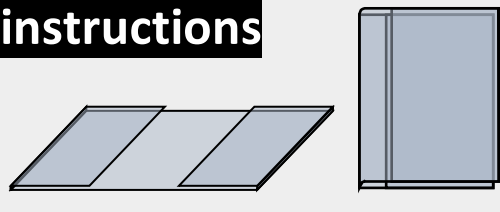


Mylar book jacket instructions

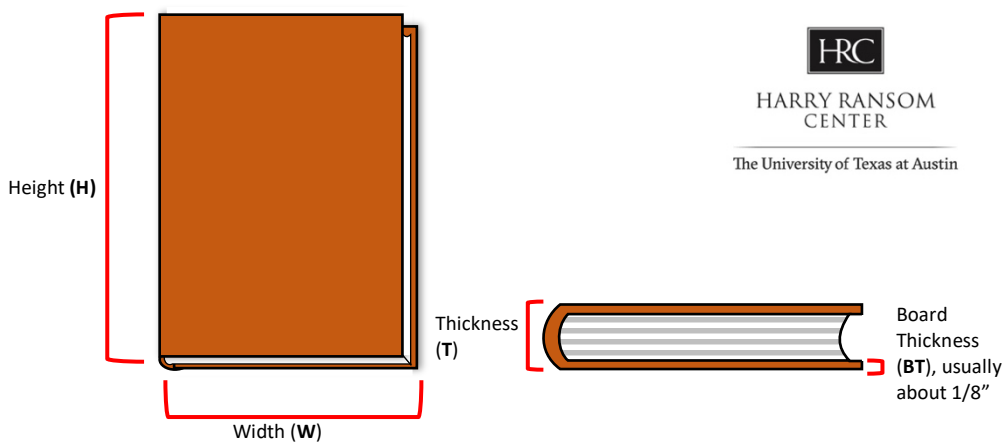
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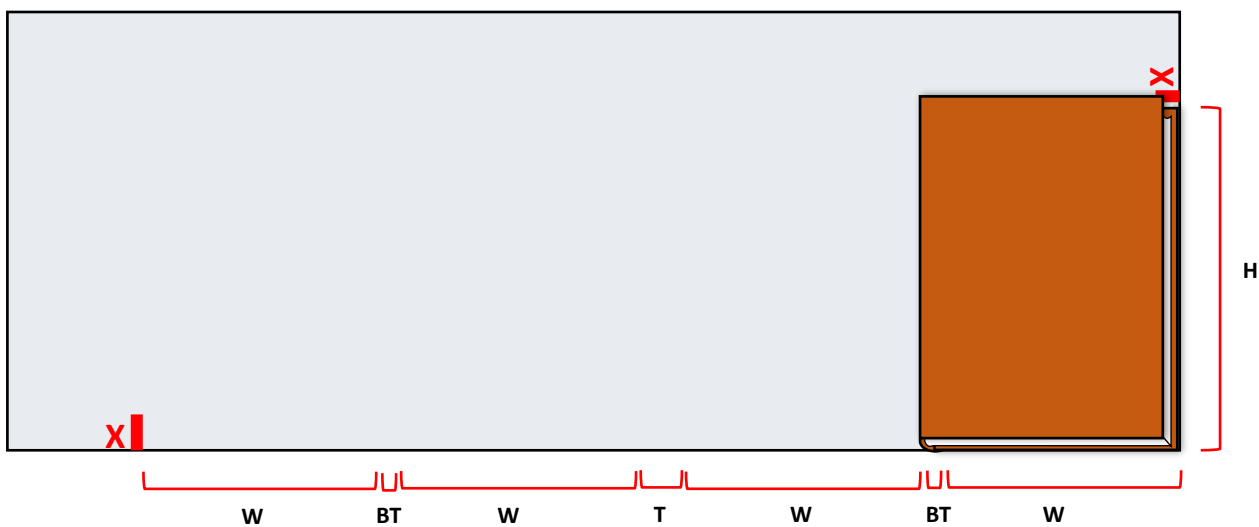
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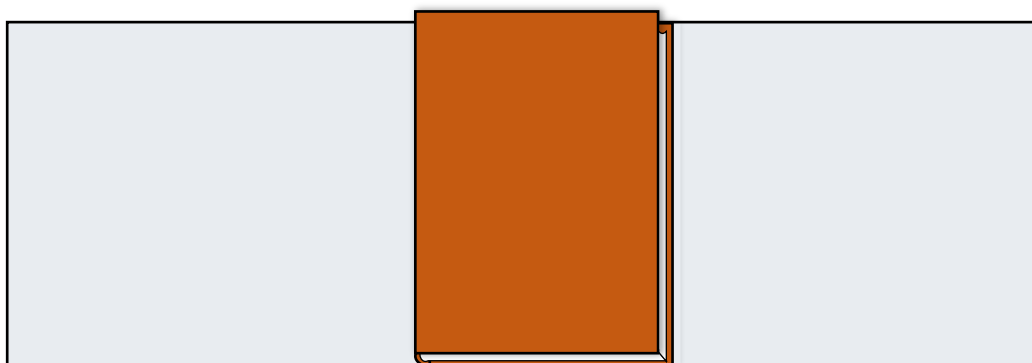


