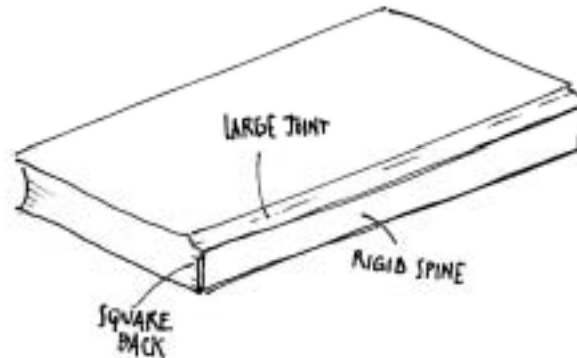


Exercise # 7

Flat Back Binding Repair - Children's Books

This is a simple type of binding (often put on children's books), where the text block has *not* been rounded and backed and the case has a flat, thick spine piece. By reducing the rigidity of the spine the binding will become more flexible.



This repair is most often used for: flat backs, where the cover is separated from its text block but the case binding is sound.

Procedures:

1. Remove as much of the original rigid spine lining as possible:
 - Mechanically delaminate the spine lining with a microspatula or dull knife.
 - Adhere a new 10-point card spine lining to case.
 - Mend the cover, if necessary.
2. Attach the text block to the case:
 - Tip on new endsheets to the text block.
 - Line the text block spine with crash/mull and paper, or
 - Make a hollow to glue to the spine piece of the cover.
3. Reattach cover by gluing endpapers and place wax paper as barrier.
4. Place plastic rods in outer hinge, and put under boards and weight until dry.