

George Perec The Machine
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*A manual for binding George Perec's book
The Machine (or any publication). The book you hold in your
hand is an example of the binding that the manual describes.
This project requires the following materials to create the book.*

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*Inside page
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or any other printout*

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3D-printed book press or a self-built machine.

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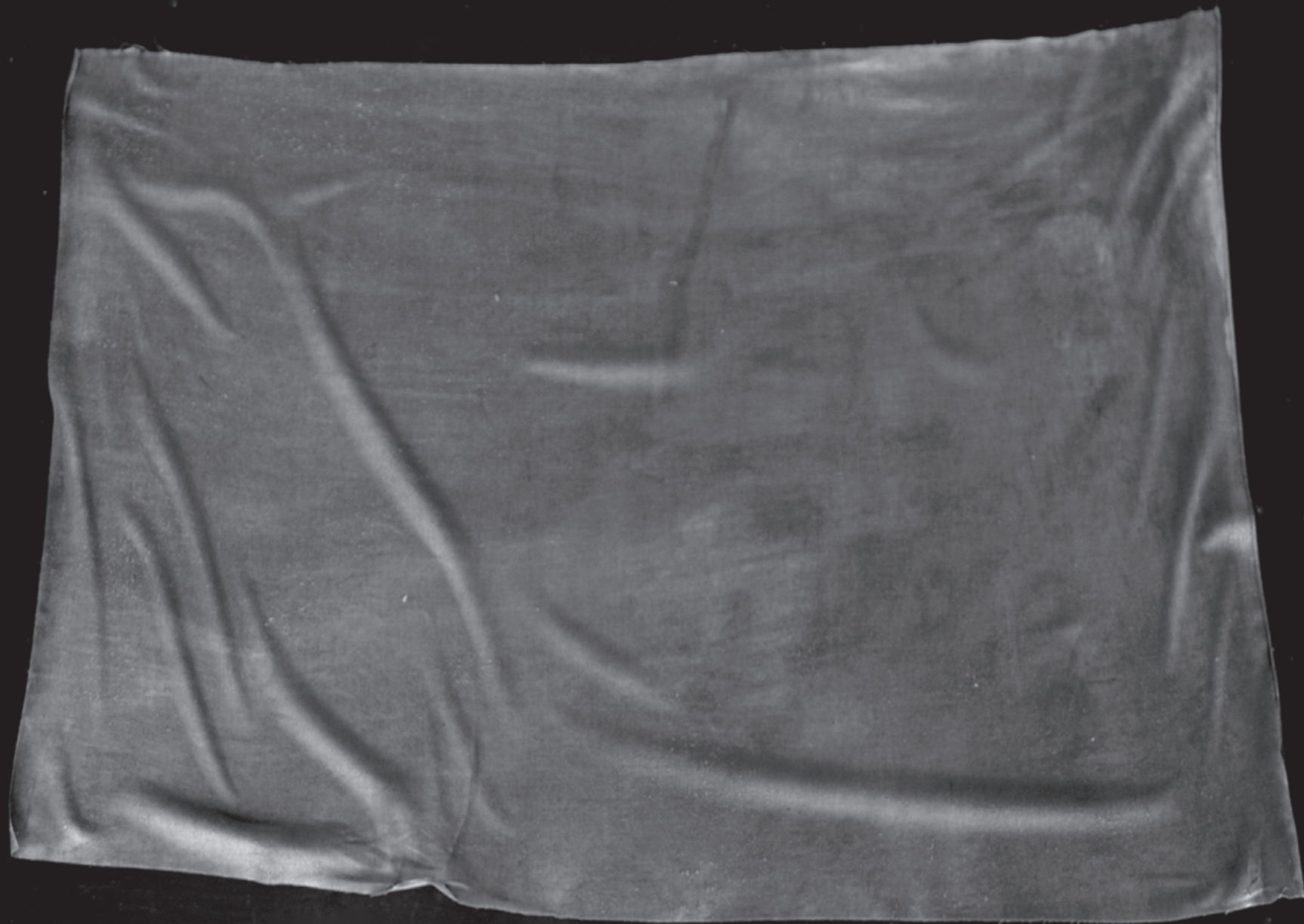
*Materials: endpapers, bookbinding cloth/fabric (if you do not
have cloth, use paper), adhesive, gauze*

