



JAPANESE

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BOOKBINDING

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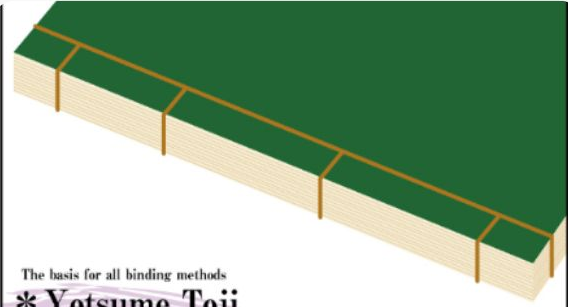
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## JAPANESE STAB BINDING

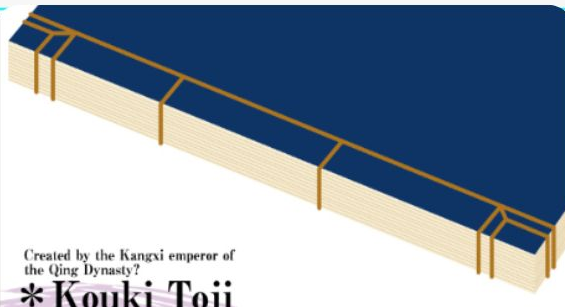
*The Japanese Stab Binding produces a book with a spine that does not allow the book to be laid flat.*

# TECHNIQUES & VOCABULARY



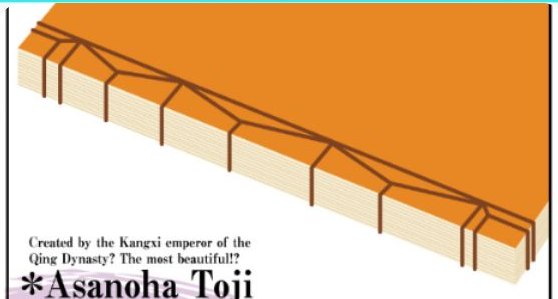
The basis for all binding methods  
**\* Yotsume Toji**  
(Japanese four-hole bookbinding)

*Having 4-holes (Yotsume-toji)*



Created by the Kangxi emperor of the Qing Dynasty?  
**\* Kouki Toji**  
(noble binding)

*Noble binding (Kouki-toji) is similar to the 4-hole binding but it has extra holes near the edges.*



Created by the Kangxi emperor of the Qing Dynasty? The most beautiful!?  
**\* Asanoha Toji**  
(hemp leaf bookbinding)

*Asa-No-Ha Toji (Hemp Leaf Binding) has more holes and corner stitching allowing for more complicated designs.*

