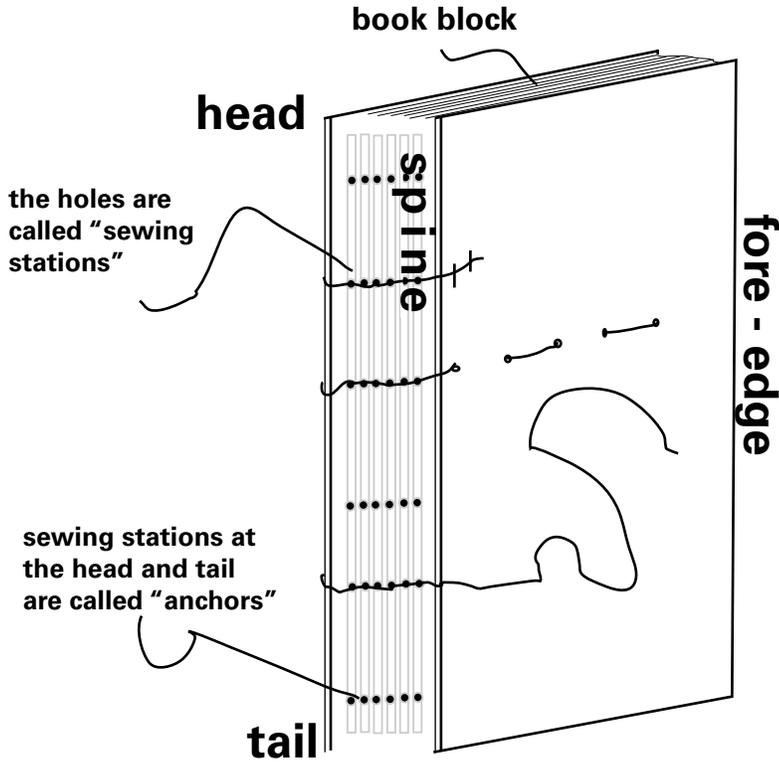
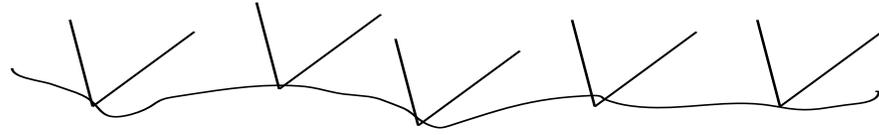
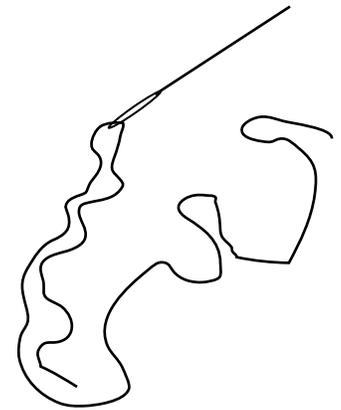


# BOOKBINDING sewing on raised cords

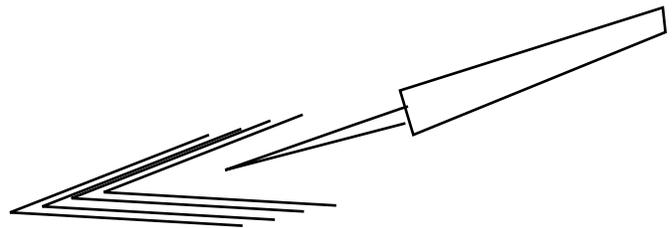


**THREAD:** it's best, when possible, to have enough thread to stitch the entire book without having to add any as you go. Measure the height of your signatures, add a couple inches, and multiply that by the total number of signatures.

