

French Link Stitch Binding

Topic - Booking Making

French link stitch binding is a decorative stitch on a book with an exposed spine. It is a process of linking and stitching the pages or signatures together to create the book. A French Link stitch is perfect for photo-books as the spreads lay flat and the images are not interrupted by the binding.

Details

YOUR TUTOR: Tim Jones

TIMES: 10.00 - 13.30 (Daily)

1 to 1 follow up session
included

LOCATION: Due to Covid
restrictions all courses are
currently ONLINE ONLY

DATES:

[Click here for course availability](#)

What is the Fotospeed Academy?

The Fotospeed Academy has been established to open up the world of image making to you. Through our Academy days we aim to show you how to make fine art exhibition quality photographs and prints from your images. We want to strip away the mystery and 'dark arts' around photography and printing, and leave you equipped to go away and start making beautiful photographs and prints at home.

What will I learn?

On the first day Tim will explain how to select the correct images for your photo book and teach different editing and sequencing techniques. Tim will then take you through the process of designing layouts with Photoshop and Lightroom, selecting the best papers and show you how to print the layouts in single side and double sided spreads.

On the second day Tim will teach you the techniques of binding and stitching the book

culminating in you creating your very own artist book.

- **What is French Link Binding?**
- **Advantages of different papers**
- **Designing a book and making your images flow**
- **Editing your images**
- **Creating layouts and spreads in Lightroom and Photoshop**
- **Proofing and Printing your pages**
- **Choosing a soft cover or hard cover**
- **The art of how printing double side in sequence**
- **Understanding signatures and making the binding**
- **French stitching the pages.**

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The course will include:

- Editing your images
- Layouts and Sequences
- Creating layout and spreads in Photoshop or Indesign
- Proofing and Printing your pages
- Making the binding holes
- Stitching the pages
- Finishing your book

We will supply:

- Fotospeed French book making kit
- Fotospeed Matt Duo paper - A4
- French screw punch
- Binding thread
- 4 Clips
- Binding needles
- Bone paper scorer
- Ruler

About Tim

Tim is our Academy lead and Technical Manager here at Fotospeed. Before joining us in Corsham Tim worked as a freelance photographer for over 10 years, he also worked as a digital re-toucher during this time, as well as exhibiting his work. Tim leads the Photoshop, Lightroom, Monochrome and Practical printing courses here at Fotospeed and is an Adobe Photoshop Associate. He will be sharing his personal knowledge and experiences of working with Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom as a photographer, and how he has used the software for printing and editing his work over the last 15 years. Tim completed and passed his Masters in Photography, from Falmouth University, in 2021.