

Instructions for Renaissance Pamphlet or Commonplace Book
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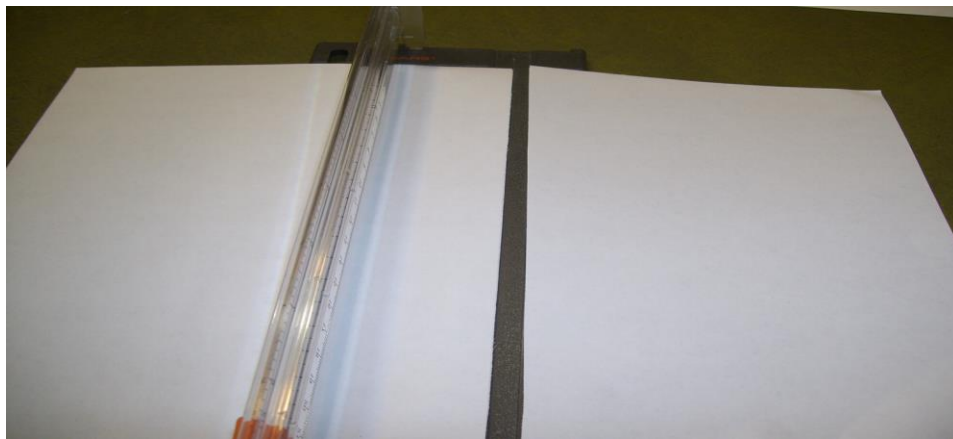
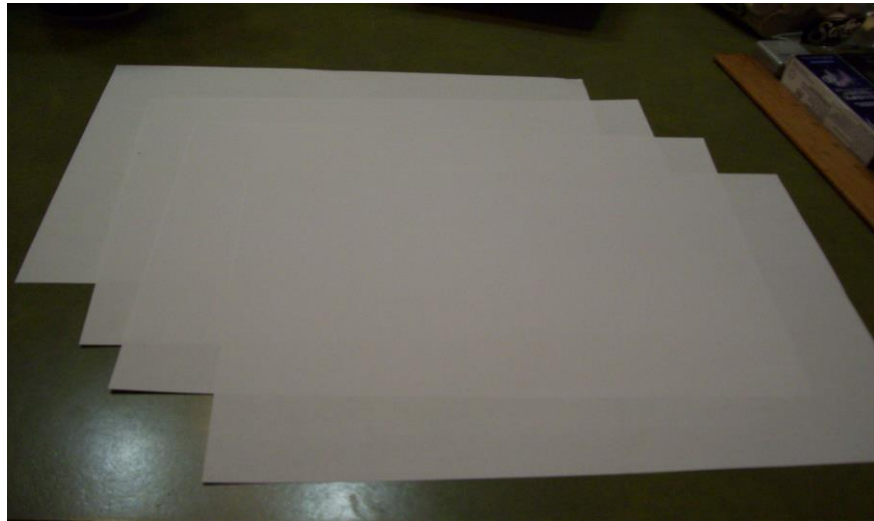
Supplies needed

20# paper (Copy and Print) 8.5 x 11"
Cover Paper (Colored paper, heavier paper, etc.)
Thread, cord, or twine
Pencil

Equipment needed:

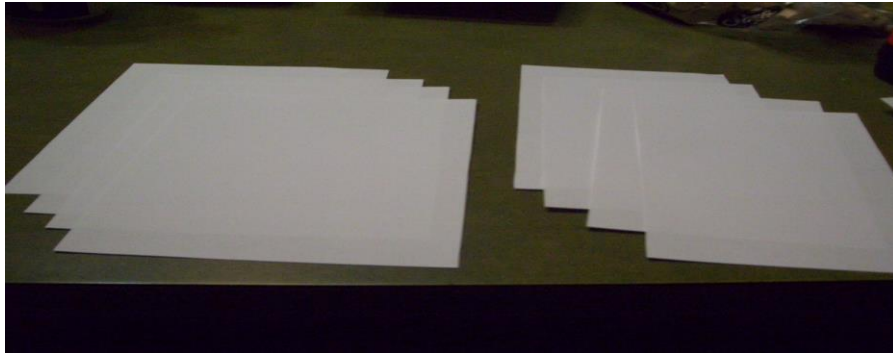
Paper cutter
Scissors
Ruler
Leather working Needles
awl
Bees Wax

Take 4 full sheets of 20# test paper (Copy and Print)



Cut them down to size, if you are making a 6 by 4.25 inch pamphlet you will also get a 5 by 4.25 inch pamphlet as well. That means that you are folding the short side of the entire sheet of paper after it is cut (8.5 inches in half)

