



Asterisk Books & Labels
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Attaching Leather Labels to Book/Album Spines

Glues

Bookbinders mostly use white PVA glue to attach labels to leather, bonded leather, cloth or natural materials. Brands include Sobo, Jade and Lineco. For added strength, you can mix in one part wheat paste (made with water & flour) to two parts glue. Both PVA and wheat paste are archival. Art supply stores have these glues. (Some wood glues are PVA and will work but may contain additives)

An easy-to-apply alternative is Scotch or Uhu permanent glue stick. They work on most common book/album covers. May not work well on some synthetic materials or for books that get significant handling. Both are labeled acid free but may not meet the highest archival standards.

For vinyl or other synthetic surfaces -- including imitation leather (including "PU" or "vegan" leather) -- use a multi-purpose household glue. Brands include Barge, Duco, Original Gorrilla Glue or others commonly found in hardware stores. Avoid messy spray glues; get the tube. Gluing to PVC vinyl can be difficult. Try "Loctite Vinyl, Fabric & Plastic" glue.

Do not put tape on the front of the labels - it can damage the leather when removed.

Steps

I recommend you read these steps completely before starting so you can work relatively fast:

- Test where you want the label to fit on the spine. For leather books, the label area should be roughed-upbit with sand paper or scraped gently with a knife to improve bond.
- Position the book nearby. **IMPORTANT:** double check the book contents to make sure the book is rightside up.
- Put glue on the back of the label. It's best to put a bit of glue in the center of the label and wipe it with outward strokes only over the edge to avoid getting glue on the front.
- Pick up the label and drop it generally where it should go on the spine.
- Wipe your hands clean and position the label into its final position, pressing the label down. Wipe away any excess glue around edges.
- Rub the label down to make sure it fully adheres. You may have to keep pressing down for a few seconds so. White glue will fully set in 12 hours; other glue may be faster.

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