1. Measure and cut a strip of 4-mil Mylar as shown below.

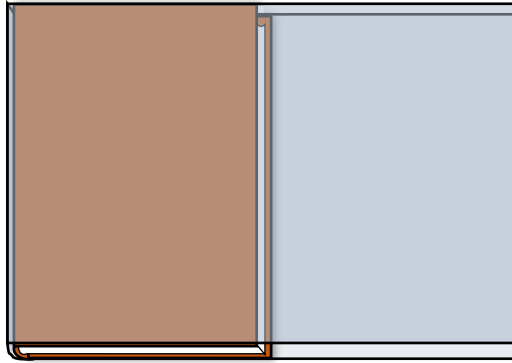
(Length of the Mylar does not have to be exact, as long as you have enough to trim later on.)



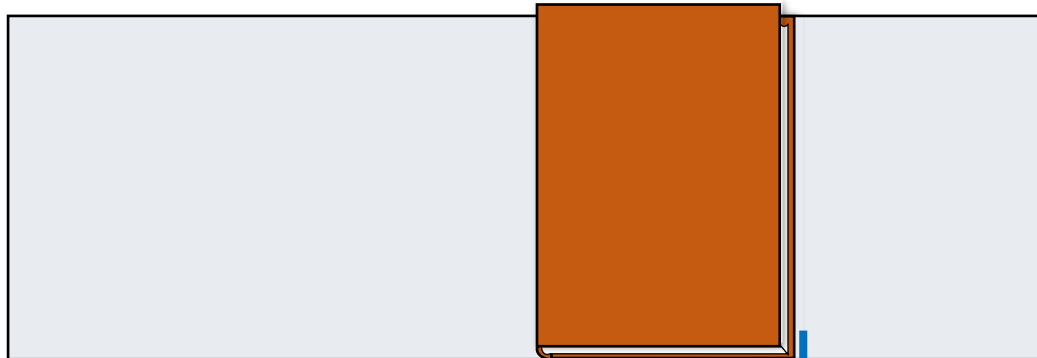
2. Place the book in the center of the trimmed Mylar sheet.



3. Bring the left edge of Mylar to the right, lining both edges even with each other and gently push the book firmly to the left.

