



# How to Repair A Damaged Book Cover

This repair guide will help you to repair a torn or bent book cover. It also provides information on reinforcing your cover so it does not happen again.

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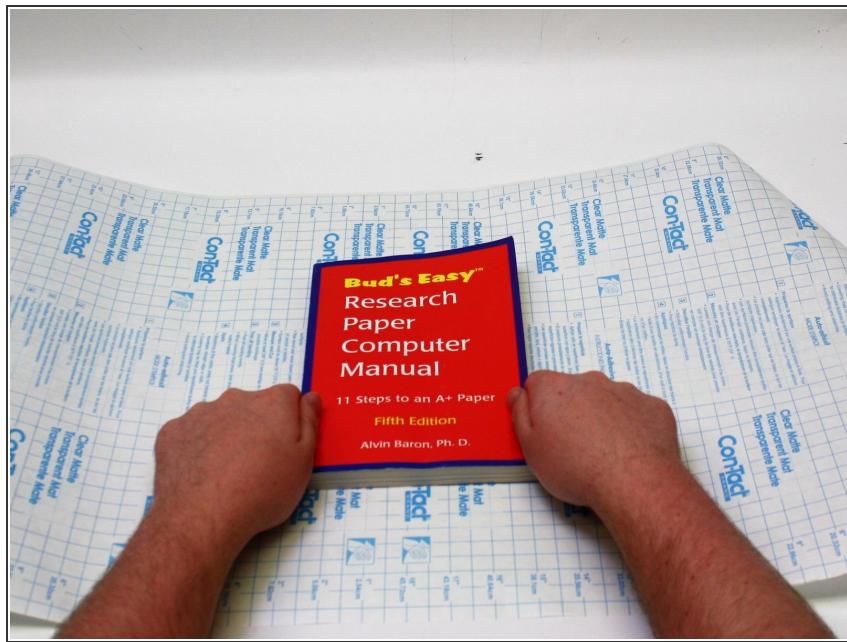
## INTRODUCTION

Text books face a lot of wear and tear and by the end of the semester their covers can be ragged. This simple and cheap fix will help those covers look like new again and resist further damage.

### TOOLS:

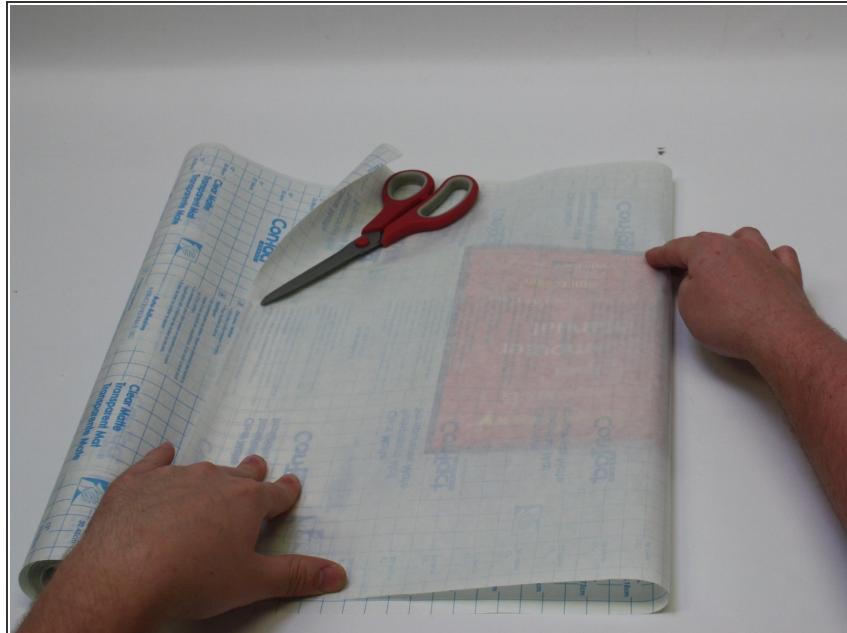
- [ConTact Paper \(1\)](#)
- [Utility Scissors \(1\)](#)

## Step 1 — How to Repair A Damaged Book Cover



- Lay the ConTact Paper on a smooth, clean surface.
- Make sure the adhesive side is face down so that the white paper is facing you.
- Place your book on the ConTact paper.

