

TUTORIAL 1.

PLAYING CARD BOOK

SUPPLIES

- 4 cards, matched in size
- 6 pieces of text weight paper cut papers twice the width of your cards x length of cards less 1/4
- 1 piece of card stock cut same as text papers
- 1 piece heavy thread or light chord 3x the length of the cards
- Double stick tape

TOOLS

- Heavy sewing needle
- Scissors
- Bone folder (optional)

STEP 1

- Align the paper and the cardstock.
- Fold the entire group of papers in half.
- Open the papers up.
- Using the needle, poke three holes in the inside fold as follows: in the middle; 1/2" from the right edge; and 1/2" from the left edge.
- Make the holes just big enough for the needle to pass through easily.

STEP 3

- Apply strips of double stick tape to the backs of all four playing cards.
- Attach the adhesive sides of the cards to both sides of the cardstock covers on your stitched booklet, leaving 3/16" between the edge of the card and the spine.

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STEP 2

- Thread the needle leaving one short end so you can stitch with one strand. Do not knot the thread/cord.
- Stitch pages together as follows: pass the needle through the center hole from inside the fold to outside the fold (spine) leaving a 2" tail of thread; then pass the needle from the outer **right** side spine hole to the inside; then pass the needle from the inside **left** hole to the outside. Finally, pass your needle back through the center hole from the outside to the inside.
- Clip the threads to 1 1/2"-2". Place one cut end to either side of the cord running the length of the fold and tie a secure square knot. Clip thread ends to about 1/4".

TIP #1

If your cards have distinct top and bottom images, take this into consideration as you attach the cards to the cardstock.

TIP #2

Place your completed book under heavy weights (e.g. big, heavy books) overnight to thwart the book's tendency to spring open.