



Supplies

Paper or non sticky plastic
larger than your book -
visit [Free Stuff - Book
Covers](#) on the website for
decorating ideas

Sticky tape

Optional

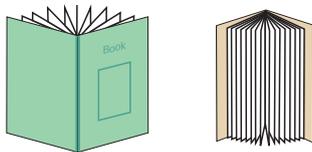
Pen

Name Labels

Tools

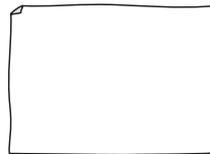
Scissors

Covering books can be fun and easy, once you know how. We have not included instructions for sticky backed coverings as they are much harder to use, and here at [Imagine. Make. Believe](#), we like to keep things simple.



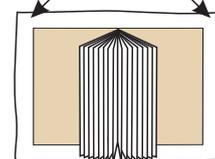
Instructions for a Book with Stapled Pages

1. Place your paper (or plastic), wrong side up on a flat surface.



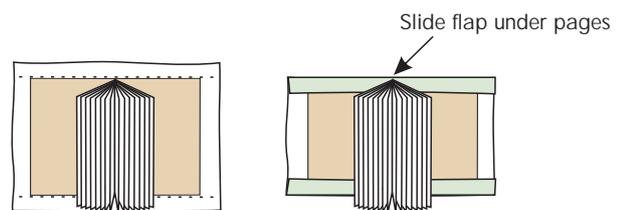
2. Place your open book, spine side down, on top of the paper. You will need to allow 3 to 5 cm (1 to 2 inches) of paper around the edge of your book. If the paper is much larger, you will probably need to trim (cut) the paper smaller.

Equal amount of paper -
3 to 5 cm (1 to 2 inches)
on each side of the book

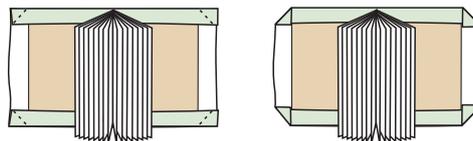


3. Make sure the book is in the centre of the paper.

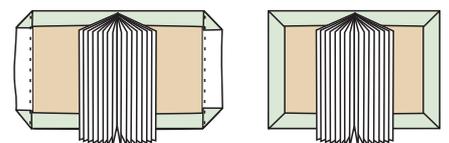
4. Fold paper as shown along the dotted line, along the top and bottom of the book. Slide the flaps of paper under the pages. If they are too wide, they will bump into the staples and so you will need to cut them shorter.



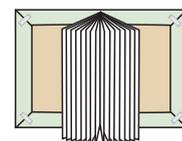
5. Fold each corner as shown along the dotted line.



6. Fold paper as shown along the dotted line, along the sides of the book.



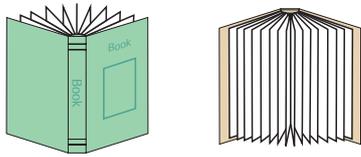
7. Stick corners down with sticky tape. It is usually best not to stick tape to the book because the cover and book move differently, and this can cause the book to buckle or warp.



If you have covered your book with thin paper, you may want to cover it with a layer of plastic for extra protection. Cover the same way as you did for paper.

How To Cover Books?

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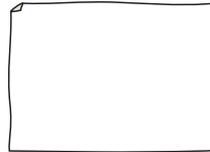


Extra Tip

Once you have folded the top and bottom flaps down, you may find it easier to lay down the pages of the book on one side. Fold and tape the corners on the opposite side. You can then flip the pages over to the other side, and fold and tape the remaining corners.

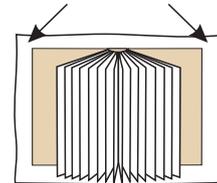
Instructions for a Book without Stapled Pages

1. Place your paper (or plastic), wrong side up on a flat surface.



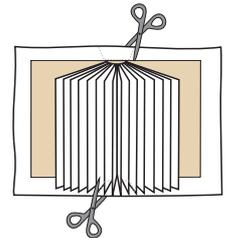
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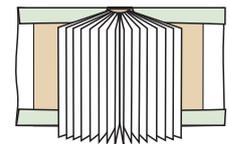
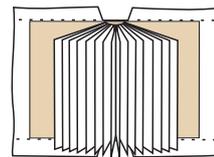


3. Make sure the book is in the centre of the paper.

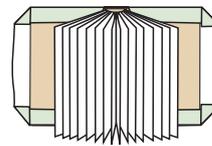
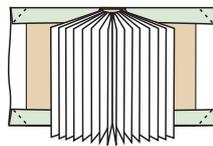
4. Cut a notch (a section) out of the paper as shown along the dotted line, top and bottom. This will allow the paper to fold down around the pages.



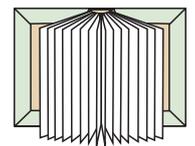
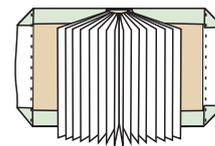
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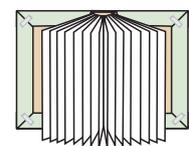
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