

Types of binding and difficulty level

- Fake pages/ book block- Easy
- Accordion – Moderate
- Saddle stitch – Moderate
- Foldout – Moderate
- Sewn – Advanced*

*Sewn binding is an advanced method not suited to everyone. Use sewn binding to teach traditional binding techniques. Use tissue paper for finer pages and a denser book block. Fake leather, marbled paper, and illustration can be used.

Supplies

- Printed covers
- Foam rectangles
- Metal rings
- Earring wires
- Display cards
- Glue stick
- Pliers



Figure 1 Foam is used instead of paper pages

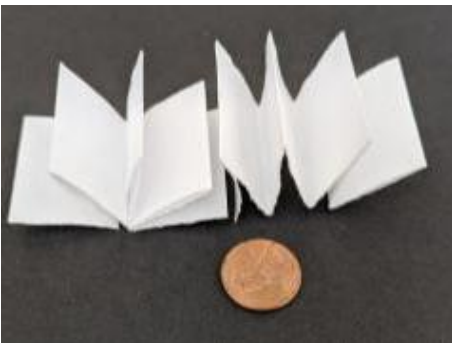


Figure 2 Example of accordion pages



Figure 3 Example of saddle stitch

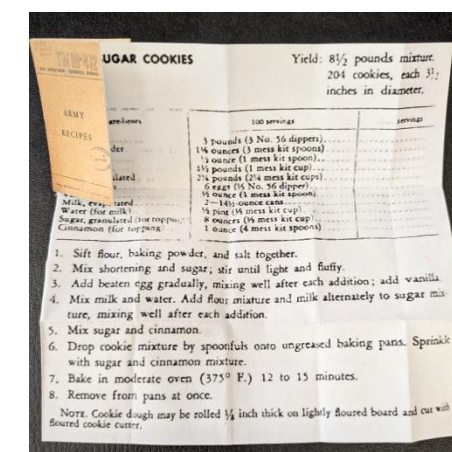


Figure 4 Page folded to fit cover

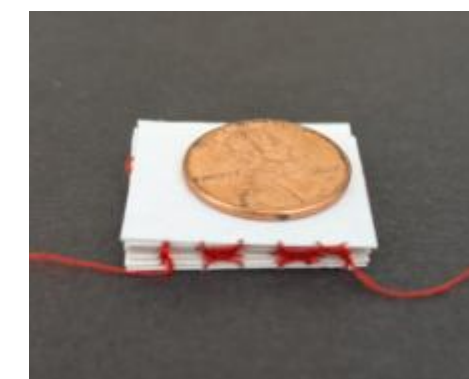


Figure 5 Traditional sewn binding

Tiny Books for a Big Impact

Crafting provides a creative method to communicate with users. A variety of methods for creating tiny books provides participants of all levels with an opportunity to create. In a library setting, tiny books are a tool for promotion, grabbing attention and encouraging curiosity.

In this case a simple method was used to create crafting kits for a New Mexico Library Association conference presentation. The goal of the presentation was to share information regarding the writing of the United States Constitution while simultaneously teaching how to assemble tiny Constitution earrings. Craft sessions draw large numbers of participants at library conferences. The opportunity for attendees to engage in a creative activity often results in packed conference rooms at NMSL conferences. Such activities also draw a diverse audience looking to reproduce an engaging program at their own libraries or find new projects for maker spaces.

Kits for seventy participants were created consisting of most supplies needed. Assembly of the kits was completed in advance and was not arduous. An important item is the card with a QRL code to access the full Pocket Constitution.

Takeaways

The benefit of a craft session extends beyond the presentation. Wearable results promote the session, participants take what they learned back to their institution, and the concept of the tiny book as a learning tool is modified to meet varied interests and uses. For Constitution earring instructions go to: <https://libguides.nmstatelibrary.org/USA250/Craft> or scan the QRL code

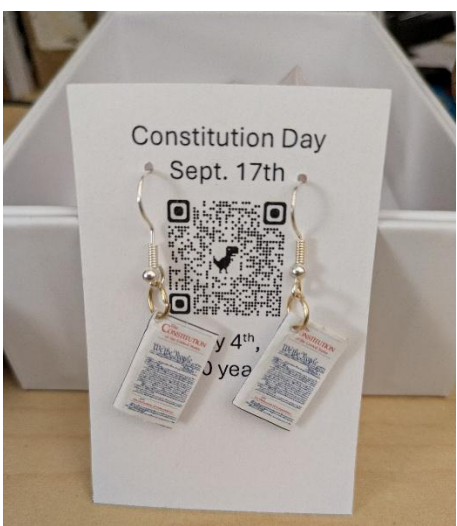
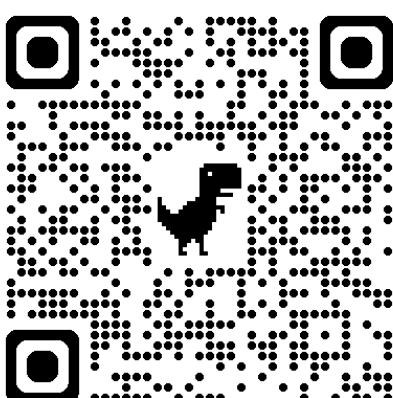


Figure 6 Constitution earrings



Figure 7 Bookmark for Archives Month



Figure 8 Bookmark promoting Roswell Report anniversary



Figure 9 Book pins for Banned Book Week



Figure 10 Earring given to librarians participating in summer reading program

What to do with a tiny book:

- Earrings
- Pins
- Pendants
- Mini notebooks
- Bookmarks
- Promotion
- Fundraising
- Gifts

Times to make a tiny book

- Anniversaries
- Banned Book Week
- Constitution Week
- Summer reading
- Archives week

Save your sanity

- Super tiny text can't be read.
- Tiny sewn binding is very difficult
- Glue in images
- Find copies of book covers and shrink them down in Word or Adobe



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