Fold them in half horizontally and smooth the fold

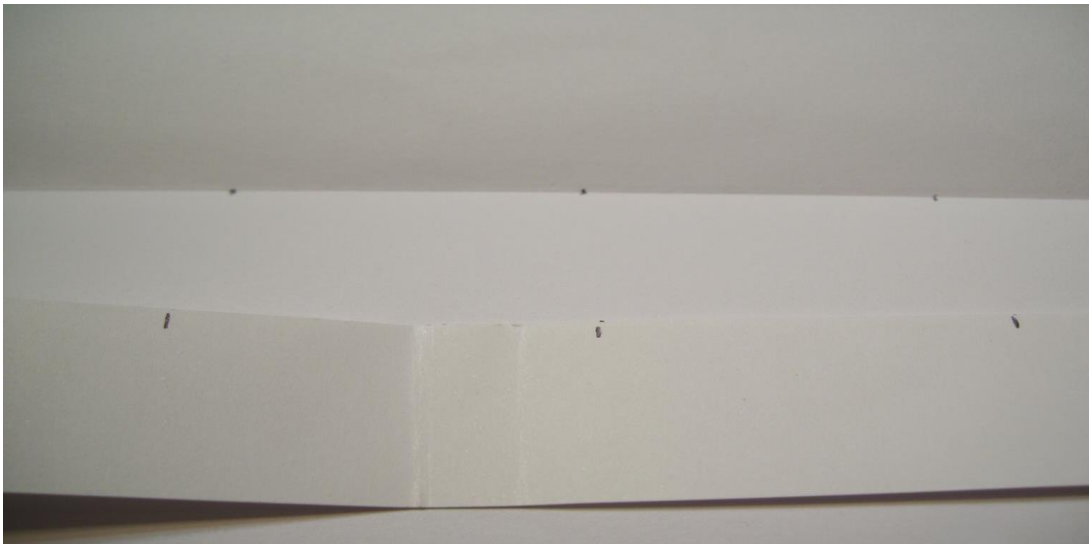


Now cut the outer piece of paper, this can be construction paper or anything heavier within reason. You will want the dimensions the same as your interior paper or slightly larger given what you are doing. I like the same dimensions.

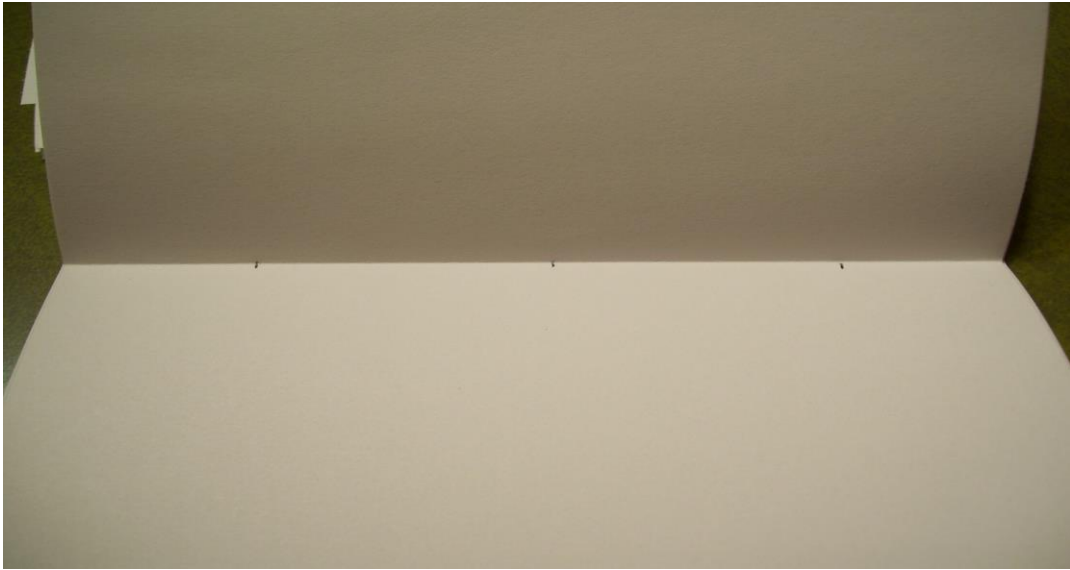
Take a scrap piece of paper or what ever you have to mark as a template for where the holes will go. It should be the same measurement as your height for the pamphlet.

If you are using 6 inches, you will mark out three points, each one a hole to be punched through all the pieces of paper that size.

