



ribbon-bound pages

An unassuming and charming way to bind a series of pages together. This book looks wonderful with raw deckle-edged paper, so seek out quality materials for this project. Perhaps now is the opportunity to use that ribbon you've been saving for just the right occasion. Bring back the tradition of a keepsake, and give a ribbon-bound memento to someone you treasure.

you'll need

3 X SHEETS OF A4
TEXTURED COTTON RAG
PAPER, SUCH AS KHADI
(HANDMADE PAPER
THEORETICALLY DOESN'T
HAVE A PARTICULAR GRAIN
DIRECTION, BUT IF YOU
HAVE AN OPTION, CHOOSE
SHORT GRAIN)

LARGE AWL OR JAPANESE
SCREW PUNCH

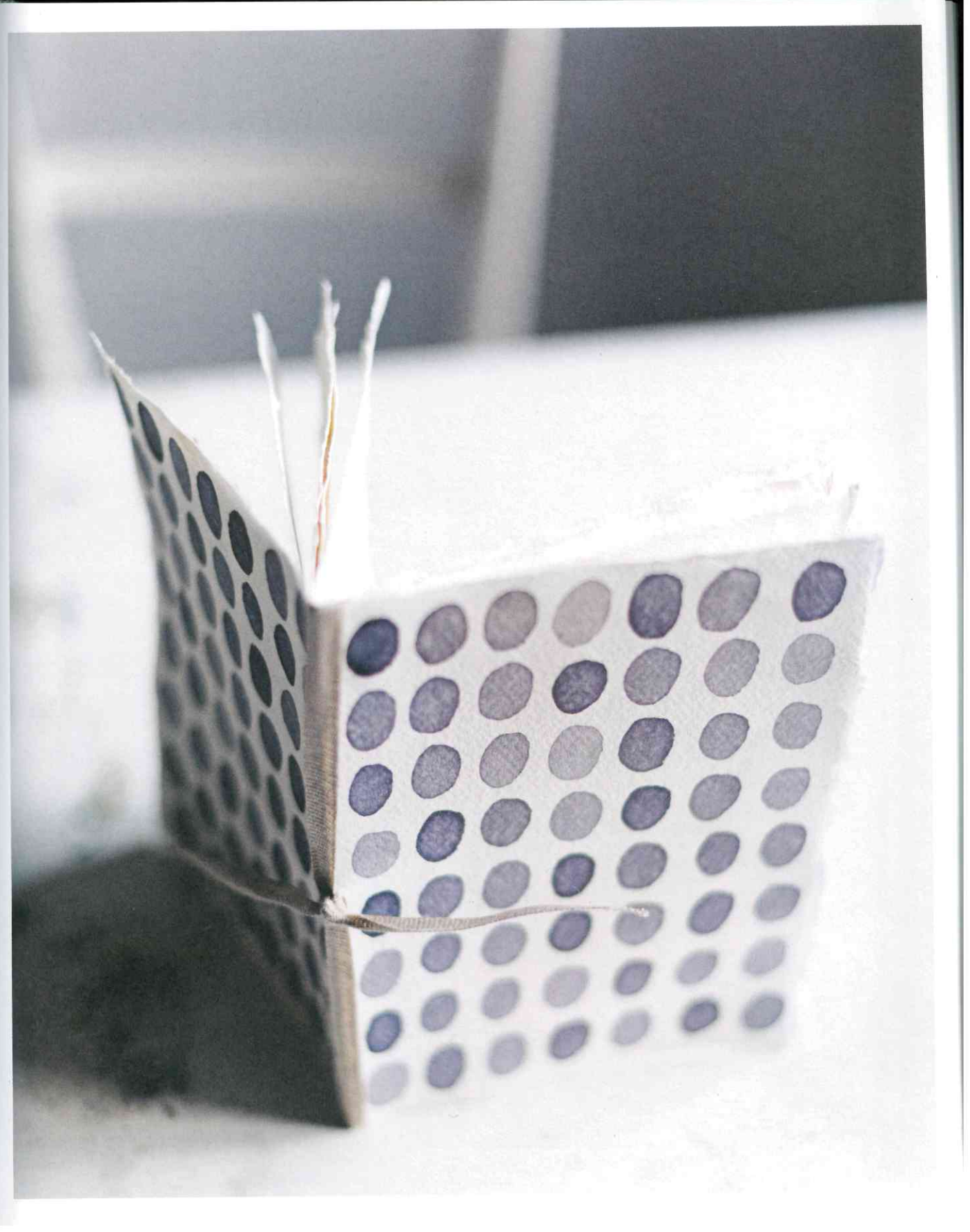
60CM (24IN) LENGTH OF
RIBBON, (MINIMUM 3MM
($\frac{1}{8}$ IN)/MAXIMUM 8MM ($\frac{1}{2}$ IN)
WIDE), UNBLEACHED LINEN
OR SMOOTH SATIN NEON,
ACCORDING TO TASTE

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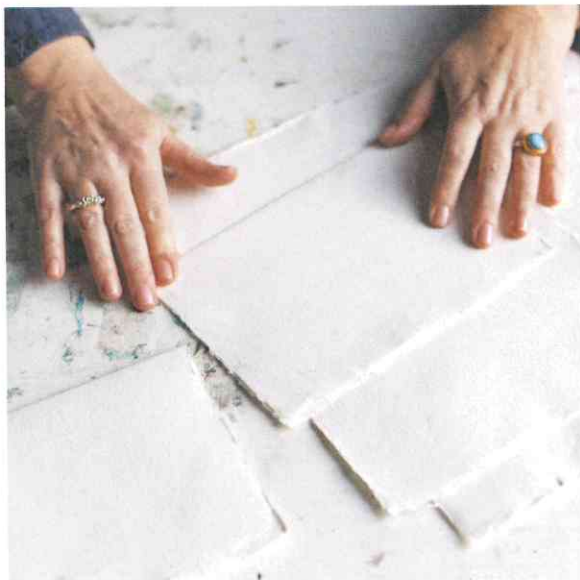
STICKY TAPE

WATERCOLOUR INK

BRUSH



1 Fold the three sheets of paper in half widthways, and open them out flat.



2 Decorate one side of one sheet with an inky pattern.

3 Make a generous hole, by finding the middle of the centre crease and, using an awl or screw punch, go through all three sheets.