## VOCABULARY:

*Yotsume-toji- 4 hole bookbinding*

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*Kouki-toji-Noble binding*

*Asa-no-ha Toji- Hemp leaf binding*

## MATERIALS

1. HARD BOOK COVERS x2
2. SPINES x2
3. DECORATIVE COVERS x2
4. BOOK PAGES
5. INSIDE COVERS x2

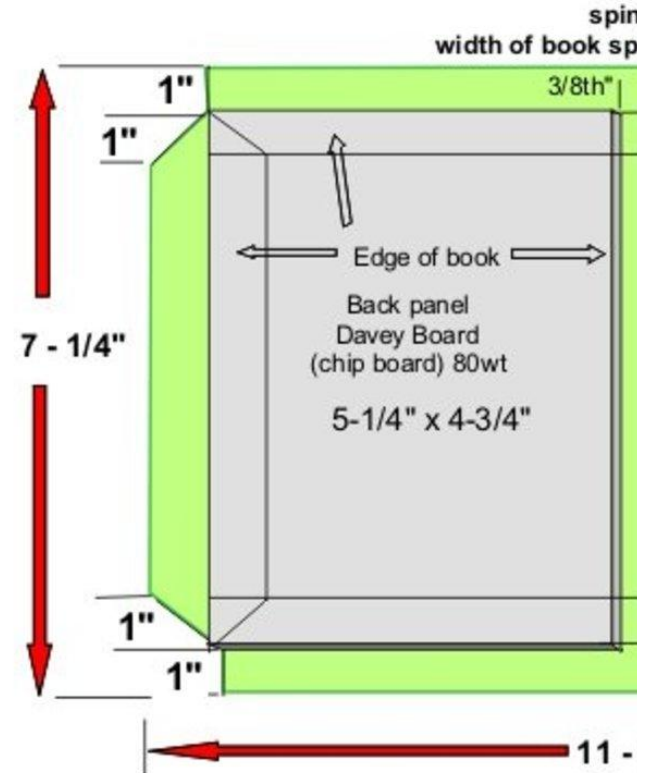
## TOOLS

1. SCISSORS
2. GLUE
3. AWL
4. BLADE (OPTIONAL)
5. WAXED STRING
6. RUBBER BANDS
7. NEEDLE

# Binding your book cover

And so we're going to start here:

- 1) Start putting glue on the covers and you're going to lay it down flat. Then you're just going to turn it around and try to push down the glue.
- 2) You're going to start measuring your paper. Making sure that you cut on the edges like there.
- 3) You're going to start putting glue down and start folding everything down. Then there's pieces on the side that just bunches up, you can go ahead and cut them or rip them off.
- 4) We're just going to continue to glue down everything.
- 5) Repeat on your other book cover



# Binding the spine (4 holes)

We're going to move on to the spine:

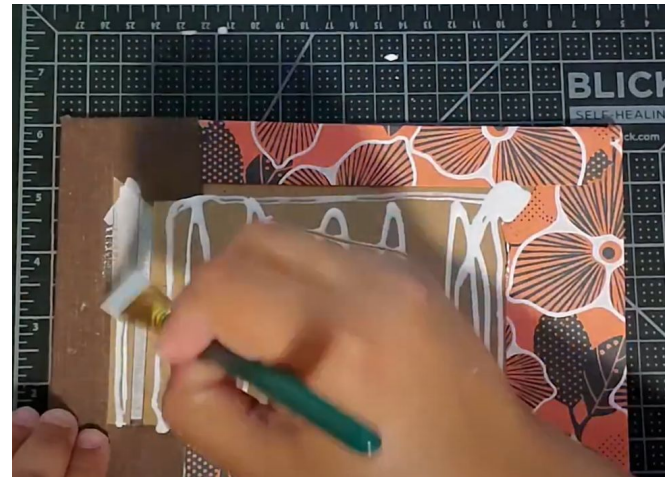
- 1) We're going to put the spine on to these pieces of paper.
- 2) You're going to give a little space right there.
- 3) Push it down and cut it on the side like we did before with the covers.
- 4) Start folding and gluing everything down.



# Covering the inside

Let's move to the inside cover:

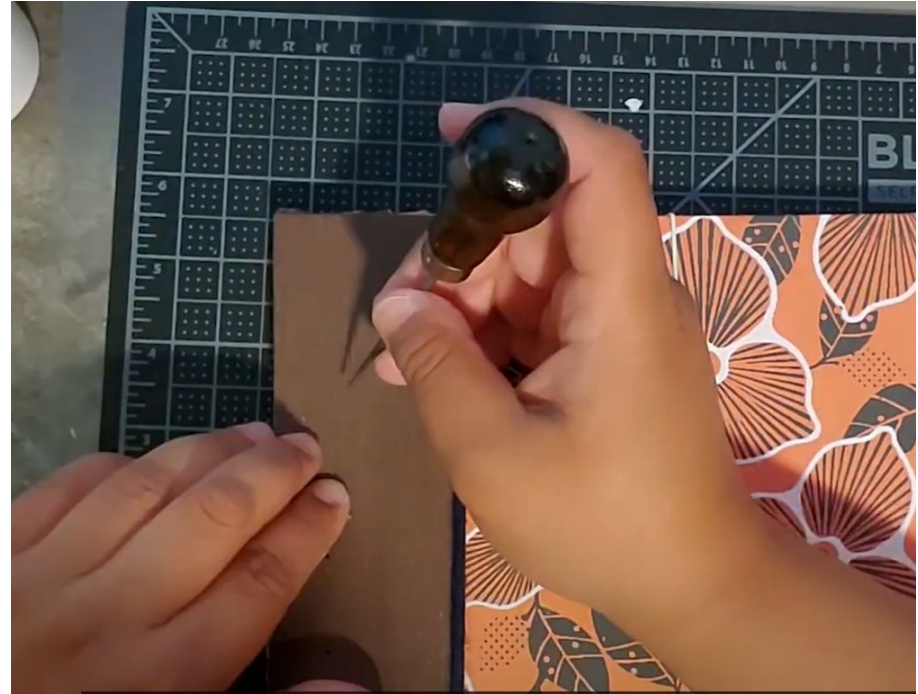
- 1)Put down white paper.
- 2)Add more glue on the inside cover. For us we'll use white.
- 3)Make sure it's glued down.



# Using your awl

And with all that done:

- 1) You're going to go through the holes on the spine with the awl.
- 2) Make sure that you go through them.
- 3) Stretch them out so that your thread and needle can easily go through them.

