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AVA Gallery & Art Center

From Flat Sheet to Folio

Referencing historic book layout, we will make a flat sheet of paper into a folio that can stand alone as a card or be bound with more folios to create a book. This method allows for imaging only one side of the paper and the ability to have an image to cross the center fold without interruption. This is a useful technique for printmakers or anyone who makes flat work on paper and wants to explore a simple but effective way to image pages for a book. Using dry media art supplies, participants will make images, place some text, fold folios and bind them into a simple cover.

Materials:

- For rough sketches: Copy paper, 8.5 x 11
- For Folios: 5-8 sheets of 8.5 x 11 lighter weight drawing paper (like Strathmore 300 Series Sketch paper at 50 lb/74 gsm or Mohawk Superfine 80lb text weight) This paper should be able to fold with ease.
- For Cover: 3 sheets of 12 x 12 cardstock or cover weight paper any color you'd like (you can use 90-140 lb art paper if it folds well without cracking) *We will trim this down.*
- 4 feet of bookbinding thread, linen 18/3 (or button & carpet thread, perle cotton #8, or unflavored dental floss, waxed or unwaxed)

- Art materials: "clean" dry media, such as colored pencil, pencils, markers, rubber stamps/stamp pads, crayons (should not be wet or smear, so no watercolor or pastels)
- For text: pens, calligraphy tools, rubber stamp or stencil alphabets, rub on letters (size of letters should probably be between 3/8-5/8" high). Any of these would work.

Tools:

- 2 Binder's clips, small
- Sewing needle, bookbinder's or milliner's (Make sure the eye is not too big. Should be big enough to accommodate binding thread, but not much bigger than the shaft of the needle.)
- Awl or piercing tool
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Cutting mat (or hard cardboard to cut on, like back of notebook pad)
- X-acto knife
- Glue stick (optional)
- Bone folder (optional but helpful)
- Beeswax or paraffin (optional)