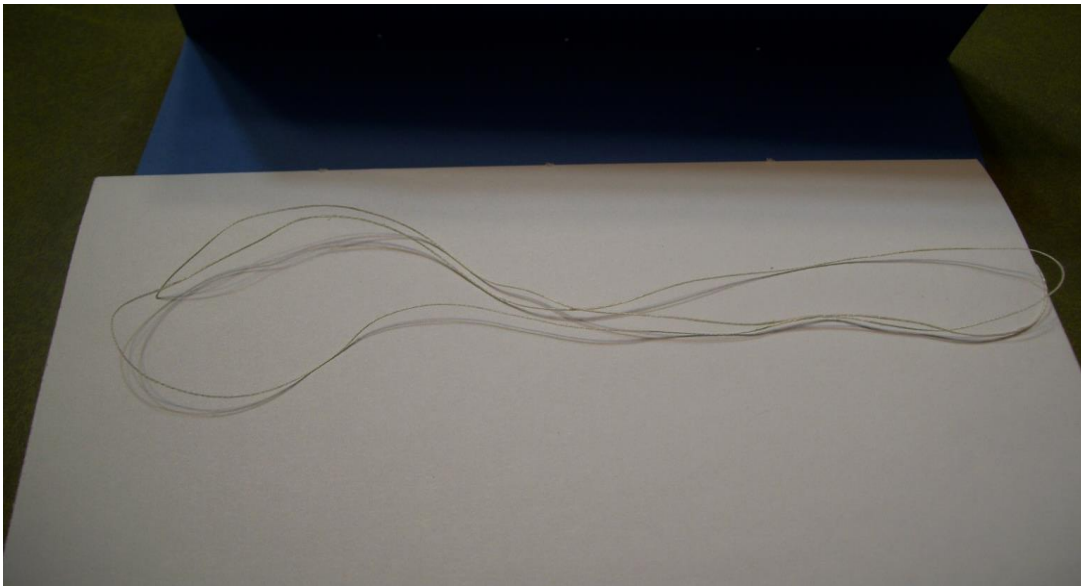
So I measure in 1 inch from each side making a mark and then one in the center.



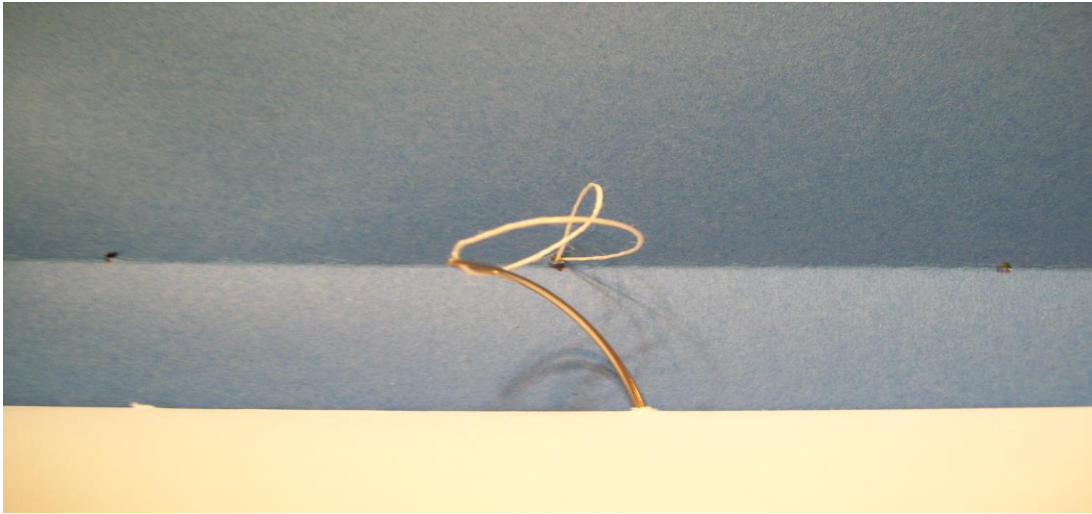
Once your holes are marked take a Glover's needle, an awl, or a sharp tapestry needle and make holes at the point where you marked them out before. This includes the cover as well.



