

Bookbinding & Botanicals - tools & materials:

In this workshop we will make a set of reusable leaf stamps out of funky foam (backed with card) inspired by leaves we have collected. Using an ink pad, our leaf stamps and a wax leaf rubbing technique, we will create a range of decorative papers, which we'll use to create an A5 nature journal (project 1) and an A7 fold and cut book (project 2).

We will then create an A6 pressed leaf notebook (project 3), for which we will trap our collected leaves and collaged leaf cut-outs under a layer of book film to create the front cover.

For your convenience I have prepared a kit that accompanies this workshop, this includes all the tools and enough materials to make two of each of the books pictured opposite. This costs £18, including postage, and is [available to order here](#). Please note: to ensure this arrives in time for the online workshop, please order by 1 July 2021.

You will need the following tools/materials to make a set of leaf stamps & the 3 books -

Materials:

A5 white copy paper (around 80gsm)
x24 sheets

A5 thin white card (around 170gsm)
x3 sheets

A4 white copy paper (around 80gsm)
x1 sheet

A5/A4 sheet of funky foam - for making leaf stamps

Book film - a piece roughly 19x14.5cm

Patterned paper offcuts - could be decorative paper, old maps, wrapping paper etc.

Wax crayons in a range of colours

Pencil

2 split pins

Ink pad

Cereal box card - to back your leaf stamps

A selection of leaves and a thin twig roughly 10.5cm long

Tools:

Bookbinding awl or a push-pin is a low-fi alternative

Cork tile or old magazine - to push into when using awl/push-pin

Bone folder or handle of a pair of scissors is a low-fi option

Bookbinding needle or textile needle (with large enough eye for thread)

Thread for stitching - in the workshop we'll use 1mm coloured waxed cotton thread or you can use embroidery thread and wax it yourself with beeswax. You'll need roughly 60cm of thread.

Scissors

Two bulldog clips or clothes pegs

Glue stick

Cutting mat or chopping board

These materials/tools are available from most craft stores and online - I tend to use **Hobbycraft**, **The Range** or **Baker & Ross** for funky foam, ink pads, paper, crayons, thread, glue etc. And **J Hewit & Son's** for bookbinding tools but there are many different suppliers if you search online. If you are struggling to find anything, please get in touch with Cass at bookbindingwithcass@gmail.com

Botanical stamps

Make a set of reusable leaf stamps.



Project 2: Fold & cut book

Do some wax leaf rubbings and make a no-stitch book with fold out leaf prints.



Project 1: Nature journal

Stitch together a nature journal with twig spine and use your stamps to decorate the front and back cover.



Project 3: Pressed leaf notebook

Create a collaged book cover with pressed leaves and leaf cut outs, stitch together with a pamphlet stitch and add a wind round fastening.

