



5 EASY STEPS FOR ADDING LIFE TO YOUR BOOKS

For use with ChromaLabel's Book Binding Repair Kit

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Prepping the Book for Repair

Whether you're applying tape, wings, or corners, it's important to cleanse the area of any foreign substances to ensure optimum adhesion of the product you'll be applying.

Use the book eraser to safely remove grime from the book cover, inside the book cover, book spine or corners. Simply wet the eraser, wring out thoroughly and scrub away any grime!

(Bonus: eraser is acid free. Woo-hoo!)



Fixing a Book Spine with Cloth Tape (hardcover)

Attach the bone folder perpendicular to the end of the tape and roll out enough BookGuard™ Premium Cloth Tape for the length of the book. Use a ruler to define the cutting edge, and carefully cut. We suggest using sharp scissors and placing some tension on the tape while cutting to ensure a clean cut. If not done properly, it's easy to get the scissors caught up in the macho-adhesive tape. (Yes, that's a technical term)



Now firmly apply the tape onto the spine and sides of the book. We suggest having at least 1/2" of tape on either side of the spine. Use the bone folder to press the tape onto the spine and into the gusset, then trim off the excess with scissors. Remember: our adhesive is pressure-sensitive, so the more you press it, the better it will adhere over time!



Fixing Book Corners

We've included a package of our BookGuard™ Premium Cloth Book Repair Corners. These are ideal for torn, damaged, and otherwise very unhappy corners. So here's how they work:

- A. Peel it and firmly stick it to the corner, making sure to overlap by about 1/8"
- B. Fold the two sides in to meet on the inside of the cover
- C. Use the bone folder to press them down a bit harder and get a better bond



Fixing the edges of the Book Spine

Use the included BookGuard Premium Cloth Book Wings to mend and reinforce one of the most abused parts of the book: the top and bottom of the spine. So here's the skinny:

- A. Peel one off and center it on the edge of the spine, wings pointing off the edge
- B. Open the front and back of the book, and fold the two wings down onto the covers
- C. Use the bone folder again to press it all more firmly for ridiculous protection



5. Fixing a Book Spine with Poly Tape (softcover)



You'll notice there's a roll of crystal-clear book binding tape. This is better suited for soft cover books, but you can use it on hard covers too. The tape is made of an acid-free, ph-neutral, stretchy, conformable material called *Polyethylene*.

Attach the bone folder perpendicular to the end of the tape and roll out enough tape for the length of the book. Use a ruler to define the cutting edge, and carefully cut.

Now firmly apply the tape onto the spine and sides of the book. We suggest having at least 1/2" of tape on either side of the spine. Use the bone folder to press the tape onto the spine and gusset. Remember: our adhesive is pressure-sensitive, so the more you press it, the better it will adhere over time!



Securing the inside cover to the front (facing) page

Use the included roll of 3/4" wide archival-safe BookGuard™ Polyethylene tape for this step. Follow the same procedure as the other book repair tapes with the bone and ruler.

For this repair, it's easiest to have an extra set of hands to help. Ask your friend, colleague, or mother to hold the book cover up to the edge of the spine at about a 45-degree angle. Then run your strip of tape down the middle, pressing firmly with the bone to adhere, as before.



FINAL TIPS:

A. Squeeze the spine with your hands to put a final, good amount of pressure on the tape and repair that you've just done.

B. Tape not adhering like you think it should? Make sure the cover is clean. Make sure you handle the adhesive side of the tape as minimally as possible - oil on your fingers will deaden the adhesive. Make sure both the products and book are at room temperature. Make sure you've used the bone or your hands to press the adhesive.

C. Handle your books with care! With proper maintenance and storage, books will last indefinitely. Our archival-safe adhesives and products will extend the life of even the cheapest bindings for the next generation and more!

