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## TAILOR-MADE AND HAND CRAFTED

Original Book Works has hand crafted beautiful faux leather books in The Cotswolds, UK for almost 30 years. A team of highly trained craftsmen produce each individual spine by hand.

Our faux book panels are authentic reproductions taken from genuine antique leather books. The process allows all the details to be faithfully reproduced without causing any damage to the original. Each spine is then individually coloured, gilded and waxed.

## A BESPOKE SERVICE MADE EASY

Our Faux Books have been installed all over the world and we pride ourselves on individual support for every commission, whether it be large or small. We do all the planning and layout for you. Each project is unique.



ARCHITECTURAL

SAGE GREEN

## BEAUTIFUL ILLUSIONS

The most striking quality of faux books is that they look so convincing.  
When you need to create an illusion, they are the perfect disguise.

Our customers have found them invaluable not only for creating secret, hidden doors (jibs),  
but also for disguising safes, radiators, TV screens and unsightly electricity cupboards.

Easy installation makes them perfect for film and theatre sets, while bars, hotels and restaurants  
find they can provide essential period detail using a fraction of the expensive floorspace  
a real bookcase would require.

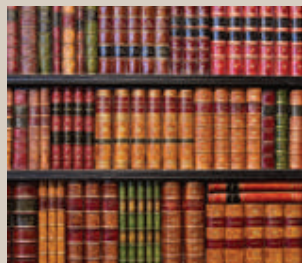


VELLUM WITH GILDING



## COLOURWAY

A variety of colours are available, all of which have a beautiful antique patina. The authentic and superior finish makes our books indistinguishable from those attractive, old preserved books which are admired and envied by many.



### TRADITIONAL

*The look of antique leather bound books in a variety of reds, greens, blacks and tans*



### PASCALE

*Muted tones particularly suitable for modern interiors where stylised looks are needed*



### ARCHITECTURAL

*A mixture of our vellum, grey and traditional spines for a lighter feel*



### CANDIDE

*A variation of the vellum finish incorporating some grey faux-book spines*



### SAGE GREEN

*Our newest addition. All of the spines are created using brown labels and gilding.*



### VELLUM

*A modern take on goat skin books which can have coloured labels, be gilded or left plain.*



## STUNNING VERSATILITY

Our faux books panels are typically presented in two different styles.



### FORMAL

*All books upright*



### INFORMAL

*Some books stacked or on their sides*

## PERSONALISATION

Like most of our range, we are also able to offer personalised faux book spines by adding a title, name or logo to the spines.

This service has been particularly popular for car and aeroplane enthusiasts, along with hobbyists.

The names of family members and favourite book titles could also be added.



## PAPERBACK BOOK PANELS

We are the first and only provider of paperback book panels,  
constructed from genuine guillotined books.

### ORDERING AND INSTALLING

#### **We need to know:**

1. The overall dimensions (mm or inches) of the area to be covered. A plan or sketch is often useful
2. How many doors are there?
3. The height of the beading/strips of wood you're using for false shelves (so that we can provide an accurate layout)

#### **We will then supply:**

1. Panels of paperback spines are pre-mounted onto 3mm backing board. The layout of the spines will vary, with the occasional horizontal spine, made to appear as though a book has been tucked in above a row of vertical books (as shown in the images on this page)
2. We can create panels with heights ranging from 180mm to 270mm tall

#### **When you receive your panels:**

1. You'll need to supply strips of wood for your false shelves. We recommend 38mm square however, the height can vary depending on the style you're looking to create
2. The paperback panels can then just be fixed in place



PAPERBACK HIDDEN CUPBOARD





## FAUX BOOK PANELS

Authentic reproductions taken from genuine antique leather books.

### ORDERING AND INSTALLING

#### We need to know:

1. The overall dimensions (mm or inches) of the area to be covered. A plan or sketch is often useful
2. How many doors are there?
3. The height of the beading/strips of wood you're using for false shelves (so that we can provide an accurate layout)
4. Whether false shelves are already installed and if so, the height between them
5. The style of layout you'd like (Formal or Informal)
6. The colourway you'd like to use (Traditional, Pascale, Architectural, Candide, Sage Green or Vellum)
7. Whether any personalisation is required

#### We will then supply:

1. We will supply faux book panels to fit each shelf space precisely
2. Our faux book panels are between 10mm and 25mm thick (front to back)



#### When you receive your panels:

1. If you're securing your faux book panels to a background or door, this will need to be painted in matt black to give the impression that it's in shadow
2. You'll need to supply strips of wood for your false shelves. We recommend 25mm square however, the height can vary depending on the style you're looking to create
3. Before installing, lay out each shelf on a horizontal surface and confirm the dimensions are correct
4. When you're ready to install, use a builder's mastic (similar to 'Gripfill') if you'd like a permanent fixing. If sticking directly to a vertical surface, an application of hotmelt glue may be required to hold the panel in place whilst the mastic cures
5. If you'd prefer your panels to be free standing on open shelves, we can supply L brackets to hold them upright. We would advise filling an entire length of your open shelf in order to create a realistic look





## MIXED BOOK PANELS

A combination of traditional, hardback and paperback spines, replicating a modern bookcase.



