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Birdy Pamphlet Book with a Note to Bird Songs

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QUICK GUIDELINE TO MAKE A PAMPHLET BOOK:

Preparing paper for text block:

- Select paper and determine size.
- Fold, score, rip. Remember grain of paper must be parallel to the spine!
- Arrange different type of paper in desired order.

Preparing cover:

- Cut cover to size leaving a "hair" bigger than text block (fold, score, rip).
- Fold the cover (draw, lift, sharp crease; repeat until all folds are done);
- Check-up: Fit the text block inside cover to see if it fits well.

Sewing the book:

- Create a paper jig (sewing pattern), determine how many holes for pamphlet (min. 3).
- Transfer jig measurements to signature and cover by punching holes with awl.
- Measure an amount of linen thread (4 times height of book).
- Wax your linen thread if desired and secure your thread in needle.
- Start to sew on the middle hole (inside for knot on inside; or outside for knot on inside).
- Remember to sew/pull thread towards where you are sewing to avoid ripping paper.
- Create a butterfly stitch all along the spine.
- Close with square knot.
- Cut excess thread, leaving ¼" approx.

Option for decorating the cover:

- Use template of desired figure to cut out its silhouette on the cover.
- Place decorative paper on the inside flap of the cover.
- Adhere it with acid-free double sided tape.

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