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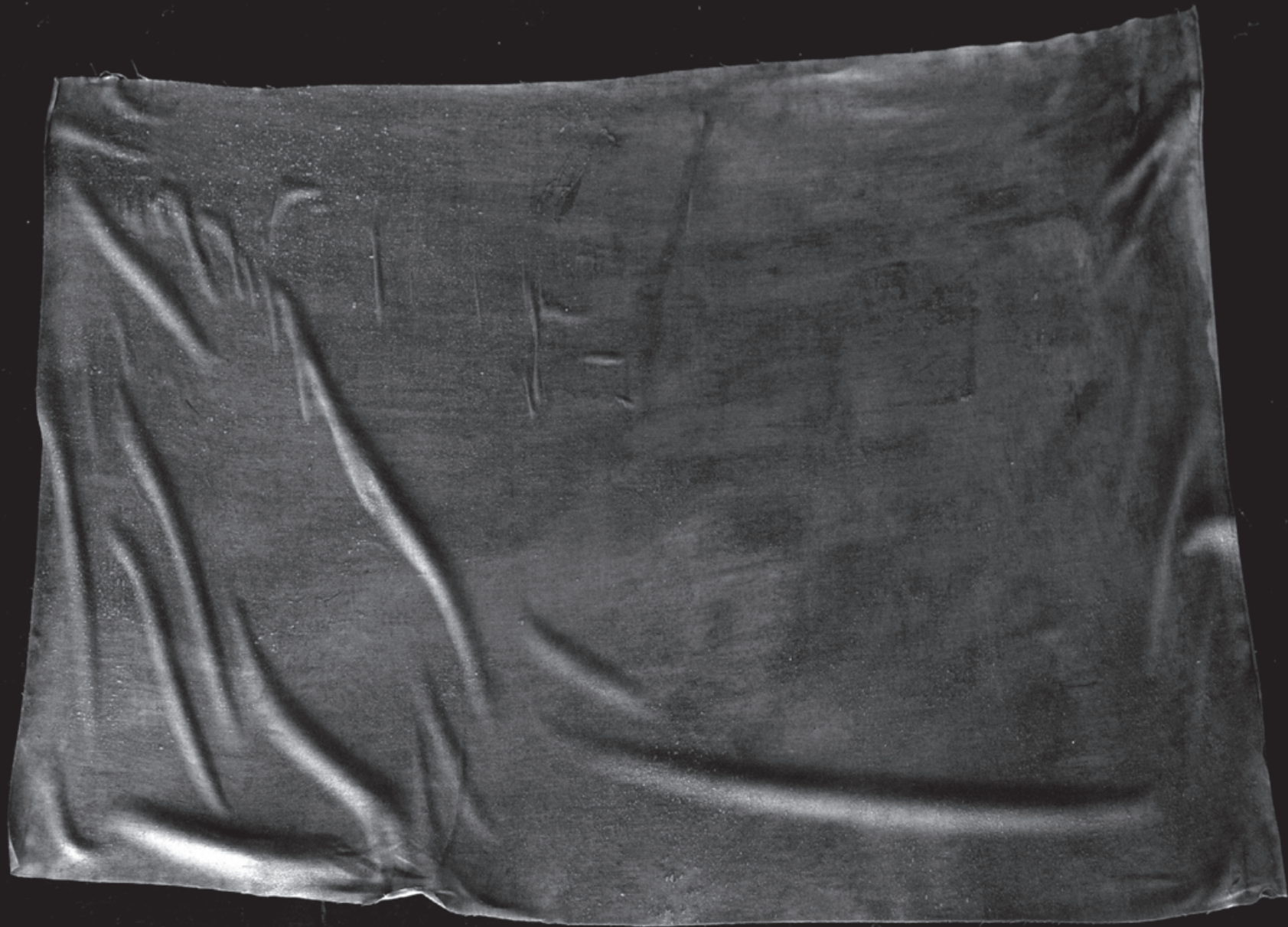
Tools: brush, cutting blade, ruler, bone folder

Brush the wallpaper glue on the fabric to create a bookbinding cloth for yourself. Repeat when the first coat has dried.

Bookbinding cloth is preferable, but to create bookbinding cloth can be used as an alternative.