## Step 2



- Wrap the ConTact Paper over your book, measuring out enough to completely cover the book.

## Step 3



- Place a paperweight on the side of the folded paper to prevent curling.
- Flatten the edge of the ConTact Paper along the spine of your book.

## Step 4



- Cut the ConTact Paper from the roll, keeping to the length measured to cover your book.

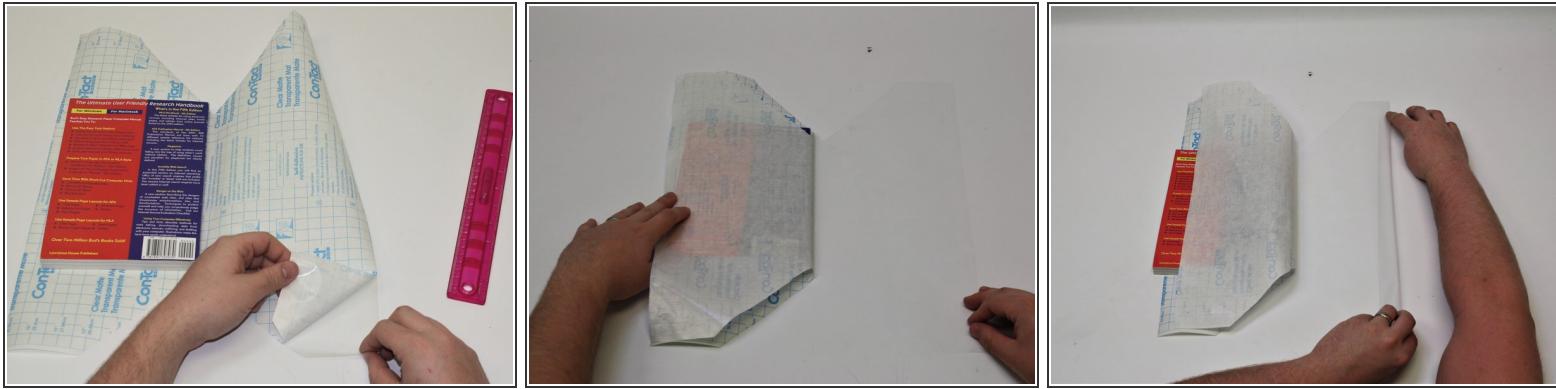
## Step 5



- Once the extra ConTact Paper is discarded, cut the ConTact Paper diagonally towards the spine of your book.
- Repeat this cut on the other side of the spine.

*(i)* Your finished cut should have a 'v' shape pointing towards the spine of the book

## Step 6

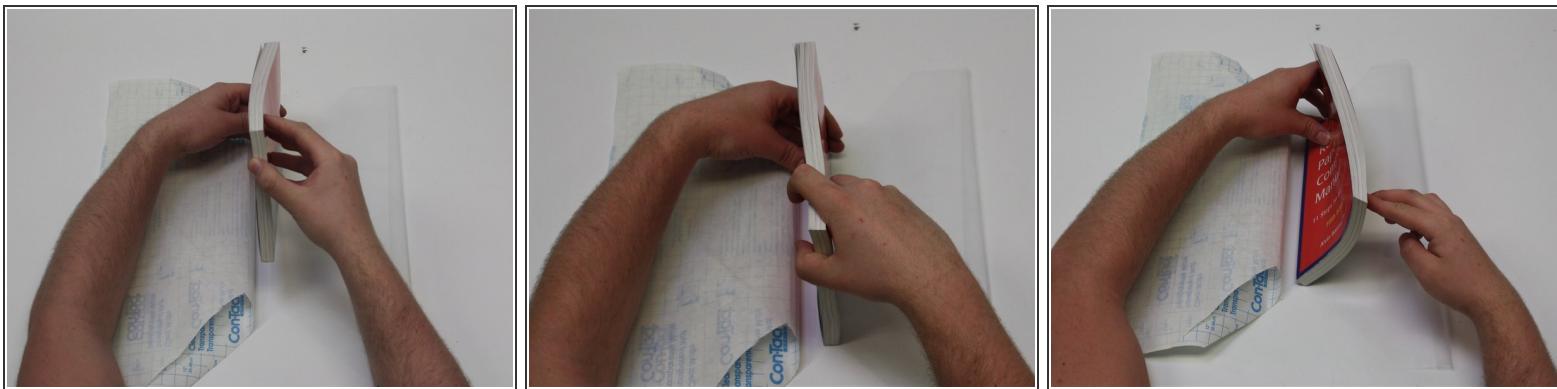


- With the cover of your book laying flat against the left side of the paper, peel back the right half of the paper from the laminate film.