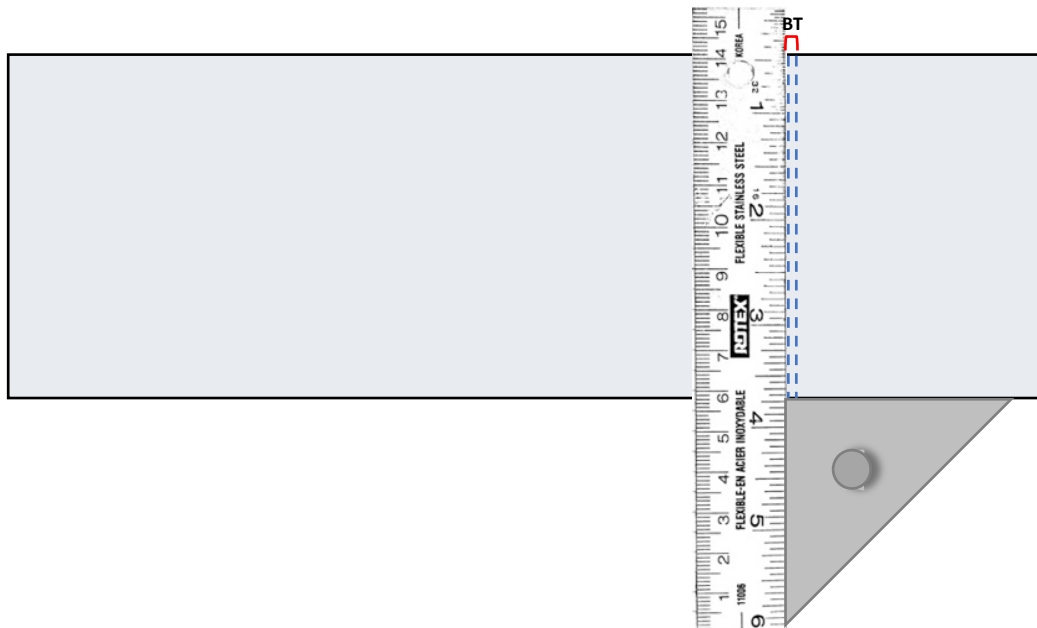


4. Lay the Mylar flat again, leaving the book in place. Make a small **score** to mark the right edge of the book.

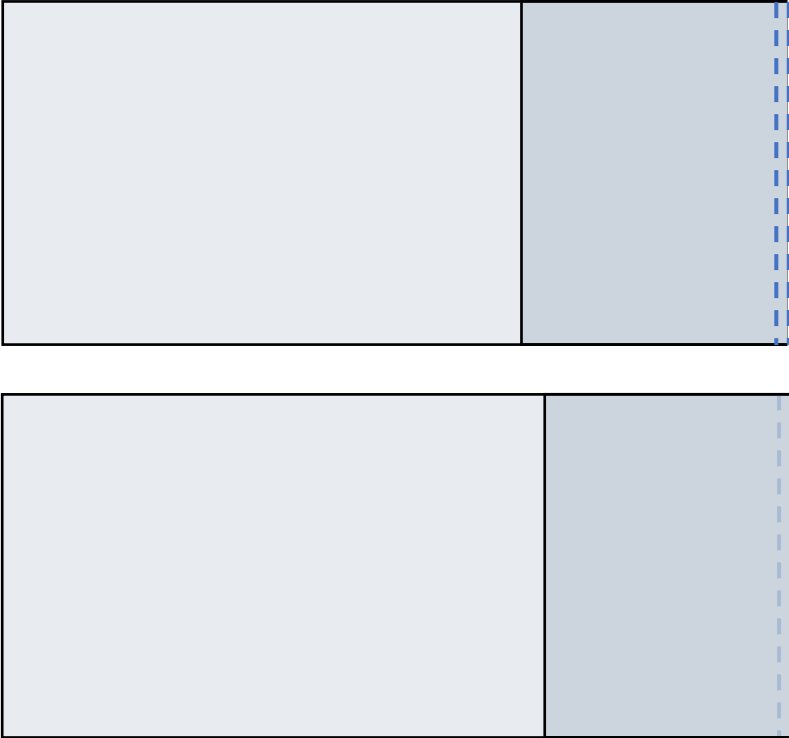


5. Remove the book. Using a ruler and a triangle tool, score a line using the mark made in step #4. Score another line one board thickness (usually about 1/8") to the right of the original score.