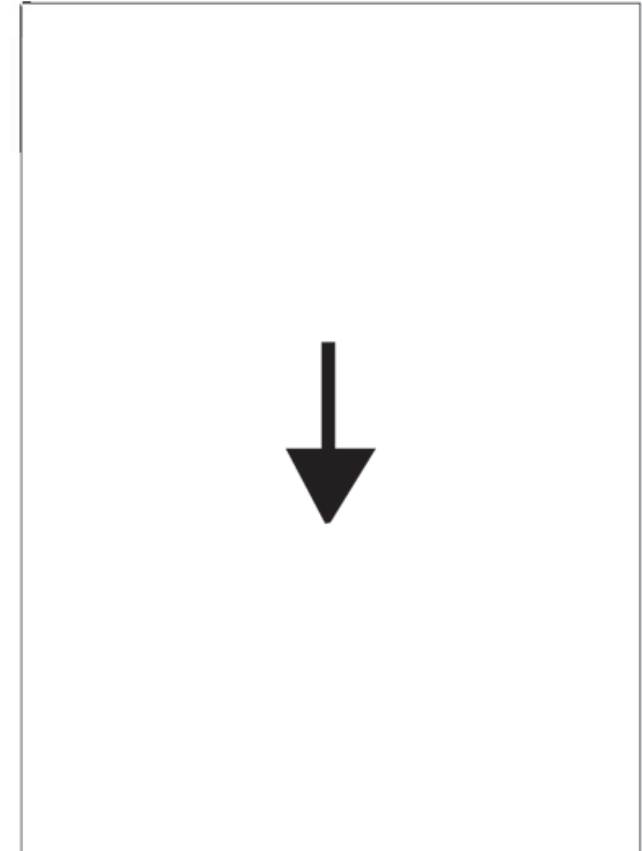
Materials: Preferably use bookbinding adhesive or glue, which is available from stationers. You will also need a gauze to glue the spine. You can buy this from hobby shops.

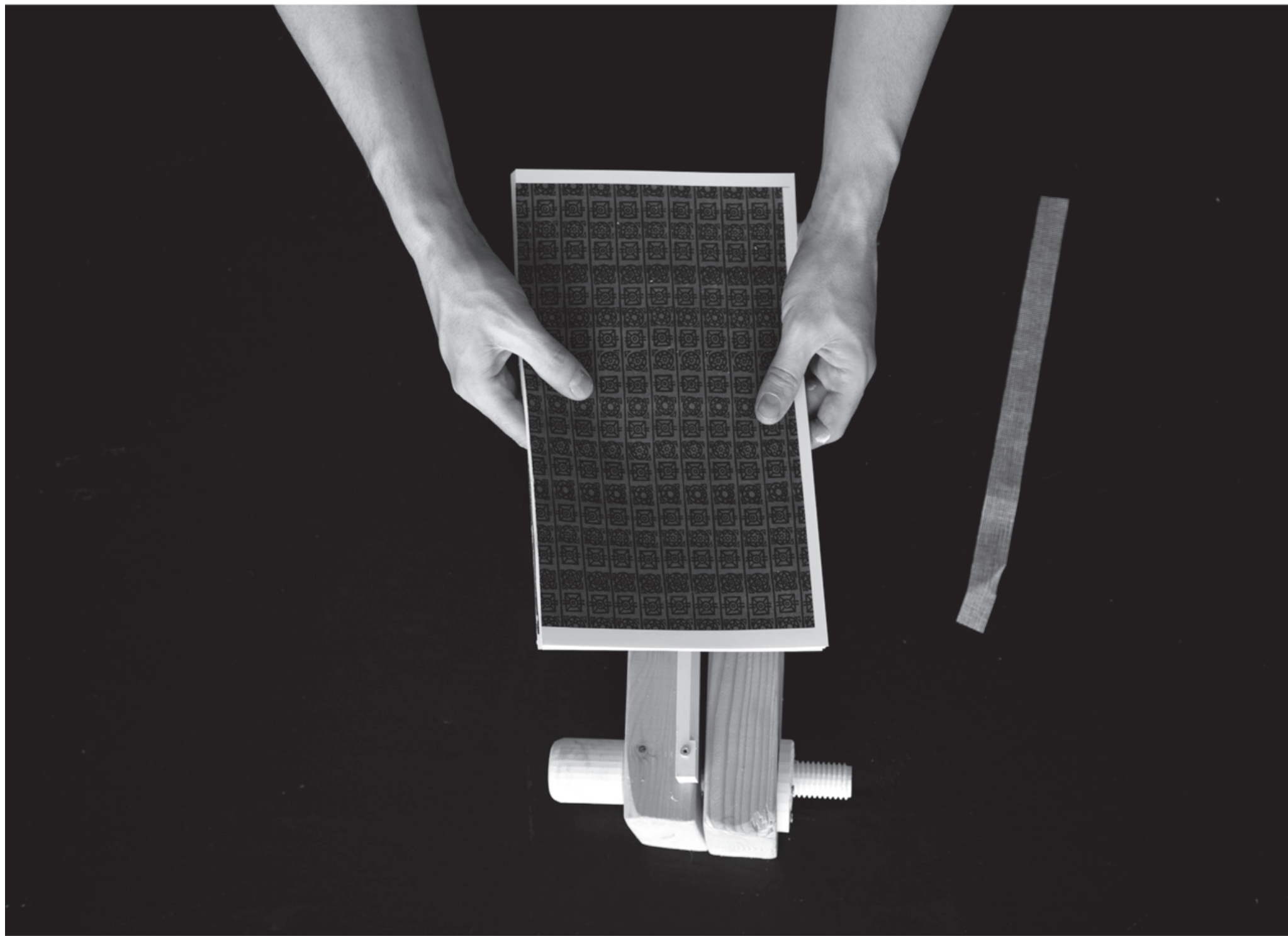
To create an endpaper, fold a piece of paper down the middle. The folded paper should be the same format as the book. Endpaper are often made from slightly thicker paper, which is more durable.