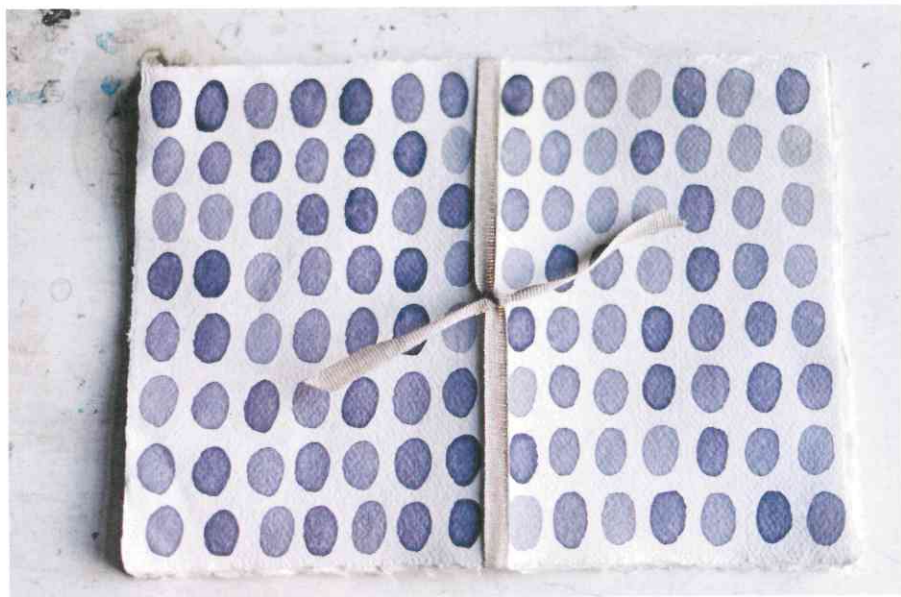
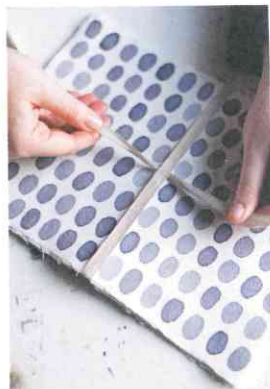
4 Cut a length of ribbon that is three times the height of your book. With all the folded pages together (and holes lined up), start threading the ribbon through the central hole, from the outside to the inside. If this is tricky, try a) adding sticky tape to reinforce the ribbon end, cut into a point, or b) making the hole bigger.



5 Holding onto the tail end of the ribbon with a spare finger, take the ribbon up and over the top of the pages, down the outside spine and under the book's bottom edge.



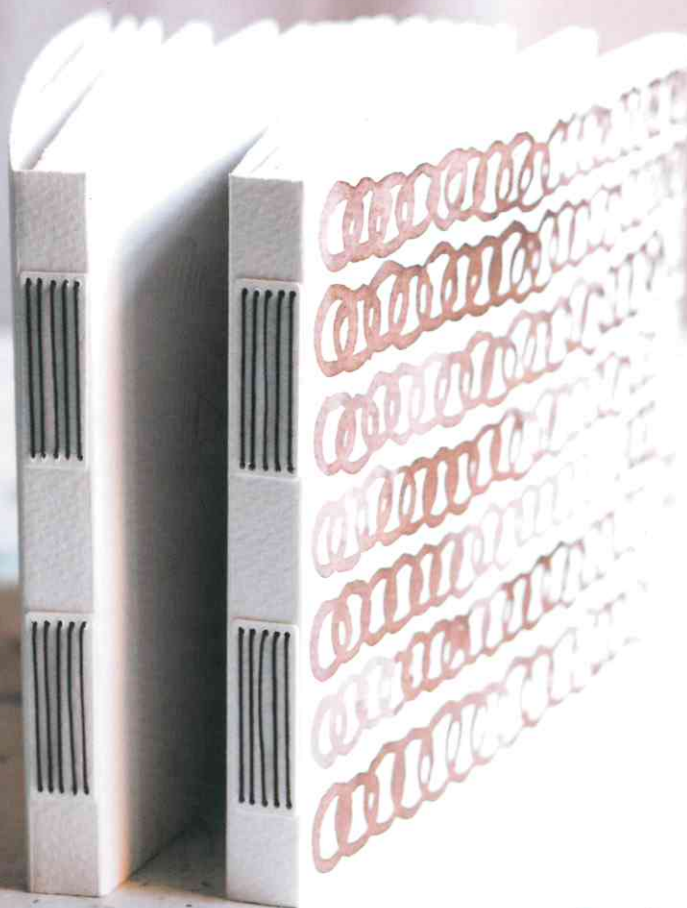
6 Bring the ribbon back up to the middle and ease it through to the outside of the book. Ensure that both ends lie on opposite sides of the long length of ribbon.



7 Now tie a double knot (or a bow if the tails are long enough) and trim the ribbon ends diagonally to stop them fraying.

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