Quarter Bound Book Directions
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It is important you measure other quarter bound books and find the ratio desired between cover and buckram (or whatever you choose to use as your spine wrap). I will refer to the spine wrap as buckram for these directions. You may purchase buckram in various sizes and colors (available from Butterfly Binding).

1) Determine the height of your buckram from the measurements given (Bookmaking Lab Notes given in lecture and lab). Find the center of your buckram. Draw a vertical line down the center.

2) Find the center of your spine board. Draw a vertical line down the center.

3) Glue the spine board to the buckram making sure the two vertical lines align perfectly.

4) Find the 5/16” mark on your ruler and make your guidelines on the buckram for your cover and back boards.

5) Take your cover and back board. Cover the back boards with your choice of paper, fabric, etc. doing all of the turn-ins as indicated in your Bookbuilding Lab Notes. You can put the paper flush on one side with the .625” allowance on the other, or you can let part of the board show, since it will be covered up when you glue your boards to the buckram. It’s important to label your orientation at this point.

6) Use the book paste on the buckram making sure the glue is only applied on the guideline you drew earlier. You don’t want to go past that 5/16” mark with the glue (this is your hinge!).

7) Glue your cover and back board to the buckram at the guidelines.

8) Finally, glue the top and bottom of the buckram and fold over by lifting and turning (the technique used in lab when we turned over our head and tail).

9) This is your completed cover. Proceed with remaining directions (Casing in - Bookbuilding Lab Notes)