Perfect Binding

1. Print each page with crop marks and bleeds (centered on paper)

2. Hand cut each spine edge with x-acto knife & straight edge

3. Sort pages and align cut edge

4. Clamp spine edge of pages with clamps & flat rigid strips (i.e. pieces of matte board or two straight edges)

5. Diagonally score in crosshatch pattern the exposed edge of the clamped spine

6. Brush adding compound onto spine edge with a small brush (Colorlock Precision Padding Compound by X-pedx)

7. Repeat step #6 eight times, allowing a few minutes in between each application. Allow to dry completely.

8. Remove clamps and have other three edges trimmed by a professional guillotine. Ensure the shop uses additional paper underneath and the blade is sharp to avoid tear-out of the bottom sheets.
(If you are carefl, you can cut it with an art knife by yourself.)

9. Trim cover design with spine indicated.

10. Score inside of cover at the spine edges with a butter knife or folding bone.