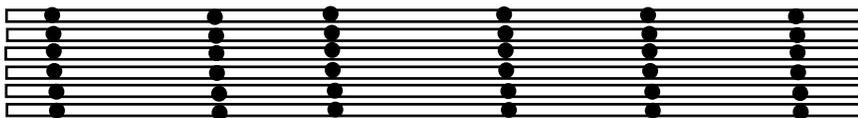


## STEP 1:

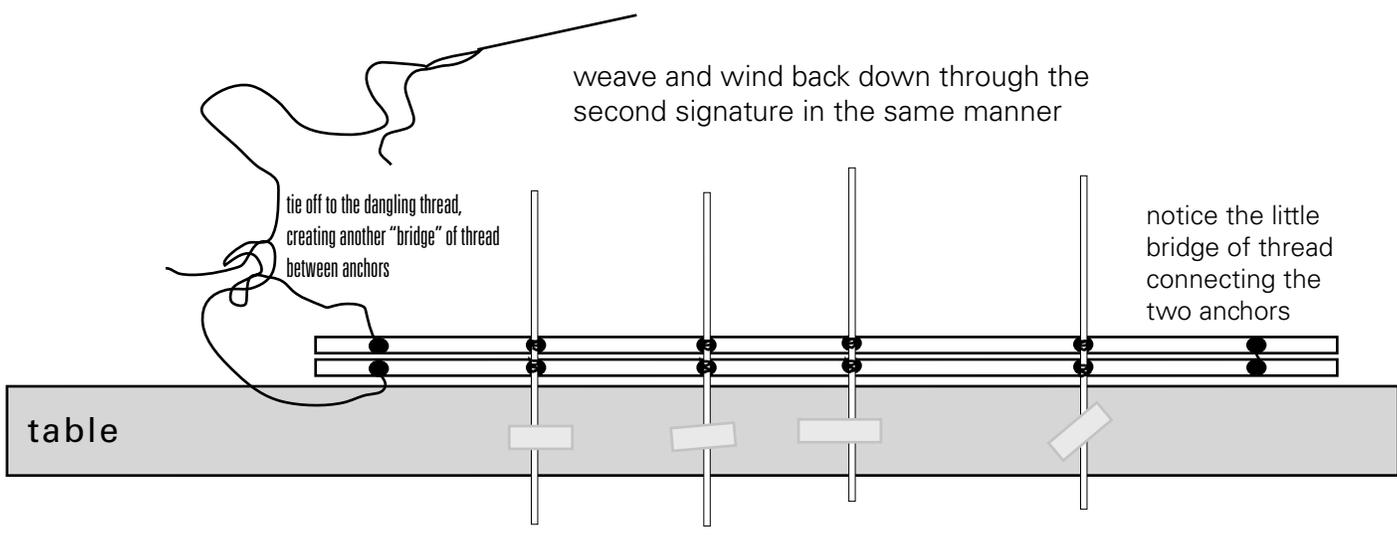
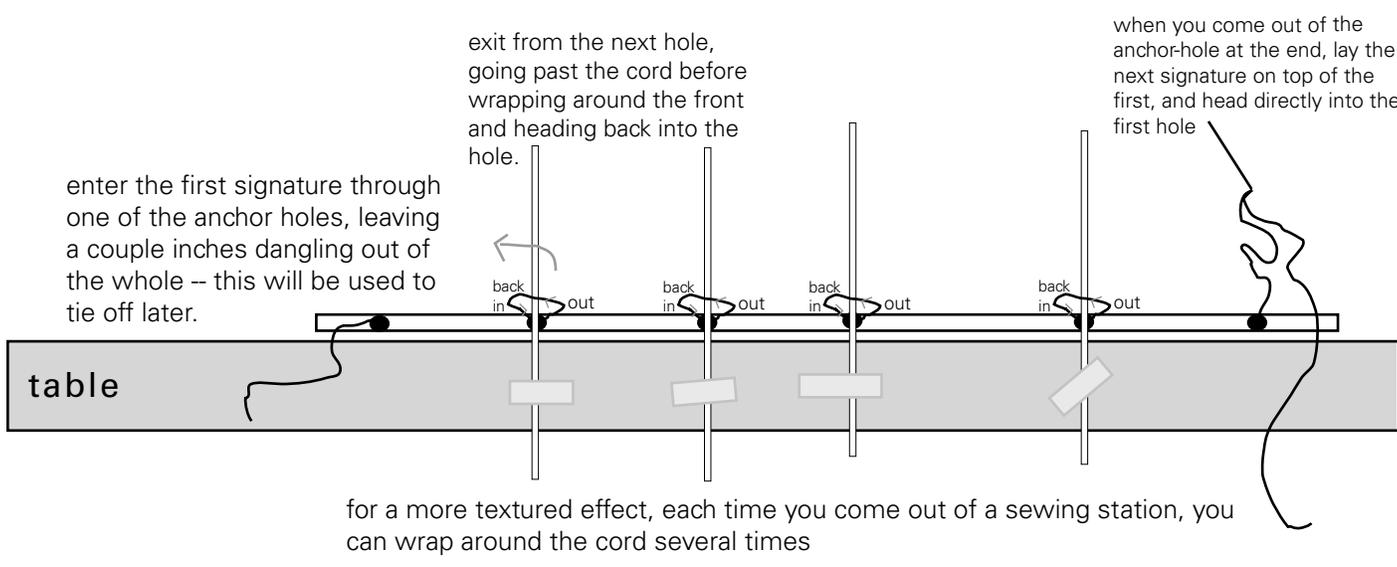
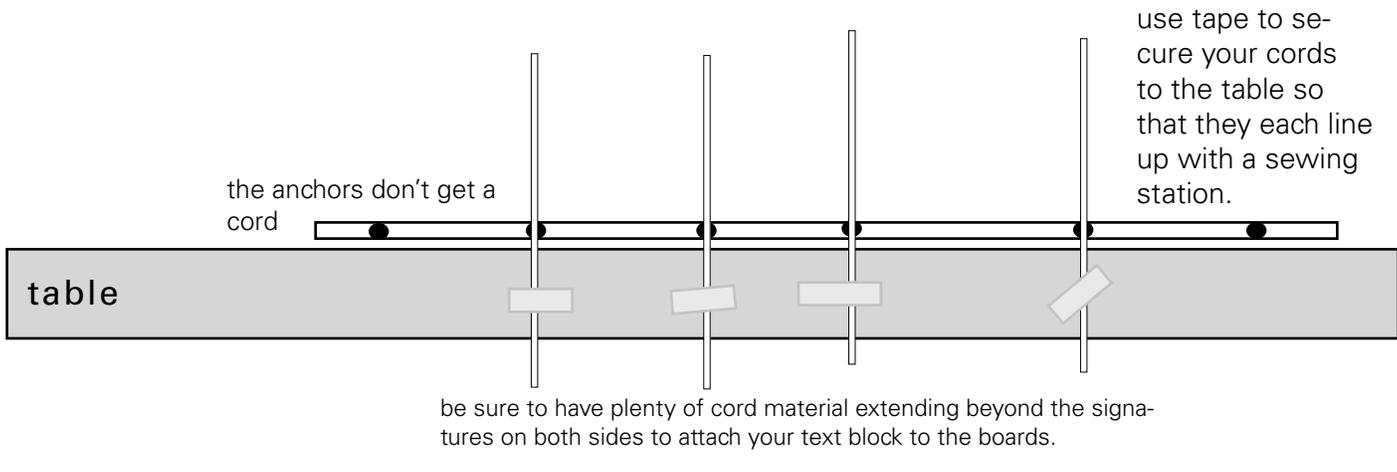
With all signatures folded, you can begin piercing the sewing stations in the fold of each signature. The sewing stations must all line up when the signatures are stacked together. To achieve this, measure as you pierce the first signature, then remove one folio from that signature and use it as a "jig," or template, for stabbing through the rest of the signatures.

