

Part 2: Making the book cover for quarter bound bindings



Abbreviations Key:

H = cover Height

S = Spine width

$O = \frac{3}{4}$ " ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " Overlap

D = board Depth or thickness
(probably a scant $\frac{1}{8}$ "

$G = D + \frac{3}{16}$ " Gap

1. Decide on a design for the outside of the book and apply it to the face of the front and back cover. Keep in mind the fabric binding will overlap $\frac{3}{4}$ " ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " over the covers near the spine edges.
2. Prepare the fabric binding by cutting a piece larger than needed:

$$\text{length} = H + 4'' \text{ AND } \text{width} = S + 6''$$

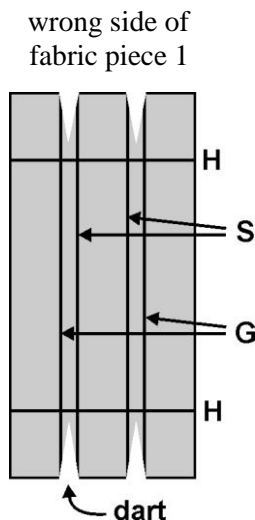
3. Apply sizing to the fabric piece to prevent frayed edges -- place the fabric right side up on a piece of glass; using a brush, apply Mod Podge to the top surface; allow to dry 15 minutes and remove from the glass.
4. Cut the fabric binding to size, making two pieces.

piece 1: $\text{length} = H + 2''$
 $\text{width} = S + 2 \times (G + O)$

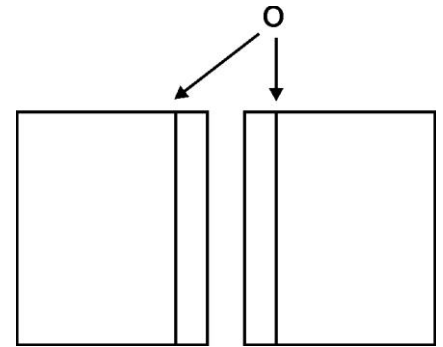
piece 2: $\text{length} = H - \frac{1}{4}''$
 $\text{width} = S + 2 \times (G + O)$

5. Lay out the covers and spine onto the wrong side of piece 1 and mark placement guidelines for S (Spine width), G (Gap) and H (cover Height). Make sure the covers and spine lie in a straight line horizontally.

Cut narrow darts above and below the G (Gap) placements.

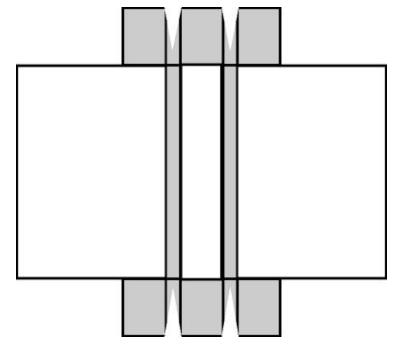


6. Mark glue guidelines for O (Overlap) on the covers. Each cover needs an O -line on the front and back surfaces.

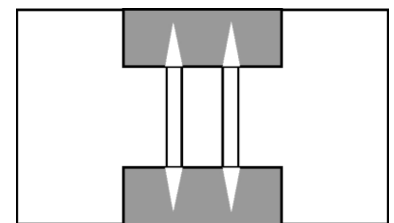


glue guidelines on covers

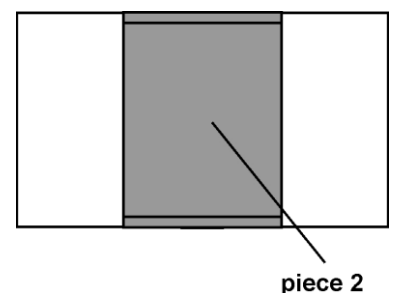
7. Lay out a protective sheet of wax paper. Apply Sobo glue to the outside surfaces of the spine and the covers up to the O line. Attach to the wrong side of the fabric spine using guidelines for positioning.



8. Apply Sobo to the extensions of piece 1 and fold around the covers to the inside.



9. Apply Sobo to the inside surfaces of the spine and the covers up to the O line. Attach the wrong side of piece 2 to the covers.



piece 2