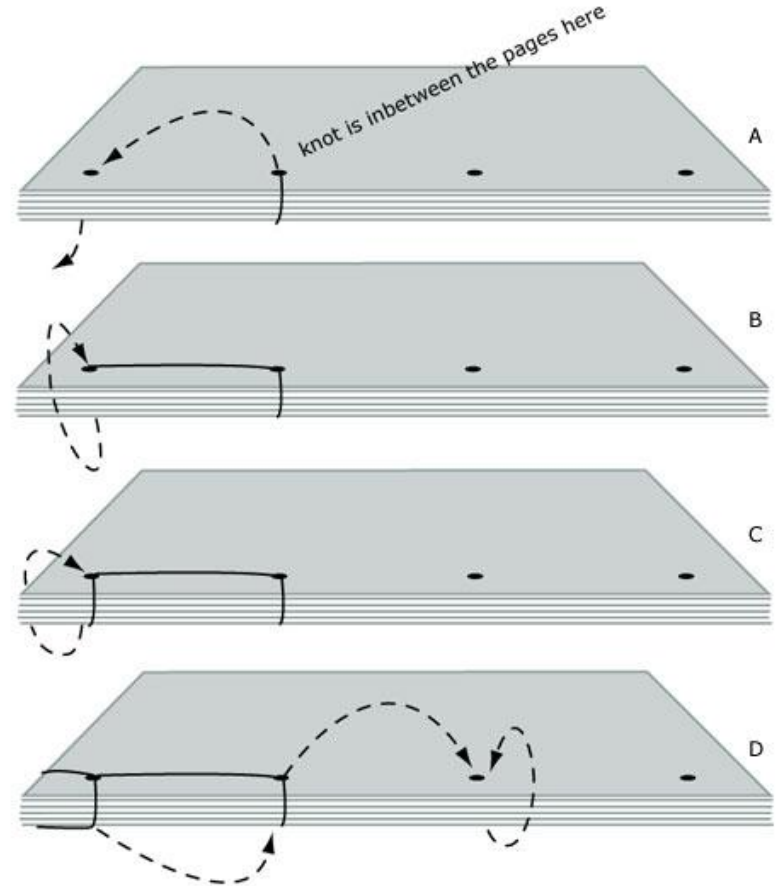




# Japanese Stab Binding Pt.1

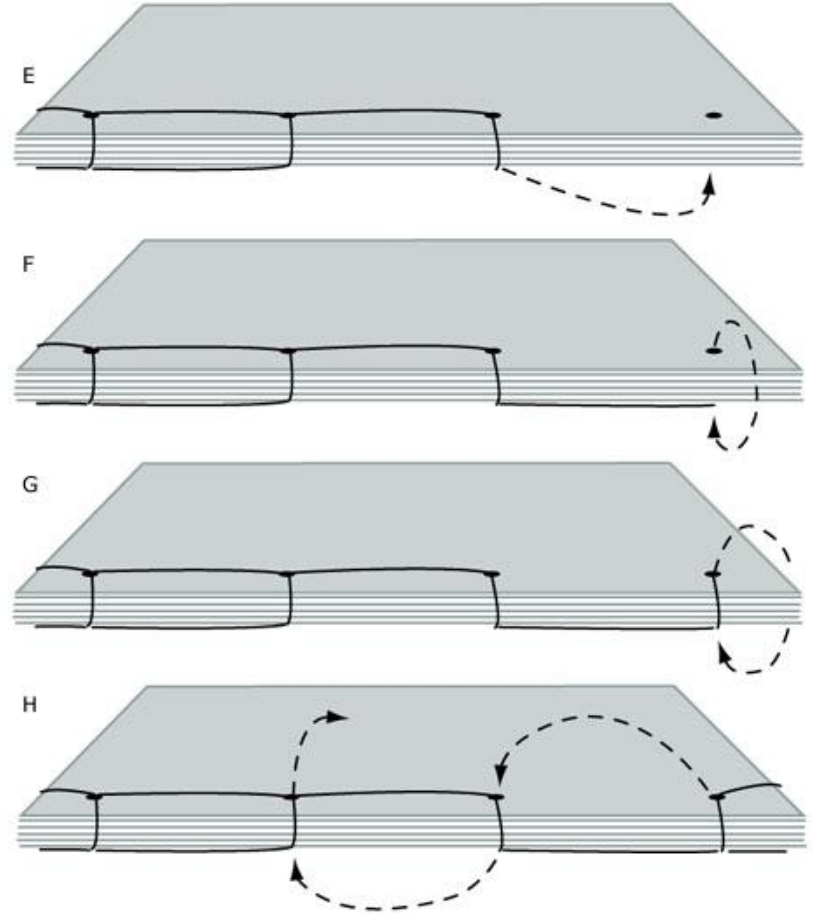
First things first:

- 1) Get your needle and you're going to put your wax thread right through it and you're just going to create a little knot at the front.
- 2) You're going to start putting your needle through and you're going to just hold it on tightly so it's nice and secure.
- 3) You're gonna go pull your your thread so it's taut (pulled tight). And you're gonna hold it back and go right through the hole. Again and make sure it's nice and taut (pulled tight) right there.
- 4) Secure it. Make sure that's nice and steady!
- 5) Then what you're going to do is you're going to go to the hole next to it.
- 6) Go around and you're going to go right through it again.
- 7) You want to make sure that you keep these lines and the thread over them because that's what makes a Japanese stab binding!



## Japanese Stab Binding Pt.2

- 1)Go to the next hole yeah.
- 2)Go around the corner to create this little edge on the corner.
- 3)And you're going to go to the next one and just keep making sure that you're creating these lines across.
- 4)You'll continuously keep looping your needle through to create these lines on top and create these lines along the spine.
- 5)Continue doing that around and like what we did with this previously, when we start getting towards the edge we're going to go through the hole with the needle once again.
- 6)We're going to pull it back to the front and go through once again.
- 7)Then once you're out you're going to go along the edge.
- 8)We're gonna go through the edge and go back again through the hole.
- 9)Keep continuing making these lines here along the spine
- 10)Then right there once you get to back to the center, you're going to get the little piece that you had being held by the rubber bands.
- 11)Put your needles away so you don't have anything out.
- 12)Start making a little tight knot or a little bow there and that's it!



# Decorate!

Use any materials you want to decorate the cover:

1) I used magazine and my own art to decorate the cover.

2) Once you're done use mod podge to set your decorations in place.



## FINAL OUTCOME

