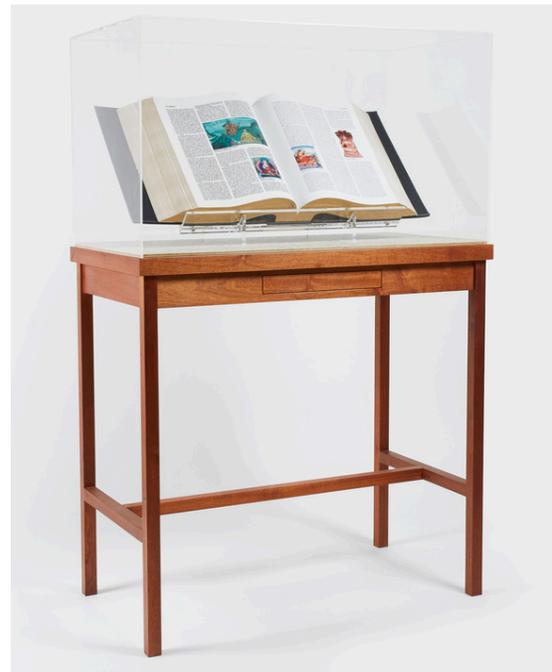
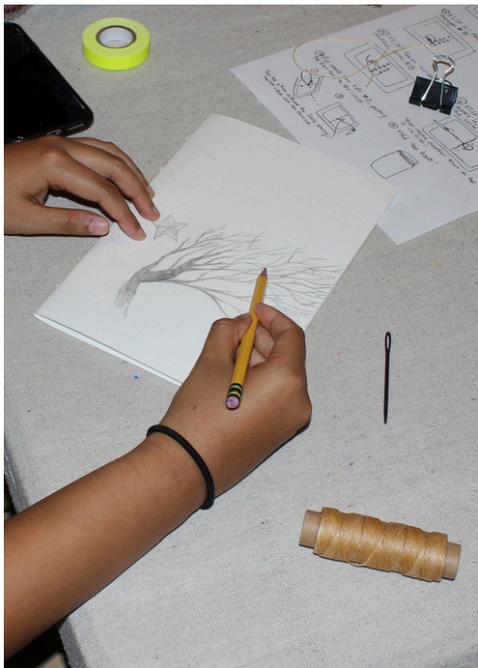


SADDLE STITCH ENCYCLOPEDIA

INTRODUCTION

Create your own encyclopedia inspired by Tavares Strachan's Encyclopedia of Invisibility in the [Invisibility: Powers & Perils](#) exhibition at OXY ARTS.



Left: Photo from a Saddle Stitch workshop taken by Cielo Mansilla.

Right: Tavares Strachan's Encyclopedia of Invisibility

Tavares Strachan's Encyclopedia of Invisibility challenges **mainstream** history sources such as the Encyclopedia Britannica which present **distorted** versions of history shaped by **imperial** conquest. Strachan's encyclopedia highlights the peoples, cultures and bodies of knowledge rendered invisible by mainstream, imperial histories.

VOCABULARY

Mainstream refers to ideas, norms, and standards accepted by most people in a society.

Distorted means twisted around or falsley represented.

Imperial relates to an empire, which is a group of states under a single supreme authority.

MATERIALS

- 1 sheet of cardstock, or thick paper
- 10-20 sheets of printer, or thin paper
- An embroidery needle, or a needle with large hole
- Wax thread, or any string/ribbon
- An awl, or a pencil for poking holes in paper
- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers and/or colored pencils
- 2 Binder clips or paper clips