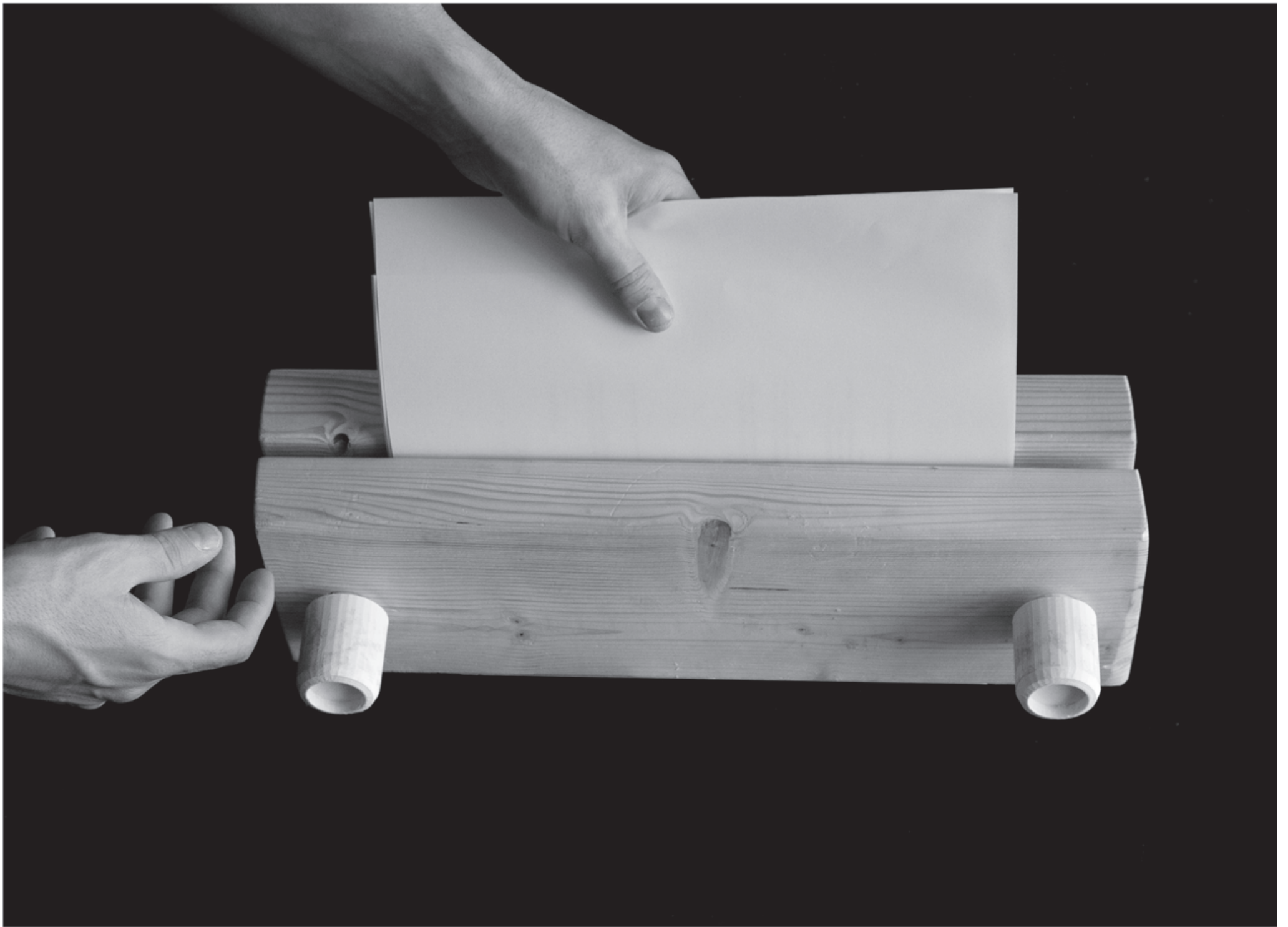
It is very important that the direction of the fibres of the paper is correct. They must follow the length of the book. See the illustration. To check the fibre direction, bend the paper. The direction that feels easiest to bend is the direction of the fibre. Generally, the fibre direction is downwards with traditional A4 paper; see the illustration. All of the paper and cardboard that you use must have the same fibre direction.