*(i)* Make sure to peel the paper back until the focal point of the 'V' is exposed.

- Fold the edge of the laminate film onto the table to prevent sliding and bubbles.

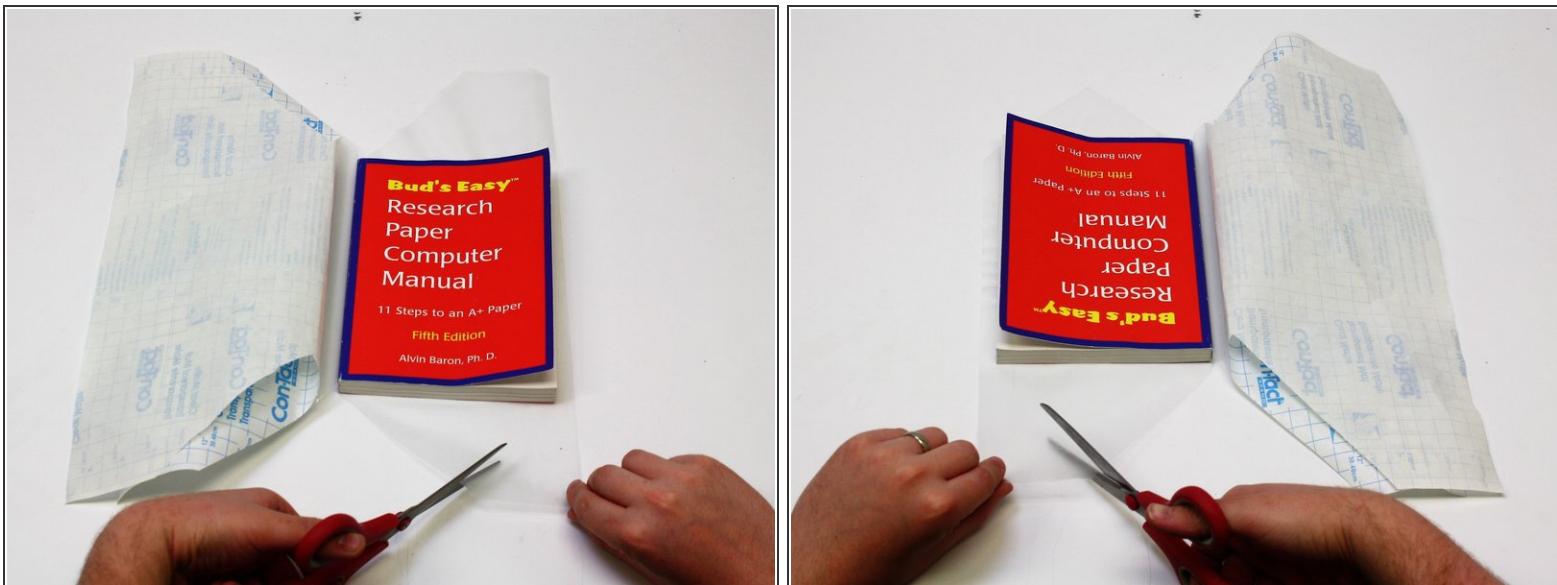
## Step 7



- Place the top edge of your book to the top edge of the center of the laminate film.
- Using a rolling motion, slowly stick the rest of the spine to the laminate.
- Using the same motion, slowly roll one side of the textbook over the exposed film.

*(i)* Roll onto the laminate slowly and evenly to prevent bubbles in your lamination.

