

‘The Clamshell Box: A Safe Place for Books’ Tool List

- Bone folder (Teflon or bone okay)
- Glue brushes: 1 large (1” to 2”, round or flat); 1 small (1/2” to 3/4”, flat)
- Water cup (for glue brushes)
- PVA. We recommend Jade 403 (available from various bookbinding and conservation suppliers), but any PVA will work, (Elmer’s, Modpodge, crafting glue, etc.)
- X-Acto and replacement blades or snap-off blade cutter
- Ruler [preferably steel and with a squared-off end (not rounded)]
- Scissors (I like small ones)
- Pencil/eraser
- 2”- 3” metal triangle or L-square
- Something flat to use as a press board, 8” x 10” or similar (i.e. piece of wood, MDF, heavy book)
- Bag of dry beans, rice, lentils, etc. (to use as weight)
- A few weights and/or heavy household items to use as weights (i.e. canned goods, books)
- Cutting mat
- A right angle: This can be set up by using a bench hook, which you make or purchase. Alternatively, you can clamp a wooden board to your work surface. The goal is to have a stable edge, at least an inch or so tall, perpendicular to the work surface.
- Wax paper
- Scrap paper

Optional: decorative paper to use for pastedowns inside box. We will provide a solid color paper for this with the materials, but if you have some of your own paper you’d like to use instead, go for it!