

On-Demand Trade Binding Factfile

Blissett Bookbinders provide a renowned good quality service for small run limited edition case binding runs. We will deal with orders for one-off books to runs of 250 volumes both quickly and expertly and to our high standards.

Our services are made available for printers and publishers as well as private individuals who are looking for case binding facilities and services using a variety of materials ranging from the printed paper case to specialised leather presentation volumes. Publisher's cloth or paper case bindings can be turned around in just 5 working days.

We offer a comprehensive range of binding styles to cater for all eventualities. This Factfile lays out the basis of our services but for more information please visit our Web Site www.blissetts.com.

Unsewn Binding

Firstly, we do not offer hot-melt, unsewn, drawn on cover paperback binding at this time. We only 'perfect bind' using cold flexible PVA adhesive. All books are bound by hand with the adhesive applied by brush by double fanning the leaves so that glue is absorbed at both the back of the book block and additionally, between the edge of each page. This can be combined with notching which allows yet more glue into the spine for greater strength. The spines remain flexible and have great opening characteristics. All spines are lined with a suitable lining material for added strength and to help retain their shape.



Mekabind Perfect Binder

It is our view that all unsewn bindings should be rounded and backed before casing in. The importance of binding papers with the grain direction running head to tail is paramount. Printers should always test papers before printing and binding for appropriate grain direction and we are happy to provide this service.

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Unsewn binding is the less expensive alternative to sewn bindings and our choice of spine preparations, applications and adhesives means the binding is an excellent choice when you need to trim production costs yet still retain good quality. Recent tests during research in America have proved unsewn binding using PVA adhesives applied as above as STRONGER than sewn binding methods.

Sewn Binding



Martini section sewer

We sew books on Muller Martini machines or a Smythe Europa semi-automatic section stitcher and can cater for up to 32 pp sections on 100 gsm stock. The importance of a tight sewing is recognised by our binders and we nip all sections both prior to and after sewing. Sewn bindings can be provided in either flat back or rounded & backed format.

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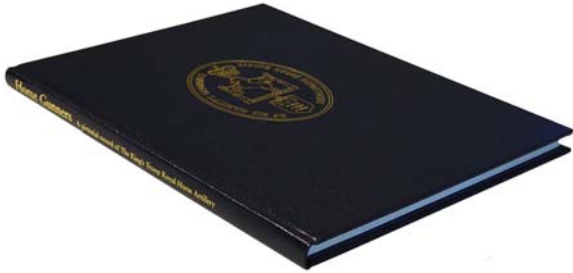
Materials

We are used to working with a wide range of materials. As always, grain direction of papers, boards and binding materials used is important to get the best results. We bind in PPC supplied by customers or various cloths can be supplied, including **Wibalin**, **Balacron** and buckrams or their equivalents. We are also happy to quote for working in leather and simulated bonded leathers such as **Hydra** and **Cabra** as requested. We can add headbands and provide end sheets.

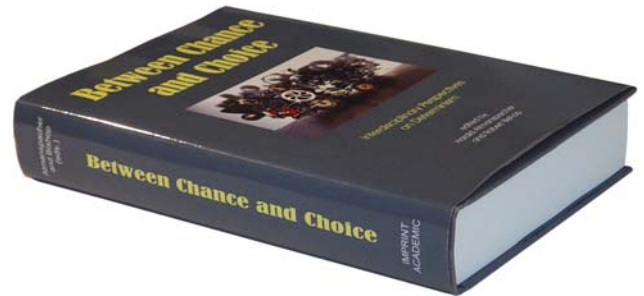
We can block on spines and full front/back boards. Artwork must be supplied.

Notching

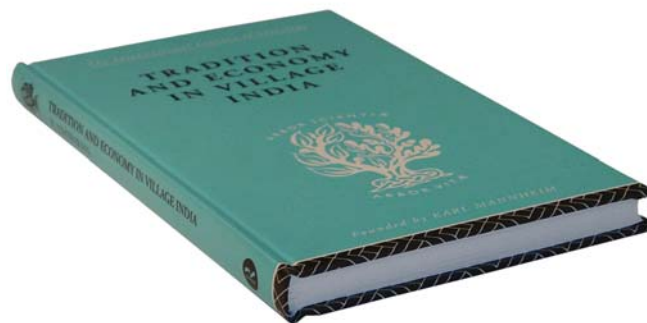
We are happy to quote for taking book blocks and preparing spines by notching only. These book blocks can then be bound on in-house hot-melt machines for paperback binding with the milling blade removed.



Full Cabra Casebound limited edition



Wibalin binding with dust jacket



Printed Paper Cover Binding

For further help, estimates and samples on request, please speak with Gary Blissett on 0800 096 6415 or fax us: 020 8993 1815. Alternatively e-mail Gary Blissett at gary.blissett@blissetts.com

Range of Machinery & Equipment

Blissett Bookbinders is essentially a hand bindery with semi automatic machines in place to speed up small runs. This machinery includes:

- Hand fed Martini and Smythe book sewers
- Smythe Europa semi-automatic book sewer
- MekaBind double fan, PVA perfect binders
- 2 x SC-2 Autocase case making machines
- Programmatic guillotines
- P.I.E. Rounding & Backing machines
- Verso-matic casing in machinery
- Hydro-press book presses
- Semi-automatic gold foiling machinery
- Flesher Systems 3 computerised stamping equipment

All our machine work is complimented with comprehensive hand and bench working skills



Mekacase casemaking

Range of Services

Our services include:

- **Full estimating & proofing service** Fully itemised costing, proofing and time schedule agreements in advance
- **Publishers runs** 1 - 250 runs dealt with quickly and expertly to agreed time scales
- **Edition case binding** 1 - 250 runs including sewn single section work, case bound
- **Journal binding** Collections of magazines bound in full presentation format or subscriber editions
- **Report & Minute binding** Important reports intended for limited circulation or presentation and minutes of committees and boards are bound to exact specifications using best quality materials to give a long lasting professional finish
- **Conservation work** Older and rarer books of value expertly and carefully repaired, conserved or restored
- **Thesis binding** 6 hour service available
- **Photograph Albums** Small or large runs produced in a variety of covering materials and styles for retail or personal use
- **Portfolios & boxes** Slip cases, solander boxes and portfolio presenters can be custom made and blocked
- **Shrink wrapping & packing** A range of protective packages can be used prior to despatch anywhere in the UK

Estimates, Prices and Advice

Our estimating and proofing service extends to providing useful advice as to appropriate formats and material finishes for each individual job and allows for careful but precise budget planning. We'll produce samples on request and provide accurate time schedules for the differing stages of proofing, production and distribution. Estimates will be fully itemised if needed and our service can be made to be entirely flexible and individualised to match each and every requirement.

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