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Equipment & Materials List

Handmade Books: A Trio of Beautiful Books

Thurs 8th January 2026 at 10am

Students will need:

Tools

Essential tools

- Cutting tools: Cutting mat, sharp cutting knife or craft knife, metal ruler, scissors.
- Drawing tools: Sharp pencil, rubber eraser
- Blunt ended sewing needle with large eye (eg tapestry needle size 20)
- Awl or bradawl (for making holes in paper and card)
- 2 bulldog clips

Optional tools if you have them, and which make your life a bit easier!

- Bone folder (for creasing paper)
- T square ruler (for getting accurate 90 degree corners)
- Paper knife / clip knife / shoe knife (for trimming down A4 paper)

Japanese stab stitch

- 1 piece plain or patterned A4 card eg 290gsm card from Seawhite
- 8 sheets printer weight 90gsm A4 paper
- Thread for sewing – linen thread or other strong non-stretchy thread. Approx. 5 feet.
- Scrap paper to protect the book from the bulldog clips
- Optional: a few beads, dangles or a charm

Flower book

- 2 pieces greyboard 2mm thick and 11cm square – you can use the back of a sketchbook
- 2 pieces decorative paper each 15cm square – eg printed Indian paper, scrapbook paper, or wallpaper.
- 8 sheets printer weight 90gsm A4 paper
- Glue stick
- Scrap paper for gluing
- Waxed paper / release paper – the waxed paper from inside boxes of cereal works very well

Flip flop book

- 1 piece A4 plain or patterned card for the cover eg 290gsm coloured card from Seawhite
- Double sided tape
- 8 sheets printer weight 90gsm A4 paper
- Thread for sewing – linen thread or other strong non-stretchy thread. Approx. 4 feet.



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Suggested / Preferred Suppliers:

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

- Hewit - <https://www.hewit.com/>
- Shepherds - <https://store.bookbinding.co.uk/store/>
- Vintage paper co - <https://www.vintagepaper.co.uk/>

Paper, PVA glue, greyboard, other art stuff

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

Janina has prepared a kit to accompany this class which can be purchased from mid-November onwards by visiting her website: www.Janinamaher.artweb.com

Contents of the kit:

3 packs of materials, one pack for each of the 3 books. Kits include paper, card, needle, thread, waxed paper, decorative paper. They don't include any tools, glue, double sided tape, or scrap paper

Cost: £10 plus £3 postage (UK only)