

Creating Signatures for Book Pages with 19"x26" BFK Rives Paper | *Inspired Design: Fabricating the Handmade Photographic Artist's Book* | La Luz Workshops 2025 – Instructor: Prof. Susan kae Grant

BFK Rives Paper Signatures (Grain Short):

Interior pages consist of 5 signatures (each containing 3 folded pages)

15 folded BFK papers (5 signatures of 3)

Once the 19"x26" sheet is trimmed to a manageable size, a template (measuring the desired page size) is used as a tearing guide to create signatures for the interior book pages.

Depending how this size sheet is trimmed and folded, a book measuring no larger than 9.5"x13" (landscape) or no larger than 6.5"x9.5" (portrait) can be assembled.

Creating Pages for a book no larger than 6.5"x9.5" (Portrait)

1. Tear or cut 19"x26" BFK Rives in half along the short side
1 full sheet cut in half = 2 sheets 13"x19"
2. Next tear or cut those two sheets in half along the 19" side
2 half sheets cut in half = 4 sheets 9.5"x13"
3. Measure and cut a template the size of your desired unfolded book page
4. Position template on paper and tear or cut around all four sides
5. Fold each of 4 sheets in half to create 4 folded pages
6. Place 3 folded pages inside one another to make 5 signatures

Creating Pages for a book no larger than 9.5"x13" (landscape)

1. Tear or cut 19"x26" BFK Rives in half along the long side
1 full sheet cut in half = 2 sheets 9.5"x26"
2. Measure and cut a template the size of your desired unfolded book page
3. Position template on paper and tear or cut around all four sides
4. Fold each of 2 sheets in half to create 2 folded pages
5. Place 3 folded pages inside one another to make 5 signatures

Creating Endsheets for a book no larger than 6.5"x9.5" (Portrait)

With 19"x25 Mi-Tentes drawing paper (Grain Long)

1. Tear or cut 2 pieces 19"x25" Mi-Tientes in half along the short side
2 full sheets cut in half = 4 sheets 12.5"x19"
2. Position template from above on paper and tear or cut around all four sides
3. Fold each of 2 sheets in half to create 4 folded pages
4. Place 2 folded pages inside one another to make 2 signatures



7 signatures for Kettle Stitch book
(3 folded sheets in each signature)

First and last signatures are end-sheets
(2 folded sheets in end-sheet signature)

- Your book can have as many signatures as desired.
- Image above illustrates a stack of 7 signatures which includes 5 BFK Rives signatures and 1 signature at front and one at back for endsheet (Canson Mi-Tientes or Fabriano paper)