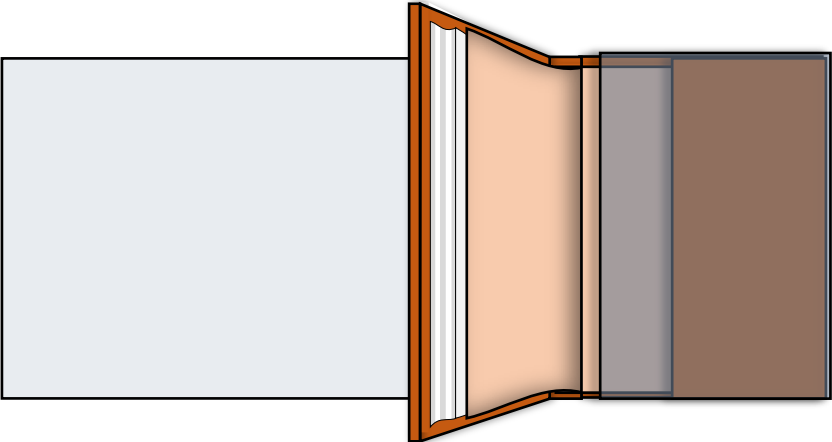
Note: An alternate technique to create this small crease for the thickness of the book board is shown on page 6.



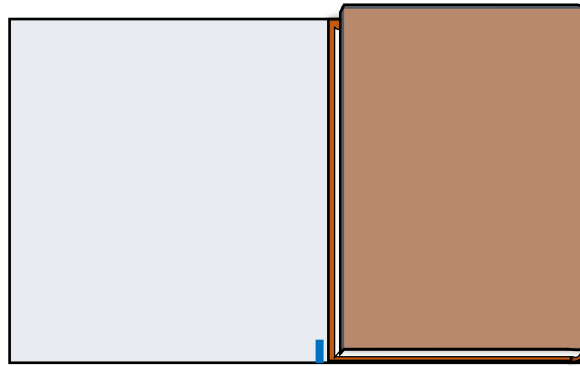
6. Fold the Mylar over the first score line created. Enhance the crease with a bone folder. Repeat this process with the second scored line.



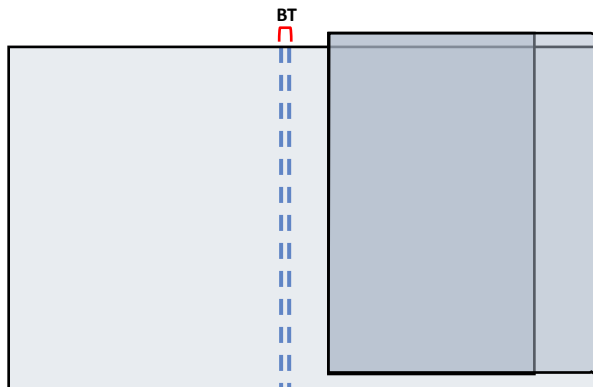
7. Tuck the back board of the book inside the Mylar sleeve created. Close the book.



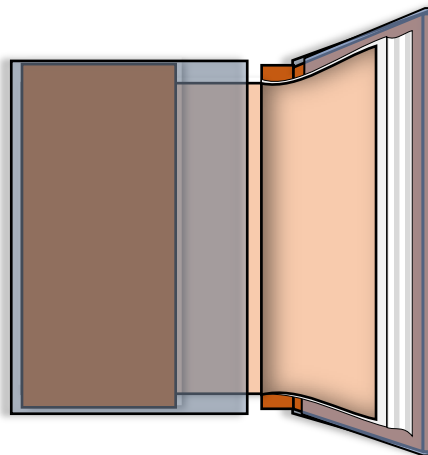
8. Turn the book over to the left. Make a small **score** on the left edge as indicated.



