds of tools and materials they use

**Take a visit to a book arts center or museum.** You can research them online.

After, list five examples of the bookbinding styles that you liked best.

# Artists Books at MIT:



[https://youtu.be/KOQi\\_xo6Aug](https://youtu.be/KOQi_xo6Aug)

# What Book Artists create:



<https://youtu.be/pPQINZ1CDq8>

## Step 2: Get familiar with the insides of a book

Take a look inside a variety of books to see how they are made and mended.

Choose one of these activities:

### Mend an old book

- Using the internet, research the basic process for repairing a paperback book.

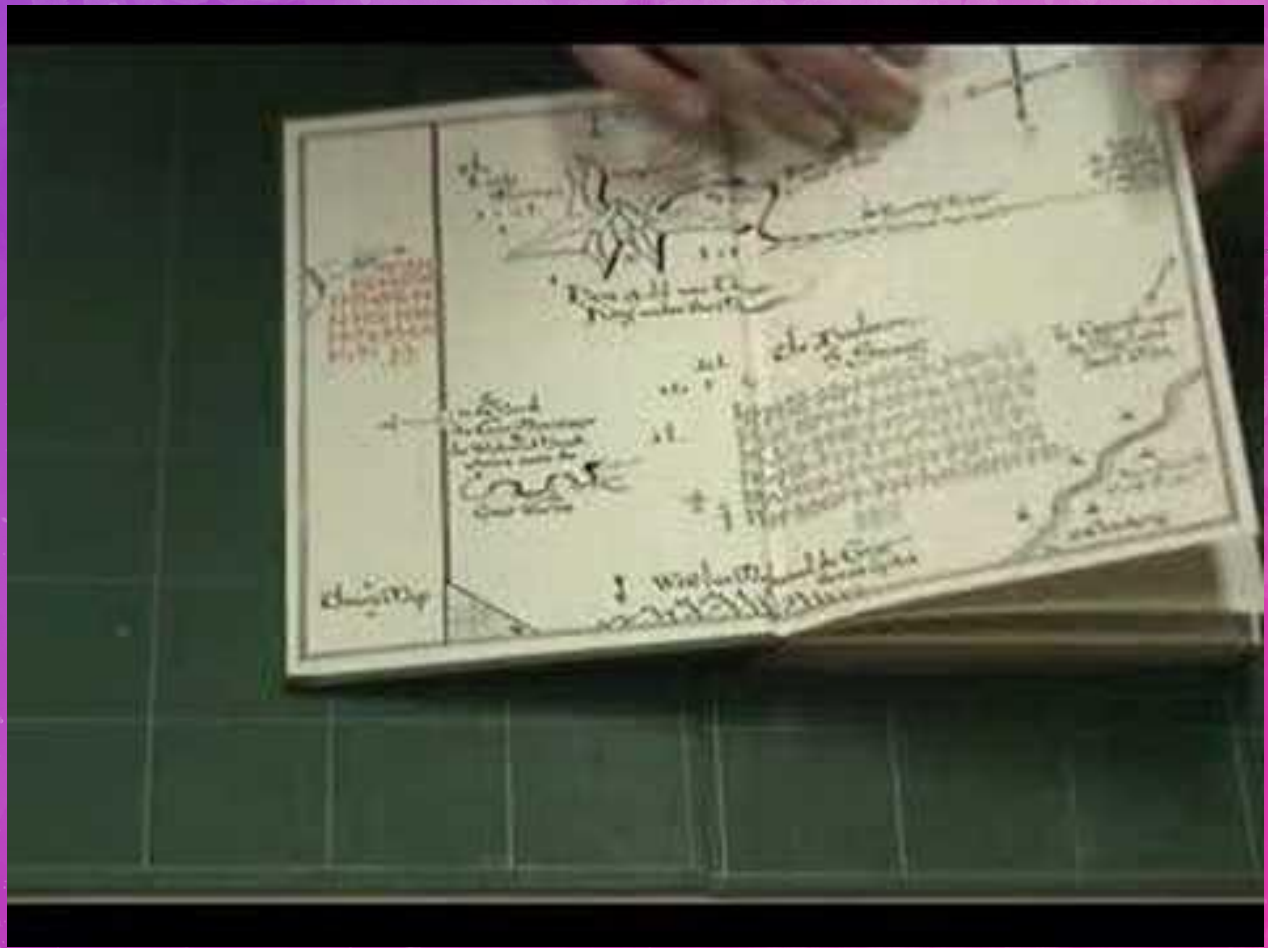
### Take an old book apart

- Find an old discarded book in your collection
- Research and name the parts of the binding and the book's interior
- After taking the book apart find some fun ways to recycle the pages into a new craft project