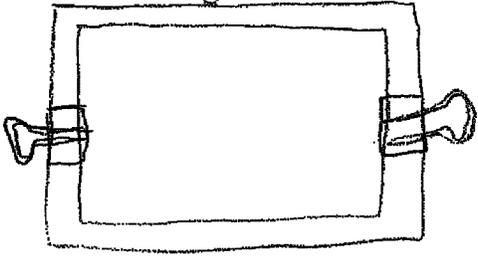
STEPS

- 1** Fold then unfold your cardstock or thick paper in half to create a crease; this will be your book cover. Fold then unfold your stack of printer paper in half as well; these will be the inner pages. Then, place your stack of inner pages on top of the cover page, centered, and use a clip on either side to keep them in place.
- 2** Follow the attached instructions to create your Saddle Stitch Book.
- 3** Once you have bound your book, brainstorm about what kind of encyclopedia you wish to make. Consider:
Stories about everyday life, non-famous people, and marginalized people are often left out of history. Are there any stories about you or your family that have not been written down? Science doesn't always capture the small discoveries we experience daily. Have you made any observations about the world that you haven't heard people discuss?
- 4** Once you've decided on a theme for your encyclopedia, create the cover. This can be a collage with magazine photos, or it can be a drawing with markers and colored pencils, or a combination of things. Make sure your encyclopedia has a title!
- 5** Once you've created your cover, write your first encyclopedia entry in the inner pages. The entry should have a title, a photo (this can be collage or drawing), and body text. Your entry can be fictional, factual, mythical, or nonsensical!

Take a photo of your projects and send them
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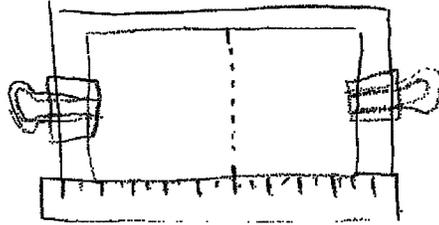
SADDLE STITCH BOOKBINDING

① Stack inner pages on top of cover page, clip with binder clips

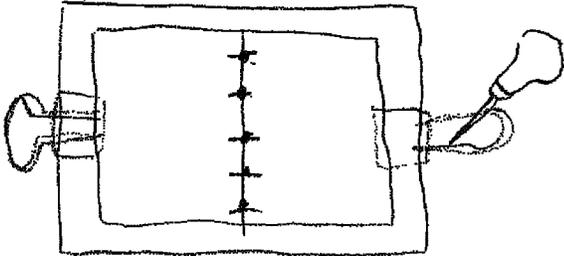


to hold pages in place.

② Draw a line half way across pages - this will be the spine

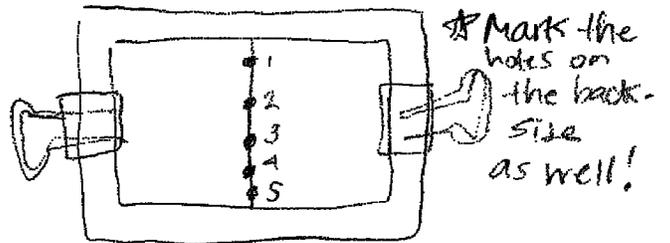


③ Mark 5 places equidistant

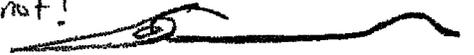


on the line, then use an awl to create 5 holes.

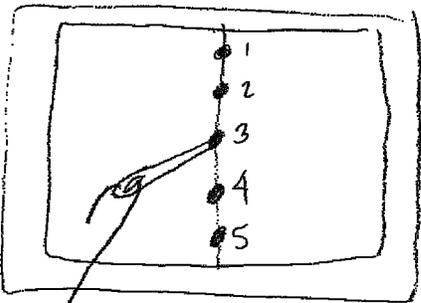
④ From top to bottom, label each hole from 1-5



⑤ Thread a needle with wax thread. Don't tie a knot!

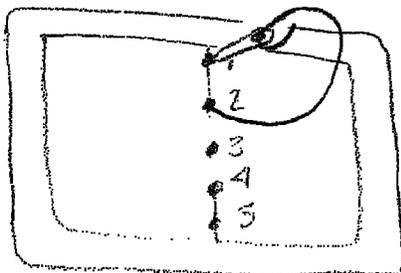


⑥ Time to BIND!

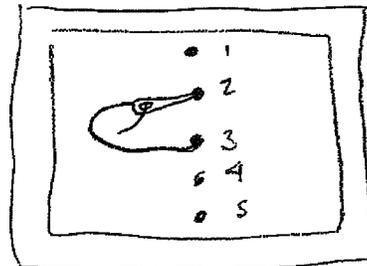


⑦ From inside, thread through #3. Don't pull all the way through.

