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Equipment & Materials List

Handmade books - Secret Belgian Binding with Janina Maher Thurs 19th March at 10am

Students will need:

Materials

- Greyboard 2mm, minimum A4 area or equivalent
- Decorative paper to cover the boards, minimum A3 area
- 16 sheets A4 paper for the inside pages eg 140gsm cartridge
- Linen thread, 2 pieces each 5 feet long
- Good quality PVA glue, or glue stick

Tools

- Scissors
- If you are using PVA glue either a 2" foam roller and tray or a glue brush (½ inch stencil brush is ideal)
- Drawing tools: Pencil, eraser, sharpener
- Sewing tools: Blunt ended tapestry needle with large eye (e.g. tapestry needle) and a curved needle
- Cutting tools: Cutting mat (A3 or bigger if possible), craft or cutting knife (scalpel is too delicate), metal ruler
- Waxed paper to press your book The waxed paper from cereal packets works well for this
- Bone folder (for creasing paper), or use your fingernail
- Small awl / braddle (for making holes in paper and card)
- Optional: Paper knife / clip knife / shoe knife (for slicing paper)

Suggested / Preferred Suppliers:

There will be an optional kit to accompany this course, available from Janina's website from mid-February. Kits will cost £13 (inc. UK postage) and includes the materials to make the book, plus needles, but not the tools or glue.

Bookbinding tools (bone folder, clip knife, awl, decorative papers, linen thread)

- Hewit - <https://www.hewit.com/>
- Shepherds (new website from January 2026) - www.shepherds-arts.co.uk

Linen threads and other threads for bookbinding

- Etsy shop buechertigersupplies <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/buechertigersupplies>

Paper, PVA glue, other tools

- Seawhites- <https://www.artesaver.co.uk/>
- Jacksons - <https://www.jacksonsart.com/>