# Parts of a book:



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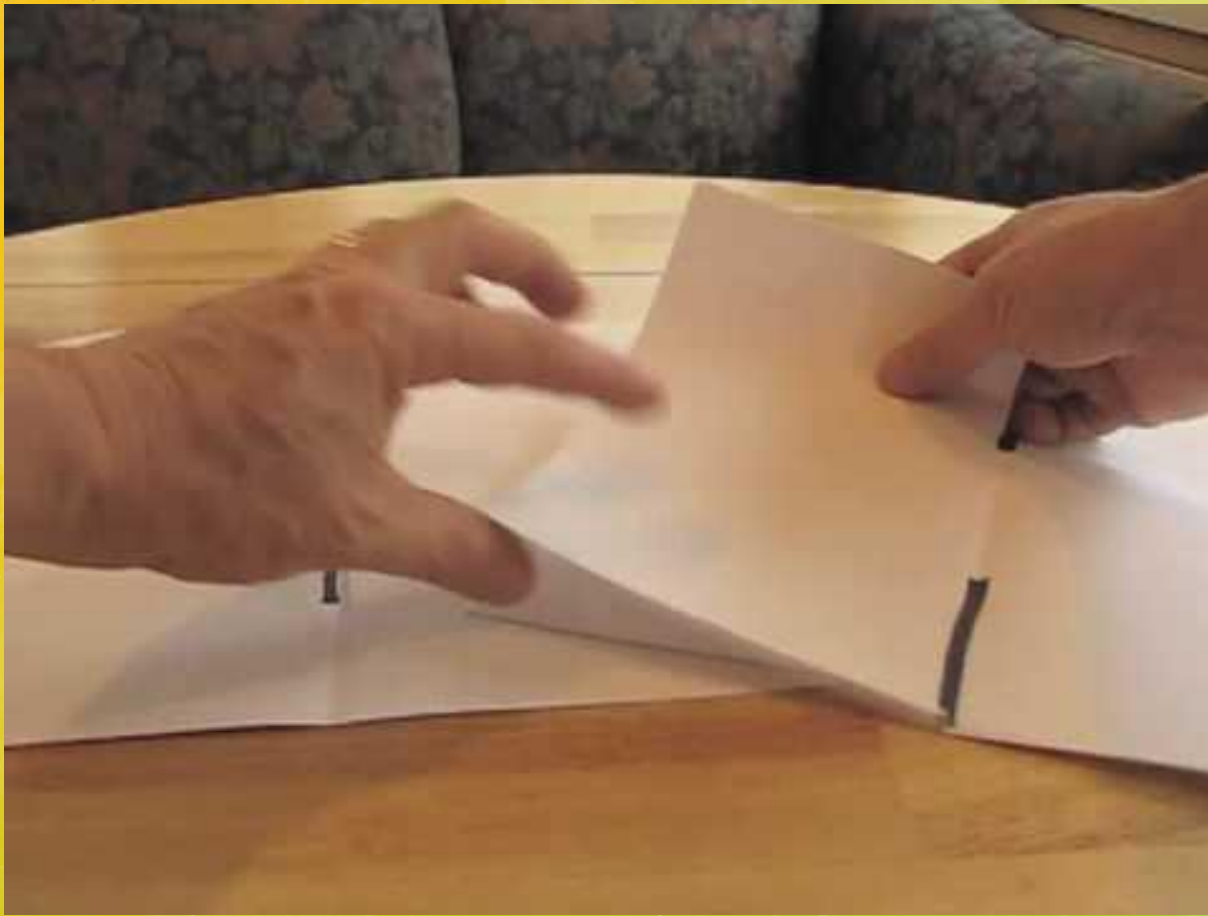


## Step 3: Try out book artist techniques

Try two of the three traditional bookbinding methods:

1. Fold & Cut –
2. Glue Binding –
3. Stitch –





# Fold & Cut Binding



[https://youtu.be/GJvLUT\\_daQA](https://youtu.be/GJvLUT_daQA)

Little  
BOOK



# Glue Binding



<https://youtu.be/u9B0HEwoCVo>

# Stitched Binding

Materials needed:

- Scrap paper
- Thumb tack
- Needle
- Heavy thread
- Scissors



[https://youtu.be/QUmioC9-\\_5g](https://youtu.be/QUmioC9-_5g)



Other  
binding  
methods  
to try:



<https://youtu.be/WuAbZW-RiRs>

# Step 4: Focus on function

## Choose 1 Activity:

### Make an organizational book:

Try making a personal planner or date book.

Look for calendar templates online or make up your own.

### Make a scrapbook, or journal:

This could be an album for photos, a journal for your thoughts, or a way to collect memories.

### Make a gift book:

Make an appreciation or thank you book, a collection of sketches, your favorite poems with illustrations, or come up with a unique idea of your own.

## Step 5: Focus on style

Books can be beautiful works of art! For this activity, create another book with a concentration on its visual style.

Try one of these ideas:

### **Make a book from something unexpected**

- Look around your home for some unusual materials – think about things like grocery bags, old road maps, newspaper, magazines, etc.

### **Get creative with the traditional methods and definitions of “book”**

- Try a fun pop-up book, an old fashioned scroll, a cloth baby book, or another fun idea!

Just one idea!  
Look around your home & recycling bin for some fun discarded materials.



<https://youtu.be/Ec04rVh0ndU>

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