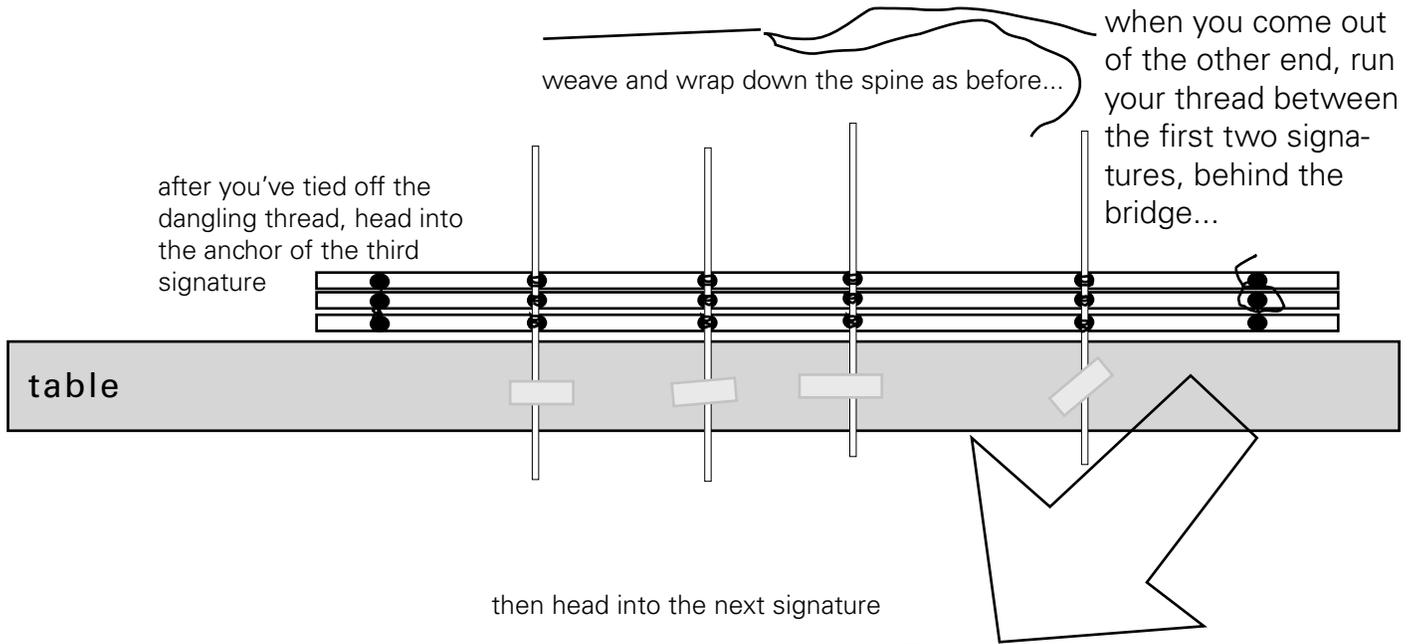


As you prepare to stab through the fold of a signature, place the tip of the awl where you want the whole, then gently close the signature as much as you can, then punch through carefully. This helps to get the stab straight through the signatures.



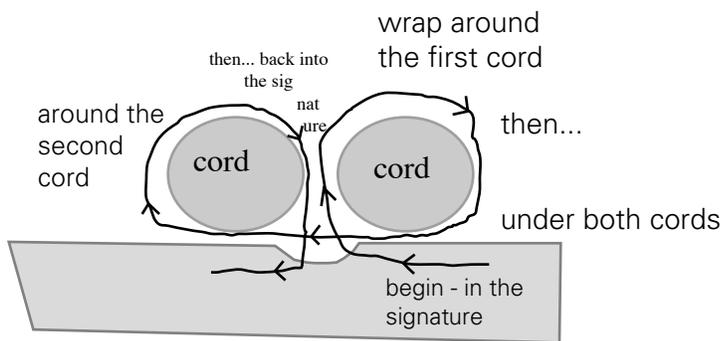
After poking all your holes, the spine of your signatures should look like this when stacked up.