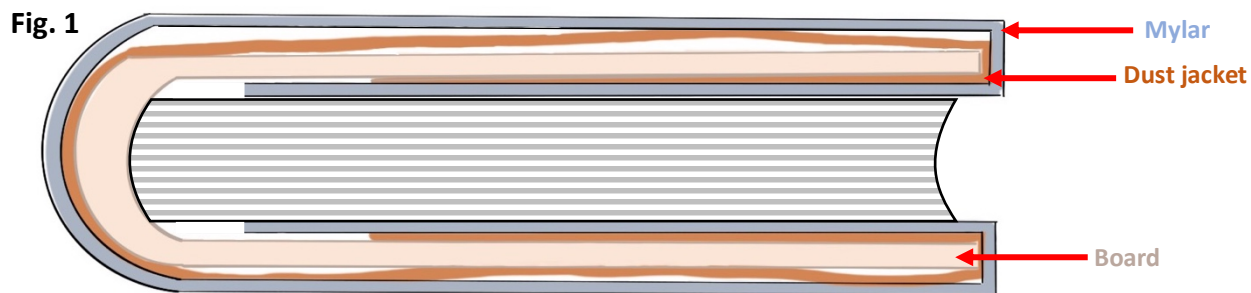
9. Remove the book. Repeat the scoring process from step #6, this time adding an additional score to the **left**.



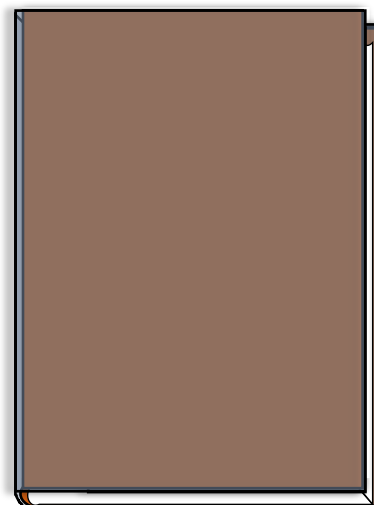
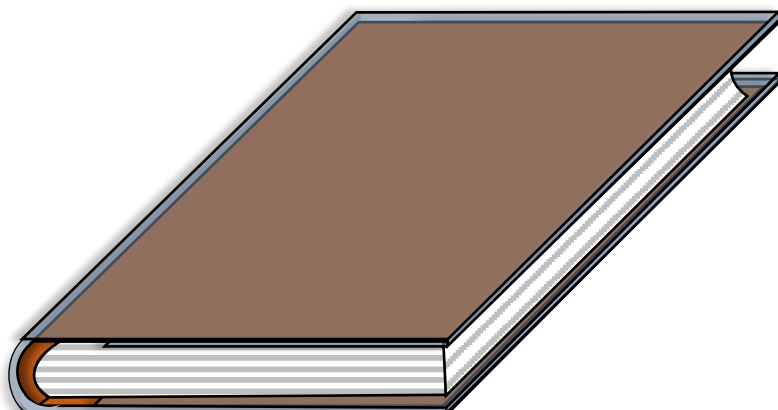
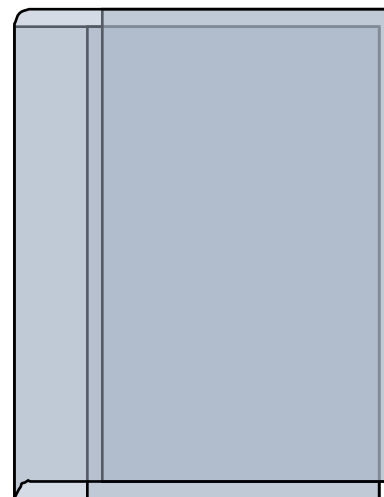
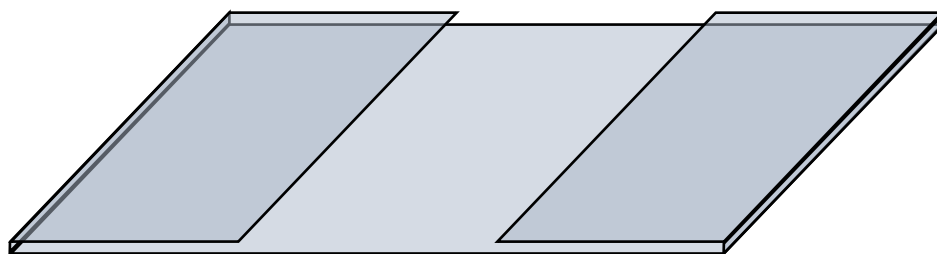
10. Tuck in both front and back boards of the book into the Mylar sleeves. Close the book.



