

How to Make Bookends

MATERIALS

For each set of bookends you will need:

- Two blocks of wood, 5.5 by 5.5 by 1.125 inches each
- Two blocks of wood, 3.5 by 3.5 by 1.125 inches each
- Hot glue gun or wood glue
- A drill and a drill bit
- Screwdriver
- Four 2-inch wood screws
- A variety of decorative wrapping paper
- Glue
- Decorative stickers such as stars and hearts

INSTRUCTIONS

To save time and for safety the facilitator may want to pre-drill the holes with the drill and drill bit so participants don't use the electric tools.

1. Set one 3.5-inch wood block on your work surface with the flat side down and decorative side up.
2. Set a 5.5-inch molding block vertically along one edge of the first, forming a right angle.
3. Center the horizontal block so that you have 1 inch overhanging each side. Keep the flat side facing away from you, so the decorative sides of both blocks are visible.
4. Use a hot-glue gun to fasten the blocks together. Make sure your holes are lined up.
5. Set a can or another heavy object on top of the horizontal block, sliding it back until it is firmly against the vertical block.
6. Allow the glue to dry before moving the bookend.
7. Repeat the process for the second bookend.
8. Use a screwdriver and two 2-inch wood screws to fasten the two blocks together.
9. Repeat with the second bookend.
10. Decorate, paint, add stickers, slogans etc. as you would like.

You can also google online and see lots of creative ways to make Do it Yourself (DIY) bookends out of jars, bricks, rocks, bean bags, shells etc.