A more and more popular alternative for our customers, to just mixed paperback and traditional spines.

We incorporate hardback and Vellum spines to create the modern day look of a domestic bookcase.  
Works incredibly well, especially in a faux book door.

We send it to you on a 3mm backing board, so you don't have to worry about assembly.  
Just affix the panel to your surface, in the order of the plan we send you.



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TREATISE  
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## VELLUM FAUX BOOK PANELS

A modern take on goat skin books which can have coloured labels, be gilded or left plain.



G0214 Library of Sketches  
H 330mm L 313mm



G0220 Punch 1852  
H 270mm L 344mm



G0222 Ruskin  
H 287mm L 240mm



G0217 Paris Moderne  
H 291mm L 285mm



G0107 Temple Bar  
H 209mm L 283mm



G0110 Badminton  
H 220mm L 325mm



G0155 Ireland  
H 240mm L 304mm

# A SELECTION OF OUR EXTENSIVE RANGE OF TRADITIONAL FAUX BOOK PANELS

Please note that due to their hand crafted nature, all sizes are approximate and colours may vary. E&OE.



G0120 Spectator  
H 160mm L 292mm



G0116 Beaconsfield  
H 184mm L 294mm



G0111 Steven Lawrence  
H 180mm L 309mm



G0107 Temple Bar  
H 209mm L 283mm



G0109 Who's Who  
H 213mm L 344mm



G0117 George Eliot  
H 210mm L 297mm



G0106 Fishers Reports  
H 233mm L 270mm



G0112 The Quiver  
H 230mm L 310mm



G0104 Law Reports  
H 237mm L 290mm



G0151 Dickens Bleak House  
H 242mm L 205mm



G0155 Ireland  
H 240mm L 304mm



G0144 Humphrey's Clock  
H 249mm L 265mm



G0216 Punch  
H 260mm L 264mm



G0203 Royal Academy  
H 270mm L 320mm



G0217 Paris Moderne  
H 291mm L 285mm



G0204 Art Journal  
H 320mm L 292mm



G0214 Library of Sketches  
H 330mm L 313mm



G0212 Ambrose  
H 345mm L 300mm

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G0101 Charles Dickens  
H 185mm L 263mm



G0139 Heroes  
H 189mm L 307mm



G0103 Alexandre Dumas  
H 190mm L 330mm



G0131 Lonsdale Library  
H 210mm L 277mm



G0138 Alexander Pope's Works  
H 209mm L 260mm



G0114 Cornhill Magazine  
H 215mm L 317mm



G0125 Strand Magazine  
H 235mm L 374mm



G0128 Dictionnaire Historique  
H 238mm L 288mm



G0102 Chambers Journal  
H 245mm L 341mm



G0149 Johnsons Works  
H 225mm L 289mm



G0146 Shakespeare Knight edn  
H 236mm L 292mm



G0221 Wright's Dictionary  
H 250mm L 260mm



G0222 Ruskin  
H 287mm L 240mm



G0226 Dictionary of Gardening  
H 274mm L 215mm



G0223 Burney's Music  
H 275mm L 242mm



G0200 History of Rome  
H 387mm L 319mm



G0205 History of English Speaking  
People, H 405mm L 305mm



G0201 English Art  
H 430mm L 315mm

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G0118 Memoirs of a Physician  
H 200mm L 316mm



G0119 Argosy  
H 200mm L 280mm



G0124 Compact Encyclopaedia  
H 202mm L 315mm



G0126 Assorted Wines  
H 217mm L 440mm



G0105 Bingham's Reports  
H 225mm L 270mm



G0110 Badminton  
H 220mm L 325mm



G0127 Gil Bas  
H 246mm L 295mm



G0130 Memoirs Secrets  
H 246mm L 313mm



G0123 Woods Natural History  
H 260mm L 288mm



G0159 Dictionary of Biography  
H 260mm L 202mm



G0121 Imperial Dictionary  
H 265mm L 195mm



G0220 Punch 1852  
H 270mm L 344mm



G0227 History of Monmouthshire  
H 425mm L 145mm



G0202 Royal Academy (12)  
H 295mm  
L 303mm



G0410 Extra Long / Thin  
H 15mm L 385mm

G0402 Small Side  
H 30mm L 120mm

G0401 Small End  
H 30mm L 130mm



G0404 Double End  
H 85mm L 330mm



G0405 Extra Large  
H 105mm L 375mm



Plain Wood Shelving (Special order only)





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