Put the paper in the press. Endpapers should be both at the front and the back of the book.

Screw together (you do not need to screw particularly tight).

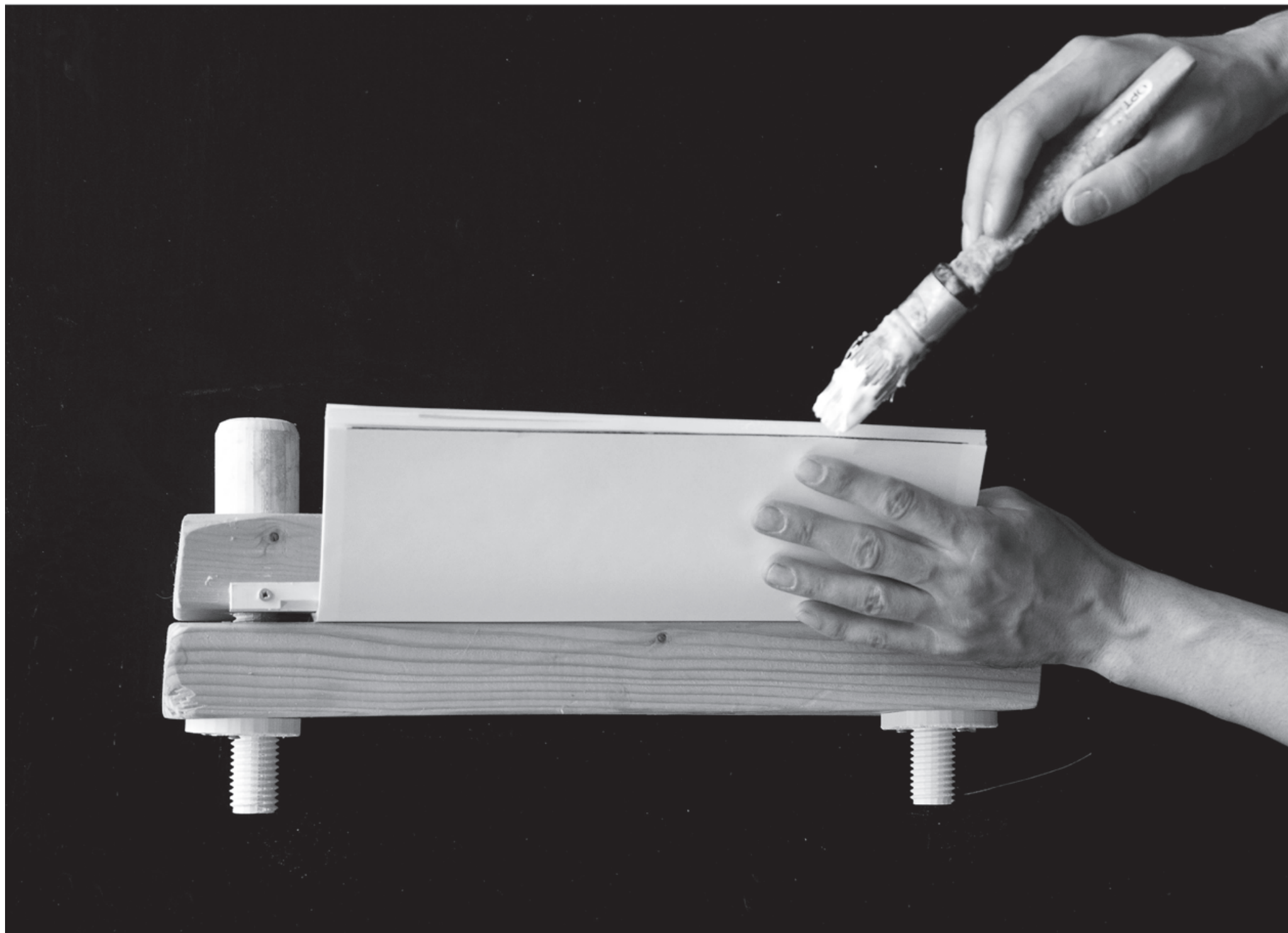


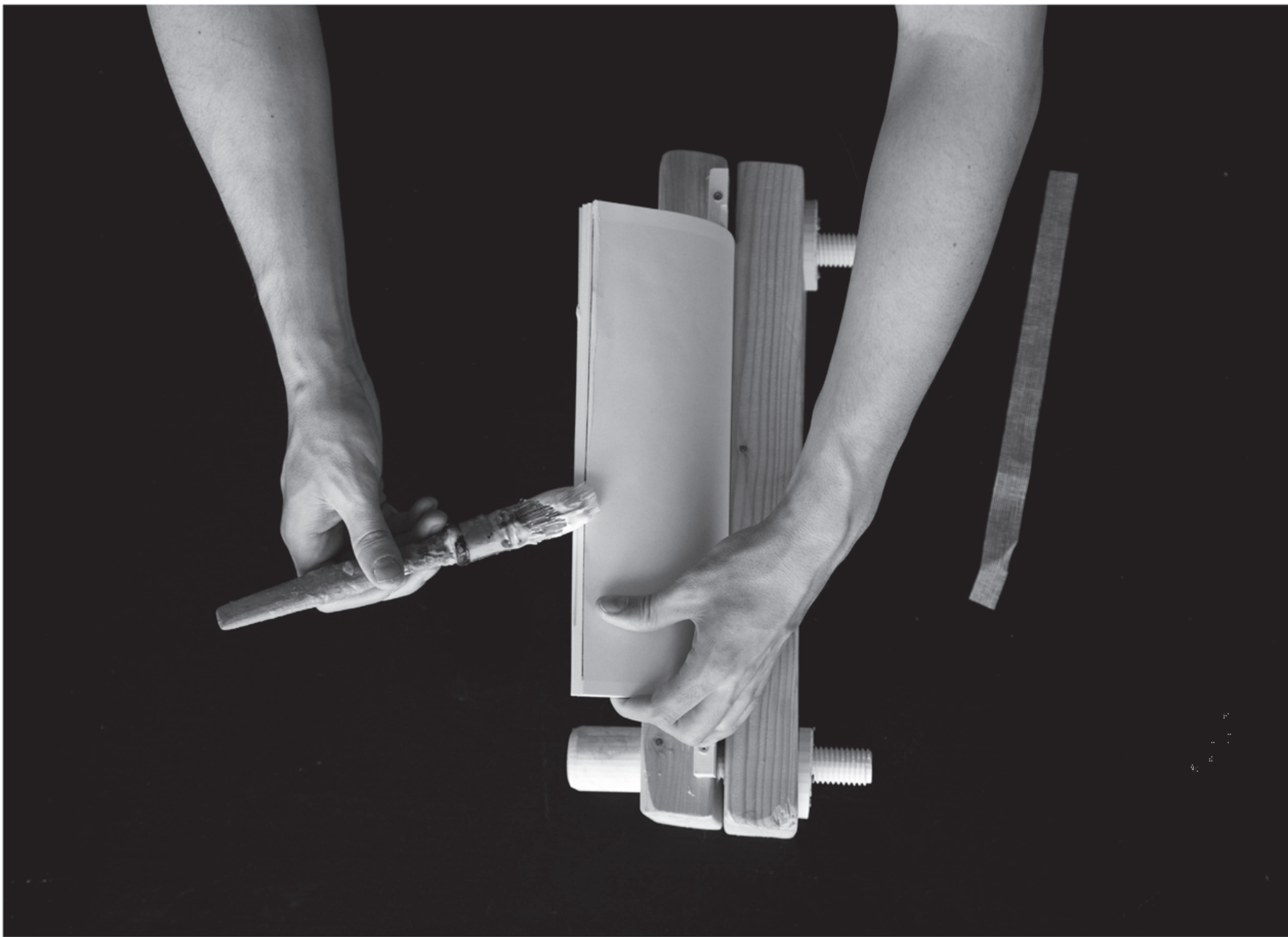


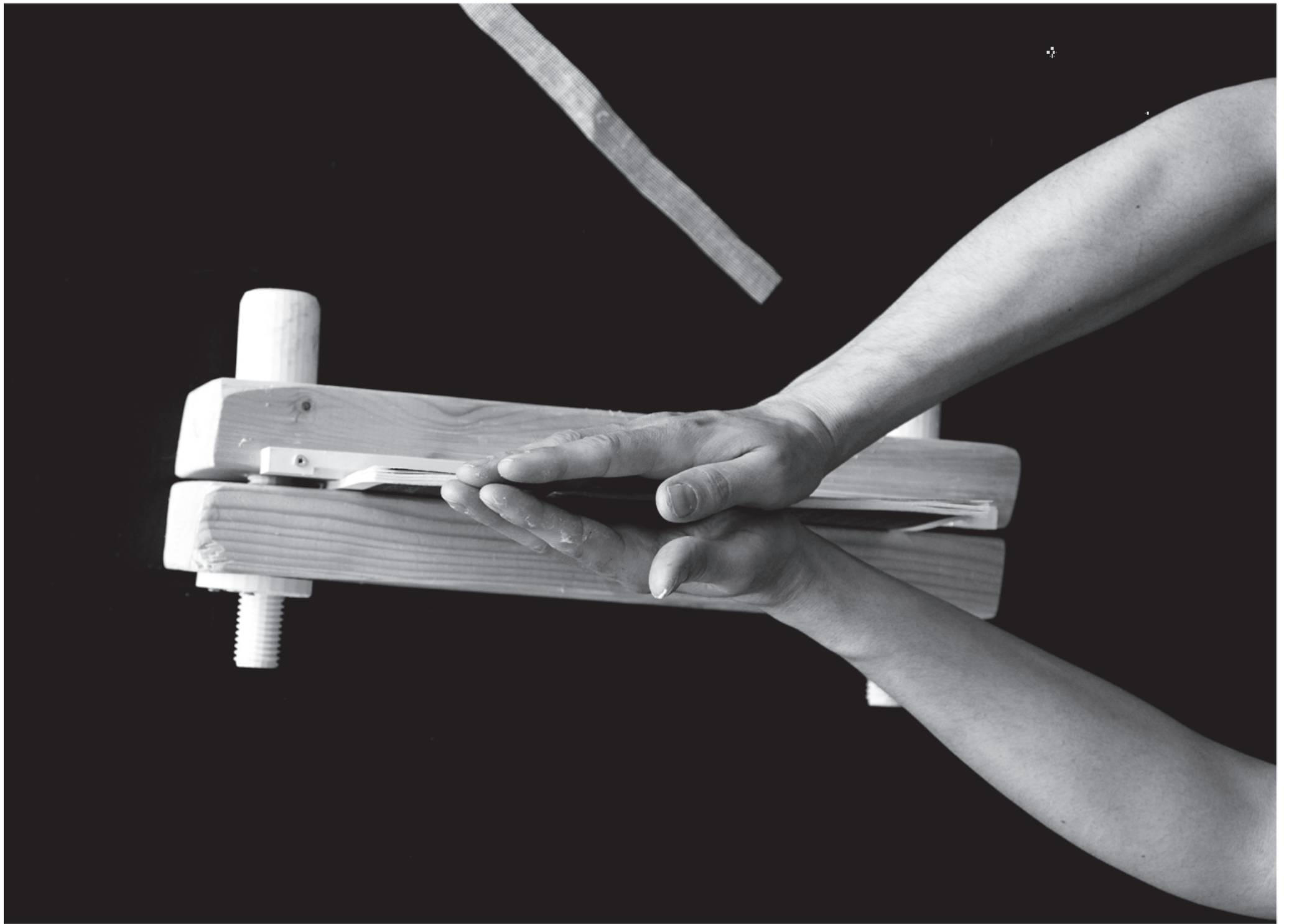


