Book Arts: An Introduction

What to Bring
Bonefolder
Scissors
Glue brushes*
X-acto knife
Steel ruler with cork backing
Bookbinders’ awl**
Self-healing cutting mat
Pencil

Where to purchase tools:
Michael’s: everything
Joanne Fabric: scissors, cutting mat
Artisans: glue brush, x-acto, cutting mat, steel ruler, bookbinders’ awl

In Michael’s there is usually a very small section of bookbinding tools near the card-making area or calligraphy area. Sometimes there are some in special areas like “Martha Stewart’ and scrapbooking areas. Scissors and cutting mats are in the sewing or quilting areas. Steel rulers are usually in the graphic art/architectural drawing area. Brushes and X-acto knives are found in multiple sections depending on the store.

*Glue Brushes
You will need a small inexpensive 1 ½” – 2” paint brush or utility brush for gluing. Home Depot and Lowe’s have some that are suitable. Please avoid the super-cheap ones with irregular sparse bristles (which will fall out while you glue and frustrate you). If you want to try a variety of brushes, stencil brushes will also work. You may also want to have some inexpensive artist brushes of various sizes for gluing smaller areas.

**Bookbinders Awl
If you cannot find a bookbinders’ awl locally, you may use a ceramics pin tool or similar lightweight awl-type tool. Sometimes you can find these at Michael’s in the clay/ceramics area. Avoid woodworkers’ awls, as they are too big for our purposes.

Questions?
Email Pam MacKellar at pmackellar182@gmail.com
If you cannot find something on this list, please email me. I will try to bring some extras for you to purchase if you let me know in advance.

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