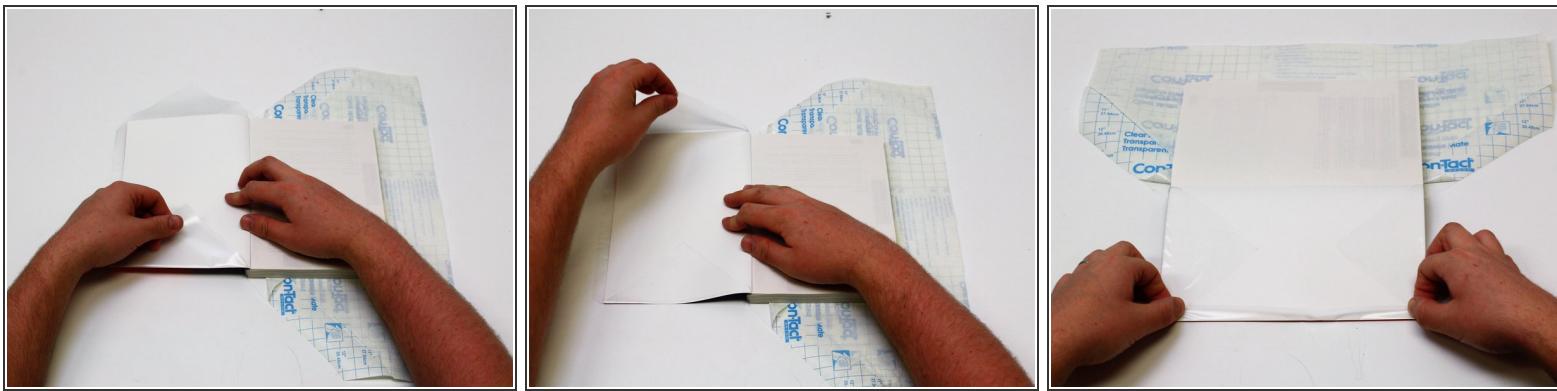
## Step 8



- Unfold the laminate from the table and cut to the edges similar to Step 4

*(i)* The finished edges will look like an inverted 'v'

## Step 9



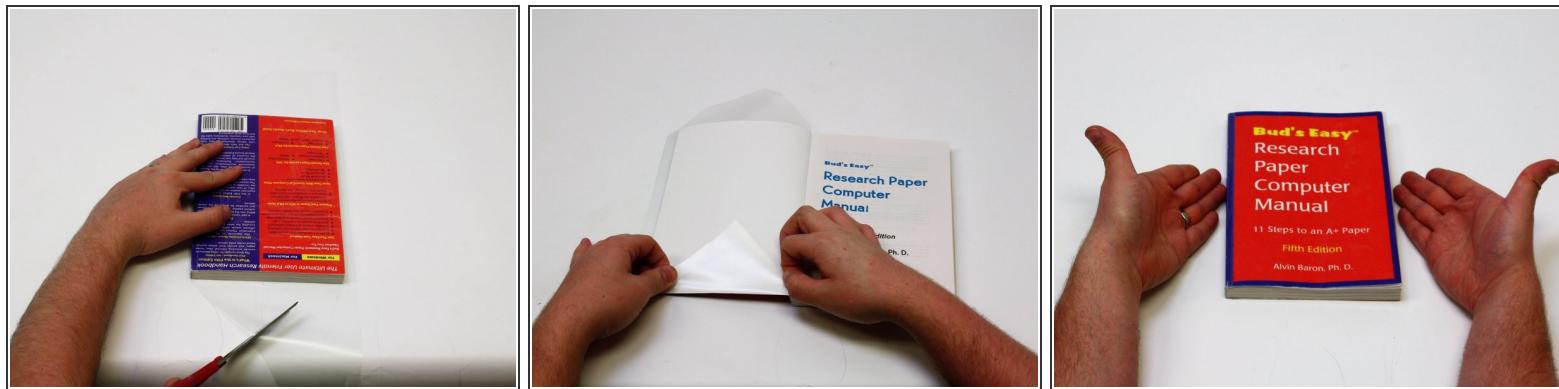
- Fold the edges onto the inside cover of the textbook starting with the top of the book cover. Fold the vertical edge of the book last.

## Step 10



- Remove the rest of the paper from the laminate film.
- Repeat motions from step 7 and slowly roll your book cover onto the laminate film.

## Step 11



- Repeat steps 8 and 9 to cut and secure lamination.
- Trim any remaining lamination film to complete the project.

If you have followed the previous steps, your textbook should now be mended and resistant to further damage.