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Bookbinding Kit Descriptions

Sewing Cradle

Used for holding pages while they are being punched with an awl for sewing.

2 Cutting Mat

A gridded, protective surface on which cutting marks disappear—great for protecting your cutting edge, work surface, and for making straight cuts.

3 Acrylic Pressboard

Useful for applying light weight to a glued project, allowing it to dry flat. Place one or more weights on top.

4 Steel Ruler

For measuring and as a straight edge for cutting.

5 Steel Tear Bar

This heavy bar helps you to tear paper when you would like a soft edge ("deckle edge") for your pages. It can also assist with folding large sheets of paper, and additionally as a straight edge for making cuts.

6 Steel Square

Can be used as a weight, or to check if the corner of a paper or board is "square" (that is, at a 90° angle.)

7 Triangle Steel Ruler

Checks whether or not the corner of a paper or board is "square" (that is, at a 90° angle.) Can also be used for small measurements and cuts.

8 Spring Divider

Useful tool for making measurements, with or without a ruler. For instance, set the dividers to the width of a book, and then transfer that width to a paper and mark it. Or use a ruler to set the spring divider to a certain measurement and transfer it to paper. Can also be used to place even intervals between sewing stations (holes in paper or board that are used for sewing) by "walking" the divider from one point to the next.

Microspatula

For applying small amounts of glue to difficult-to-reach surfaces.

10 Awl

Used for making small holes in paper and book board.

11 Teflon Folder

Used to help fold paper and smooth out glued paper, book board, book cloth, and leather. The tip can also be used to score thick card stock to make folding easier. One of the most useful bookbinding tools.

Solid Steel Weight (2)

This polished stainless steel block makes an ideal small heavy weight. It can also be used as a square in box making

3 Soft Weight (2)

Help hold down pages while sewing, or can be used with a pressboard to dry glued projects flat.