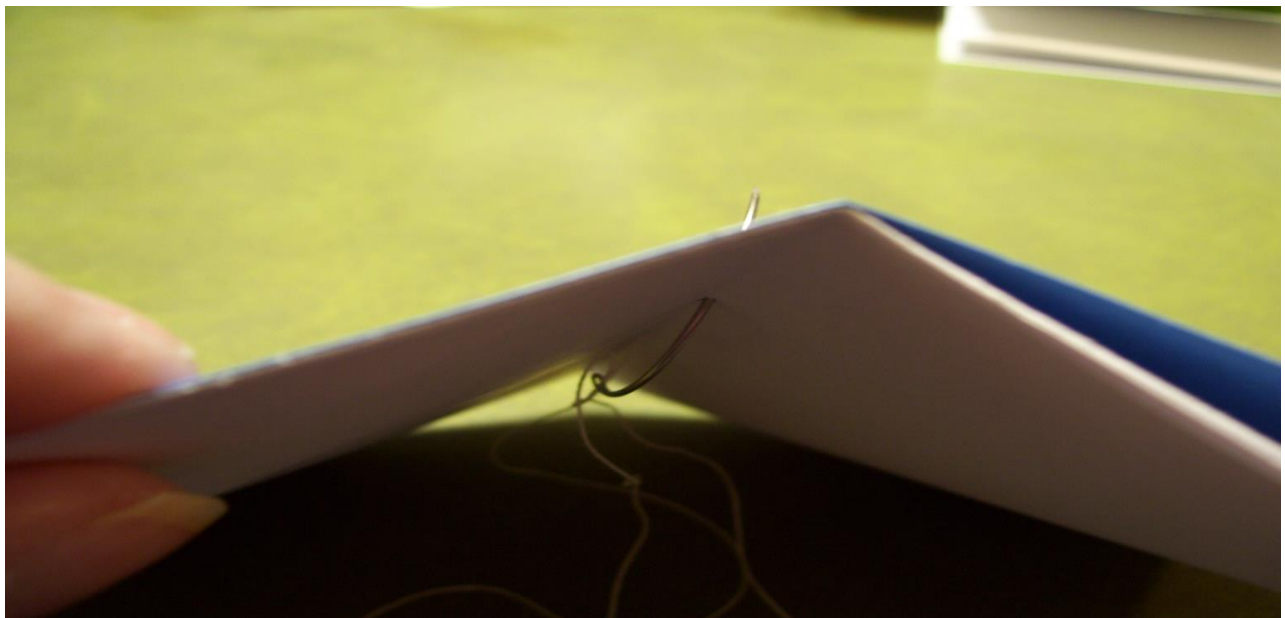
Measure out a piece of linen thread, #10 crochet cotton, or twine that is three times the length of the height of your pamphlet that will go through the holes. ((6" x 3) =18 inches) you can cut it down)
If you are using twine you really should use an awl or ice pick to get a big enough hole for the twine to go through. At this point you can wax your thread if you feel so inclined.



Thread your piece of waxed fiber through the eye of the needle you are using. I prefer a small curved Glover's needle. Take the thread and going from the outside of the cover through the middle holes leaving a tail on the outside about 3-4 inches long.



Next take your needle and thread it through one of the inside corner holes to the outside of the cover holding the tail. Pull the thread so it is flat against the paper, but not taunt or tight. The paper can be torn if you pull too hard.

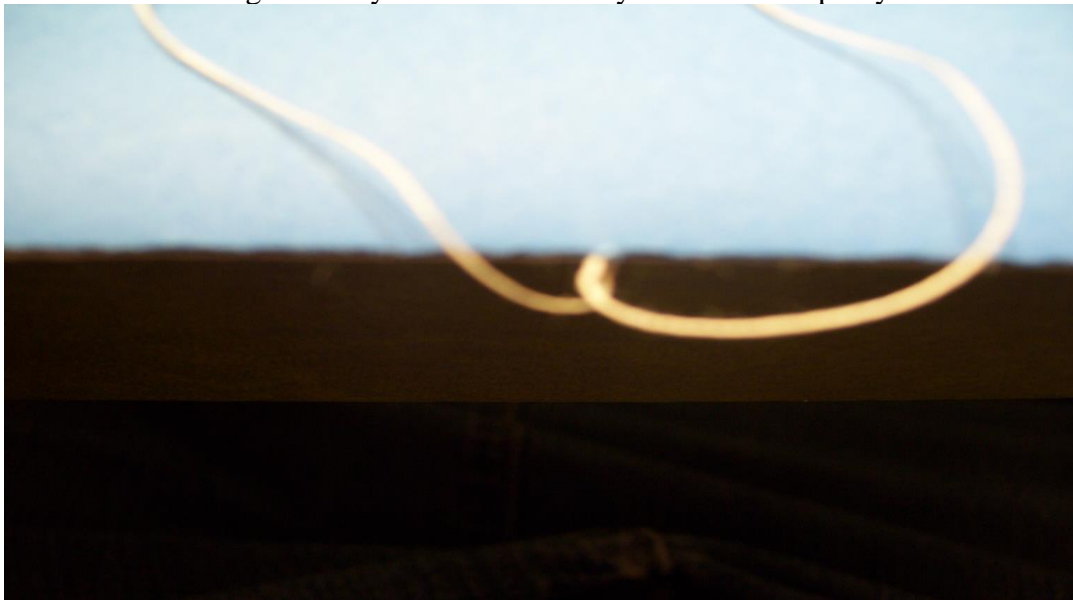


Now take the thread and insert it into the other end hole again just pulling it tight enough to lay flat. This puts you inside the pamphlet again.



The last part of the stitching is going out the center hole to the outside of the cover.
You are done stitching.

Now make sure that there is a tail on either side of the long stitch that goes along the fold of the cover.
You can futz with the tail length so they are about even if you like. That up to you.



Tie a sturdy knot, then make a bow.
Finished

