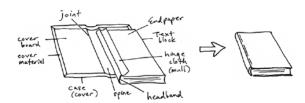
# **→** Book Binding Options **→**

## **Hardcover Binding**



#### **Smyth Sewn Binding**

Strong, flexible, durable, good lay-flat properties



#### **Case Binding (or Edition Binding)**

Durable, high quality, most expensive

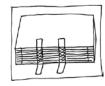
#### Side Sewn (Oversewn)

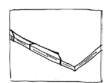
Very strong, cannot lie flat easily, leaves a narrow inside margin



#### **Sew on Tapes**

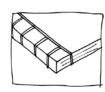
Durable, beautiful





#### Saw-Sewn (Thesis Binding)

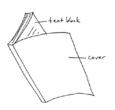
Not as durable, for handbinding loose pages in a hard cover



#### Non-Adhesive

Uses ribbon or cord, decorative, strong

## **Softcover Binding**



#### **Perfect Binding**

Cost-effective (especially for large quantities), widely available, cannot lie flat easily, spine can crack



#### Lay-Flat

#### Notched Double-Fan Adhesive

Strong, flexible



### Hollow spine for

flexibility, good for cookbooks or other books to be displayed open, good access to inner margin



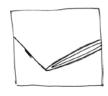
#### **Tape Binding**

Very economical for small quantities, functional, short life



#### **Sewn Softcover**

Best for very heavy coated papers, suitable for softcover coffee table books

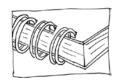


#### **Saddle Stitch (Pamphlet Binding)**

Only for thin books or pamphlets, no spine for a title, short life

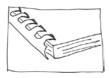
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## **Mechanical Bindings**



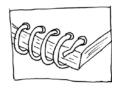
#### Wire-O

Opens 360°, lies flat, no spine for a title



## Plastic Comb (GBC Binding)

Opens 360°, lies flat, pages can be added or removed, spine comes in many colors, title can be screen-printed or stamped on spine, can handle very thick books



#### **Spiral**

Opens 360°, lies flat, no spine for a title

Pages can be added or removed,

grows, will not lie flat, leaves a narrow

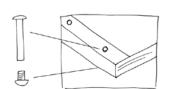
inside margin, best for scrapbooks or albums where expandability is needed

longer screws can be used as book



### Three-Ring

Pages can be added or removed, comes in many colors, title can be screen-printed or stamped on spine, cover sheet can be inserted, lies flat, inexpensive



#### VeloBind

Will not lie flat, no spine for a title, leaves a narrow inside margin

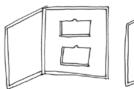
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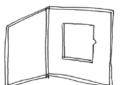




#### Multimedia

Special book cases with plastic housing in the back cover to hold various media forms





### Binding Variables

- Type of binding
- Number of books
- Number of pages/signatures per book
- Trim size (dimensions of finished book)
- Weight of paper stock
- Collating/folding charges
- Cover material (leather, cloth, paper, etc.)
- Dust jackets
- Decoration (title stamping, headbands, etc.)
- Packaging/shipping charges

### **Layout Considerations**

- Will the book be bound as signatures or single sheets?
- What margin size is needed at the binding edge?
- What is the trim size (final page size) around the non-binding edges?
- How thick will the book be? (due to either number of pages or weight of paper stock)