⑧ FLIP IT! From the inside, thread thru #1

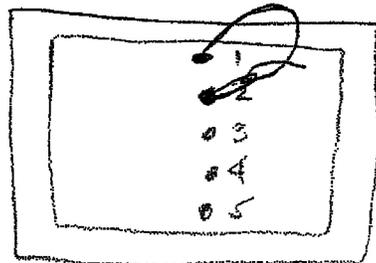


⑨ FLIP BOOK OVER, and thread through #2 from the outside.

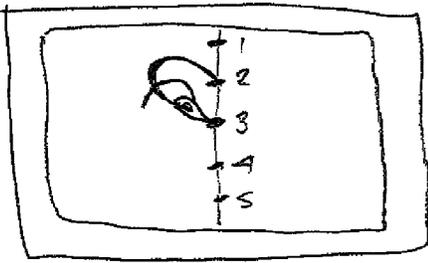


Pull tight without pulling thread through the hole!

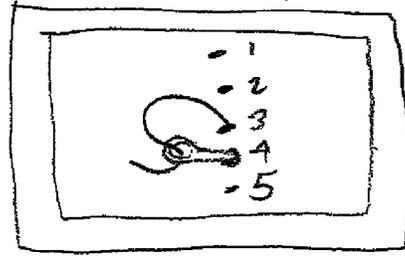
⑩ FLIP IT! From the outside, pull thread through #2.



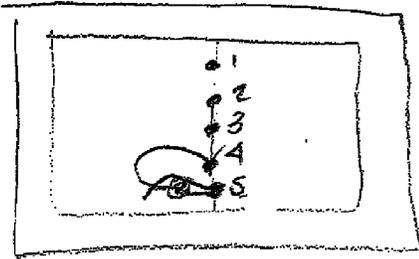
⑪ FLIP IT! From inside, thread through #3.



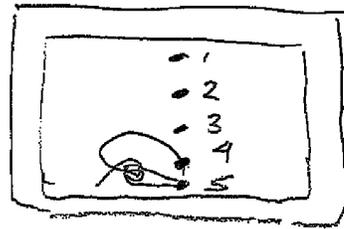
⑫ FLIP IT! From outside, thread thru #4.



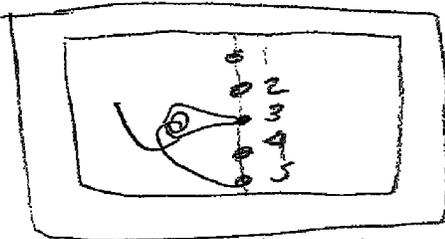
⑬ FLIP IT! From inside, thread through #5



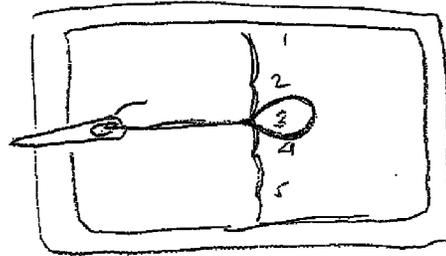
⑭ FLIP IT! From outside, thread thru #4.



⑮ FLIP! From inside, thread thru #3



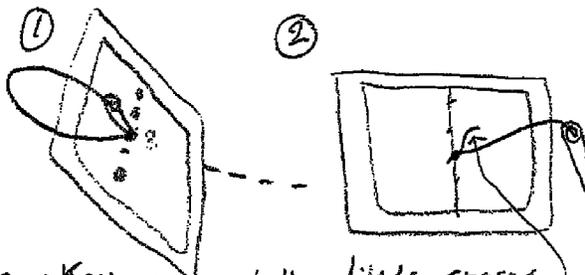
⑯ FLIP! Pull thread tight & make a knot tight against the spine



Then make another knot on top of the first!

⑰ Pull needle thru hole #3, pulling the knot thru to the inside.

⑱ Fold the boots!



Then tie a knot around the little string, twice & and cut the strings.