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What is a book and how are they made?

Explore how binders throughout the ages have made books, learn about the materials they are made from and then create a sewn book to take away using traditional techniques.

Duration: 2¼ hours

Age range: KS2- Adult

Cost: Free

Max group size: 32

About the workshop

This workshop uses traditional sewing and binding techniques to create either a single or multiple section (depending on the age group) hardback book.

Students will learn about the traditional tools and materials used in bookbinding.

During the workshop the students will follow a sequence of step-by-step instructions which involves folding, punching and sewing the pages before using PVA glue to attach the endpapers, covers and spine of the book together.

All materials will be provided.



Further Information

The workshop lasts 2¼ hours and due to its step-by-step nature cannot be shortened. If you arrive late and/or need to leave early, it is likely that the class will have to depart with unfinished books. Please make note of this when booking coaches or public transport for your visit.

The process requires a high level of manual dexterity so teachers and accompanying adults will need to be prepared to help the students, particularly with younger classes.

The workshop does not include a tour of the building. Let us know at the time of booking if you would to add this and a toilet break to your visit.