

Covering Boards



Covering is the process of sticking paper onto a bookbinding board. The bookbinding board and paper must have the same grain direction. The paper is coated with a glue brush and a mixture of bookbinding glue and paste (see explanation of glue types).

To prevent a board from bending in the long run (curling, bulging), it should always be covered with the same amount of paper on both sides.

If you want to cover the whole side of a board, you should also cover the paper over the edge on the backside, so that the edges are protected. The folded edge should be 1.5-2 cm.

Always coat the paper and not the boards, so that the paper can expand before gluing.

Then you put the board on the glued paper and before you turn over the corners you have to cut them.

To do this, cut the paper diagonally about 3-5 mm from the corner of the board and then fold the edges over at the top and bottom, pressing the overlapping paper to the cardboard edge with your thumb or folding bone.

Then fold the side edges over and press them firmly with the bone folder.

Before gluing the paper on the other side (or the first page of the text block) you should trim back the edges, so that all edges have the same width.

The paper/text block should be slightly smaller (about 3-5 mm) than the book covers.

Try and put it in the middle of the board so that an even edge can be seen all around.