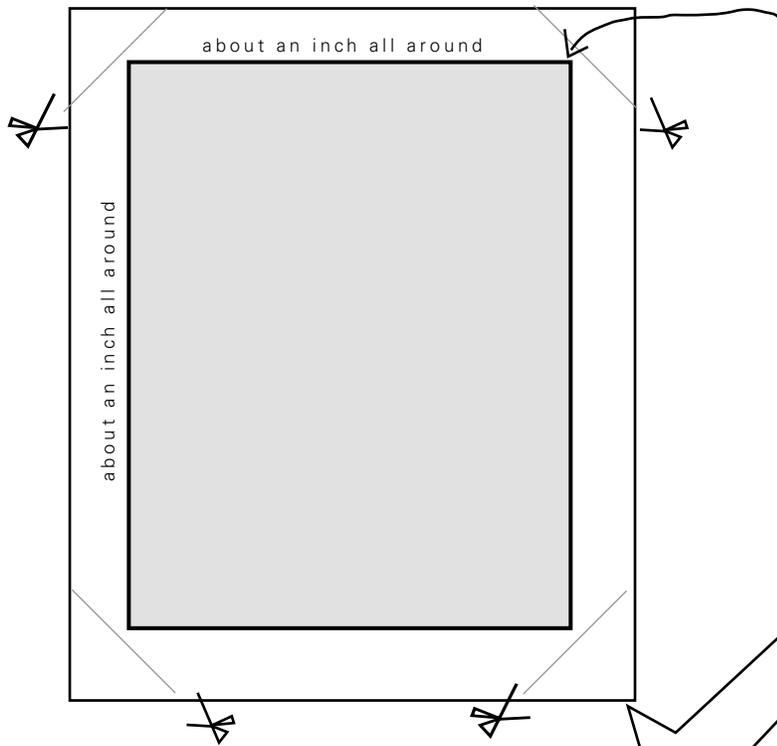




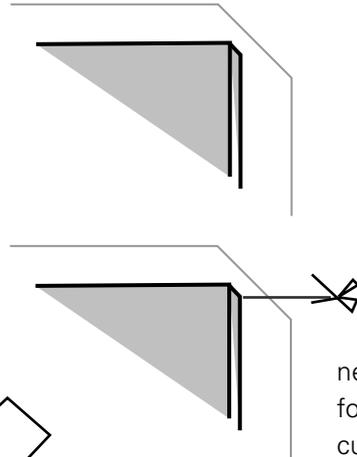
proceed through the rest of the signatures in the same manner, with a kettle stitch at each anchor.

the two cord variation:



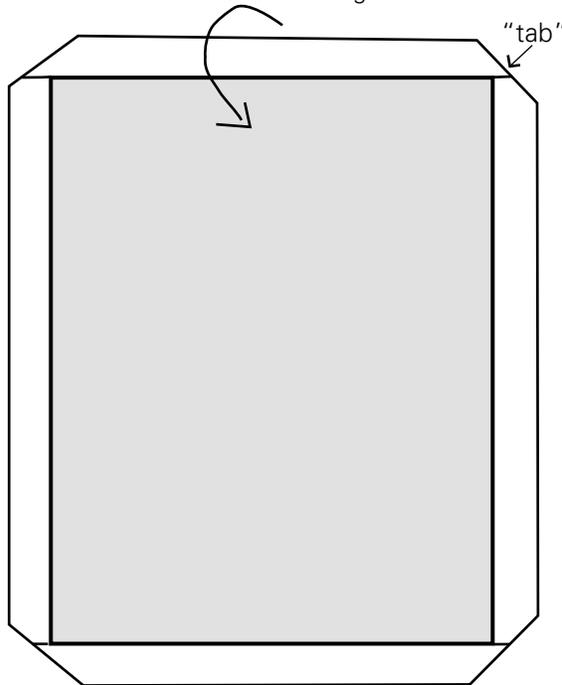


the gap between the cut you make and the corner of the board should be just slightly greater than the thickness of the board.



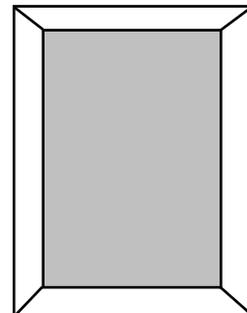
next, make four parallel cuts toward the corners of the board.

fold over and paste the two sides with tabs; use your bone folder to smooth down the edges and corners



fold the tabs in so that they cover the pokey corner of the board.

once the top and bottom have been folded in and the tabs have been folded and pasted over the corners, fold the sides over, smooth the edges...



the remaining exposed board can now be covered by a simple rectangle of paper. you may want to wait until you have attached the board to the book block before you finish the inside cover.