11. Check that the Mylar is not too tight by laying the book flat and viewing the side. If the dust jacket under the Mylar is warped, it is too tight (see Fig. 1 below). All parts should lie flat, as shown in Figure 2.

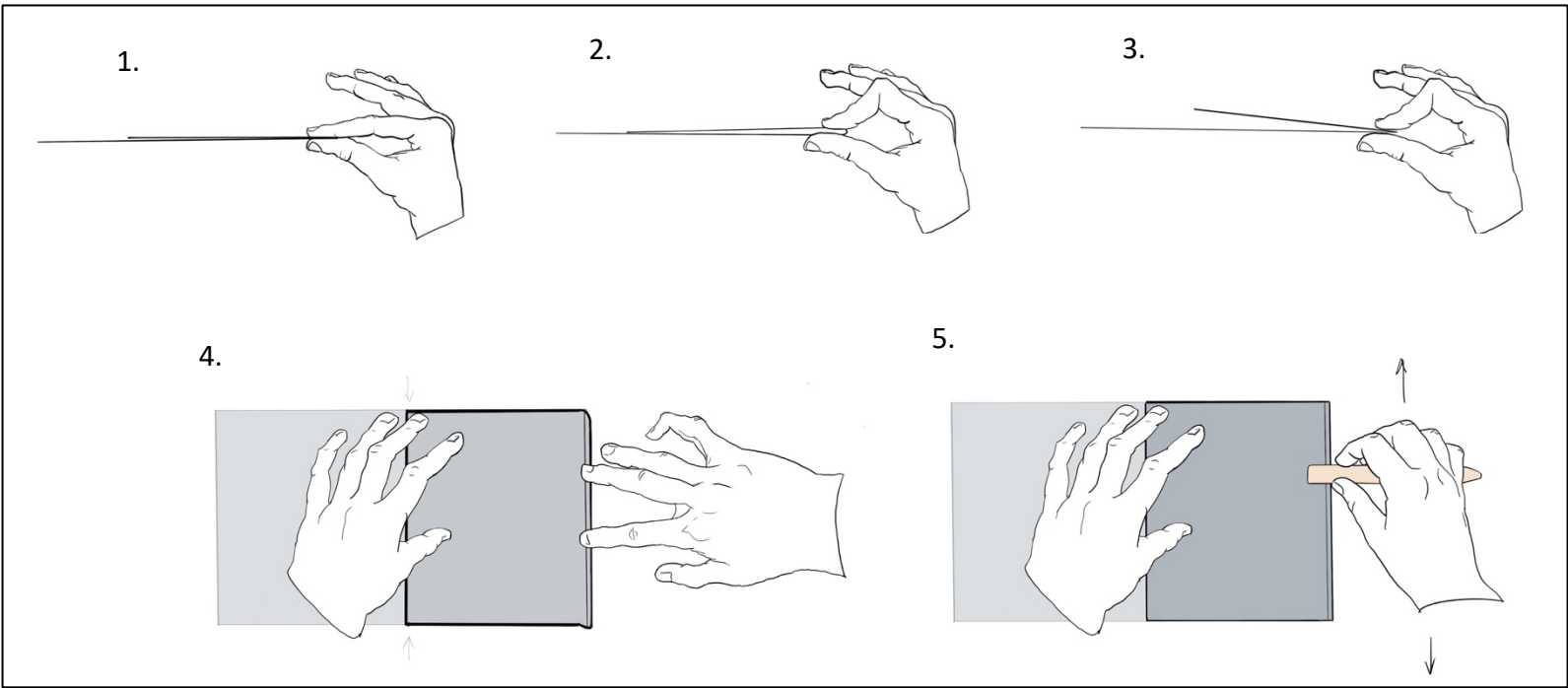


12. Completed Mylar book jacket should appear as shown:



Alternate creasing technique:

Once the first score is made and creased, you can pinch and roll the mylar over to create a starting point for the next crease. The natural resistance of the mylar creates the size of the completed edge for the book board (should be about 1/8"). See images for two ways to complete this technique:



or

