



Two-Sewn-as-One Binding

This binding was new to me and has already proved its value. I've been using it to corral practice sheets from classes I've been taking via Zoom.

We will be making a model of the binding. Signature and cover dimensions can be easily changed to fit the page sizes you are wanting to bind once you understand the binding: for example, the spine can be spread to accommodate thicker pages. I've seen pictures of someone using this binding to make a FOUR-sewn-as-one but haven't tried it myself. Those of you who are clever with math could no doubt figure it out.

Note: I've been on a "mission" since Covid to use what I have rather than buying yet more stuff. Thus you will see alternative suggestions for supplies such as dental floss, scrap paper, and computer printer paper.

Supplies:

Four sheets of 8 1/2 x 11 paper for the signatures (printer paper weight) (Or calligraphy practice sheets perhaps?)
One sheet of paper for the cover 12 1/2 x 8 1/2 (heavier than the paper for the signatures, such as Canson)
Strip of scrap paper 8 1/2 x 1
Bookbinding awl
Bookbinding thread (or dental floss will do, or embroidery floss?)
Bookbinding needle (or needle with an eye big enough for the thread or floss you are using)
Scissors, pencil
Four bulldog clips or paper clips
Bookbinding cradle* if you have one (or phone book)

**Here are instructions for making a cradle if you are so inclined:*

<https://kitchcat.wordpress.com/2012/03/04/bookbinding-tutorials-punching-cradle-and-jigs/>



I saw this one on Etsy and anyone with woodworking skills should be able to do it. I love the simple design. (No! No! I don't need one more thing.)

See you on Wednesday --- Carol.