

BUTTONHOLE BOOKS – supply list

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50 or more sheets of text-weight paper for your book pages, **all the same size but not necessarily all the same color**. I recommend 8½ x 11 inch or 8½ by 14 inch sheets for convenience. Copier paper is fine, although you may wish to work with something a bit more substantial such as this 67 lb paper Neenah Exact Vellum Bristol which comes in white as well as other colors https://www.amazon.com/Neenah-Vellum-Bristol-Brightness-80211/dp/B010CEHOL6/ref=sr_1_12?dchild=1&keywords=vellum+bristol+white&qid=1610256610&s=office-products&sr=1-12

Shy away from heavier papers such as 90lb or 110lb. For reference, copier paper is typically described as 20lb and 24lb.

Heavy-weight paper for Cover, at least as tall as your paper and 4 inches longer. For example, for a book made with 8½ by 11 inch sheets of paper you want a sheet of paper at least 8½ by 15 inches. Pick a paper such as 80, 90, 100 or 110 lb coverstock or cardstock that is rigid but can bend and fold.

Plaza Art has a variety of papers that are appropriate such as **Mi-Teintes Paper** (very many colors and inexpensive).

Option for Cover: Kraft-tex kraft paper fabric also known as “washable paper”, available at JoAnn’s, Amazon and elsewhere as 19” by 1.5 yard rolls, and available in several colors https://www.amazon.com/kraft-tex-Roll-19-yards-Black/dp/1607058413/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=washable+paper&qid=1610258218&sr=8-3 My photographed sample has a Kraft-tex cover.

All the following supplies are available at Plaza Art (927 W Grace St, Richmond VA 23220), Amazon.com and Talas (www.Talasonline.com).

Both Amazon and Plaza offer inexpensive bookbinding starter tool sets (search “bookbinding kit”) which include awl, waxed thread, needles and bone folder. For example - https://www.amazon.com/Bookbinding-Starter-Creaser-Large-Eye-Supplies/dp/B07NZBPRKC/ref=sr_1_24?dchild=1&keywords=bookbinding+kit&qid=1610257626&sr=8-24

Bookbinders Awl

Thread for binding such as linen book thread or buttonhole thread

Beeswax if thread is not already waxed

Needle with eye big enough for thread

Bone Folder

Olfa, X-acto or similar knife

Ruler, metal preferred

Cutting Mat or cardboard to cut on

Ruler (metal is best, at least 12 inches long)

Pencil & Eraser

Optional: Glue Stick or Double-sided Tape