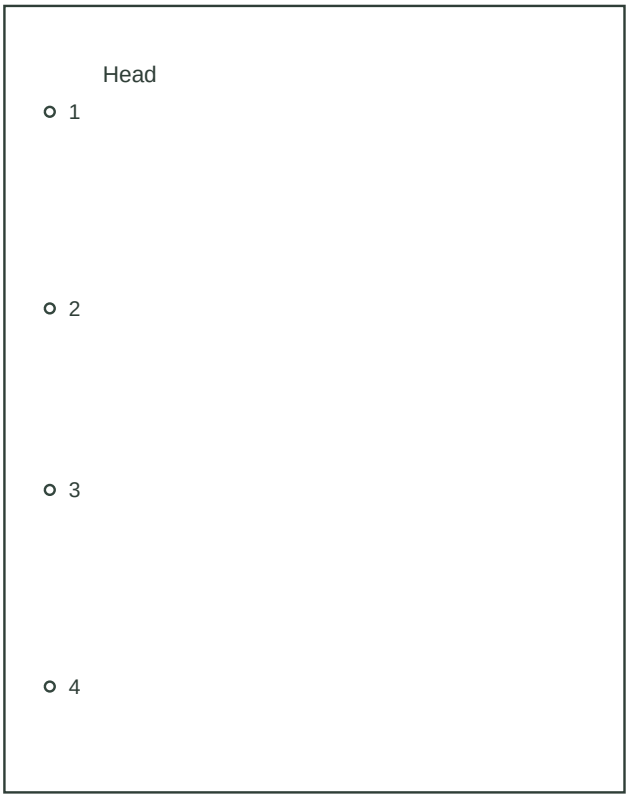
# Single-needle Coptic stitch binding

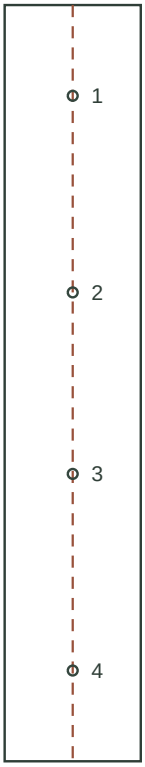
Print at 100%. Cut solid outlines, fold dashed lines and pierce small circles.

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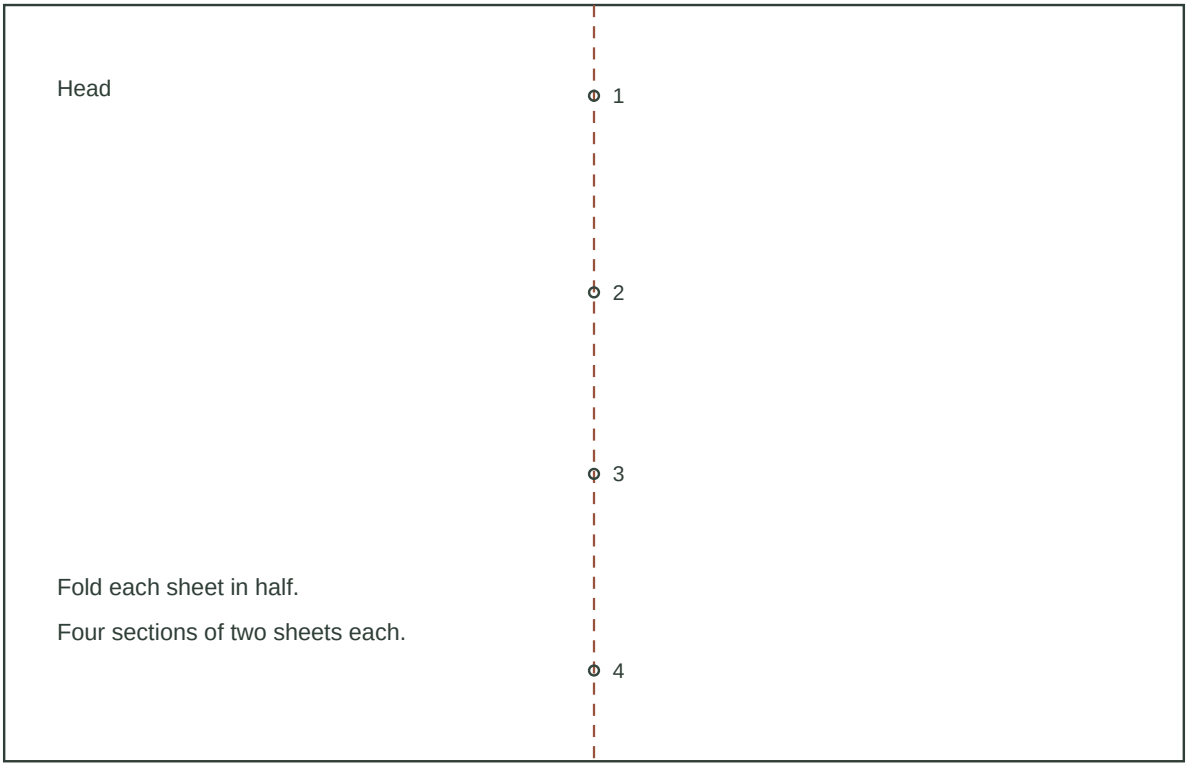
**Cover board: trace twice**




**Piercing guide**




**Text sheet: trace eight**




25 mm scale check

# Coptic sewing route

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## Hole positions from the top edge

The board extends 2 mm above the pages. Measure down from the top of each piece.

| Station | Folded section | Cover board |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 12 mm | 14 mm |
| 2 | 38 mm | 40 mm |
| 3 | 62 mm | 64 mm |
| 4 | 88 mm | 90 mm |

Pierce the boards 6 mm in from the spine edge. The section holes sit directly in the fold.

## Which hole comes next?

1 is at the head of the book. Keep that end marked as you turn the stack.

### First board and section 1 — 4 > 3 > 2 > 1

Wrap the board at each station. After the wrap at 1,
go straight into hole 1 of section 2.

### Section 2 — 1 > 2 > 3 > 4

At 2 and 3, catch the stitch between the first board and section 1, then re-enter the same hole.
At 4, catch the stitch and go into hole 4 of section 3.

### Section 3 — 4 > 3 > 2 > 1

Catch the link between sections 1 and 2. At 3 and 2, go back into section 3.
At 1, catch the link and enter hole 1 of section 4.

### Section 4 — 1 > 2 > 3 > 4

Catch the link between sections 2 and 3. Re-enter at 2 and 3.
At 4, catch the link and leave the needle outside for the last board.

### Last board — 4 > 3 > 2 > 1

Wrap the board and catch the link below at each hole. Return inside section 4.
Finish at 1 with two half hitches around the inside thread.