

# Bookbinding



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## Bookbinding as We Know it Now

Referred to as "Perfect Binding," the most common form of binding paperback books is a method that uses glue to create a strong, square spine that holds together the pages and cover.

## Critical Inventions in the World of Bookbinding

When paper created from wood pulp was invented, it decreased the cost of paper dramatically. As a result, it became a more accessible product.

Gutenberg's  
Printing Press

David  
McConnell  
Smyth's sewing  
machine  
designed  
specifically for  
bookbinding.

## Various Book Mediums

Books haven't always been what we now know them as. For a long time paper wasn't even the usual writing medium. It was stone, clay, or plant matter.

## Tablets

Often made of clay, wax, stone, or a metal, written works were done on tablets.

## and Scrolls

Most famously made of papyrus, thick sheets of paper were composed of layers of plant matter.

## The Codex Form

Usually contained sheets of vellum (a fine parchment of calf skin) bound inside covers of wood or leather.

## And the Modern Book

Bound using methods including thread and glue, books follow codex form using paper made from wood pulp.

**Adhesive**

**Non-Adhesive**

