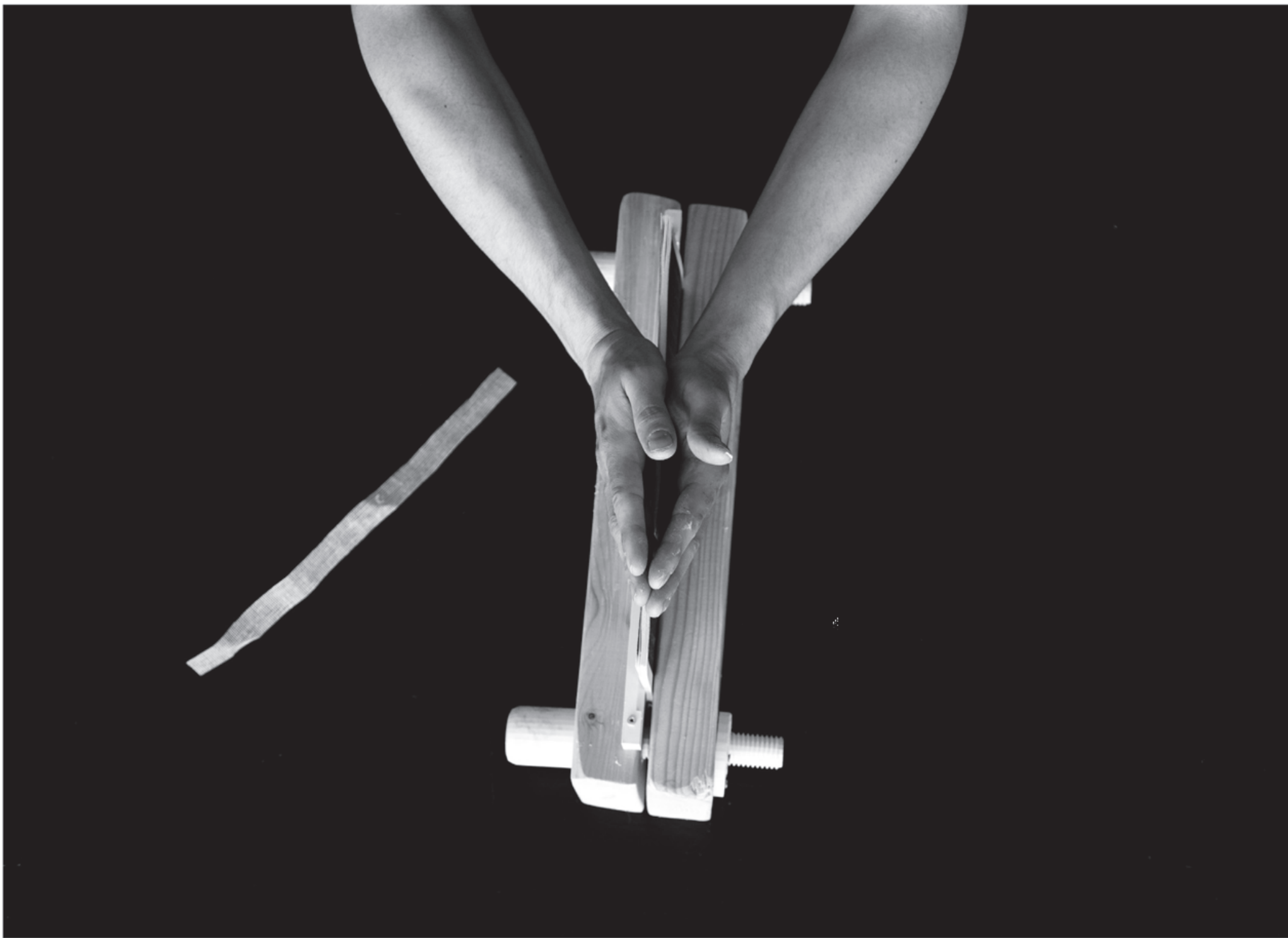


Apply a thin layer of glue while you bend the paper in different directions. The brush direction should be away from the book, so that no glue comes into the book. Press the book together with your hands.

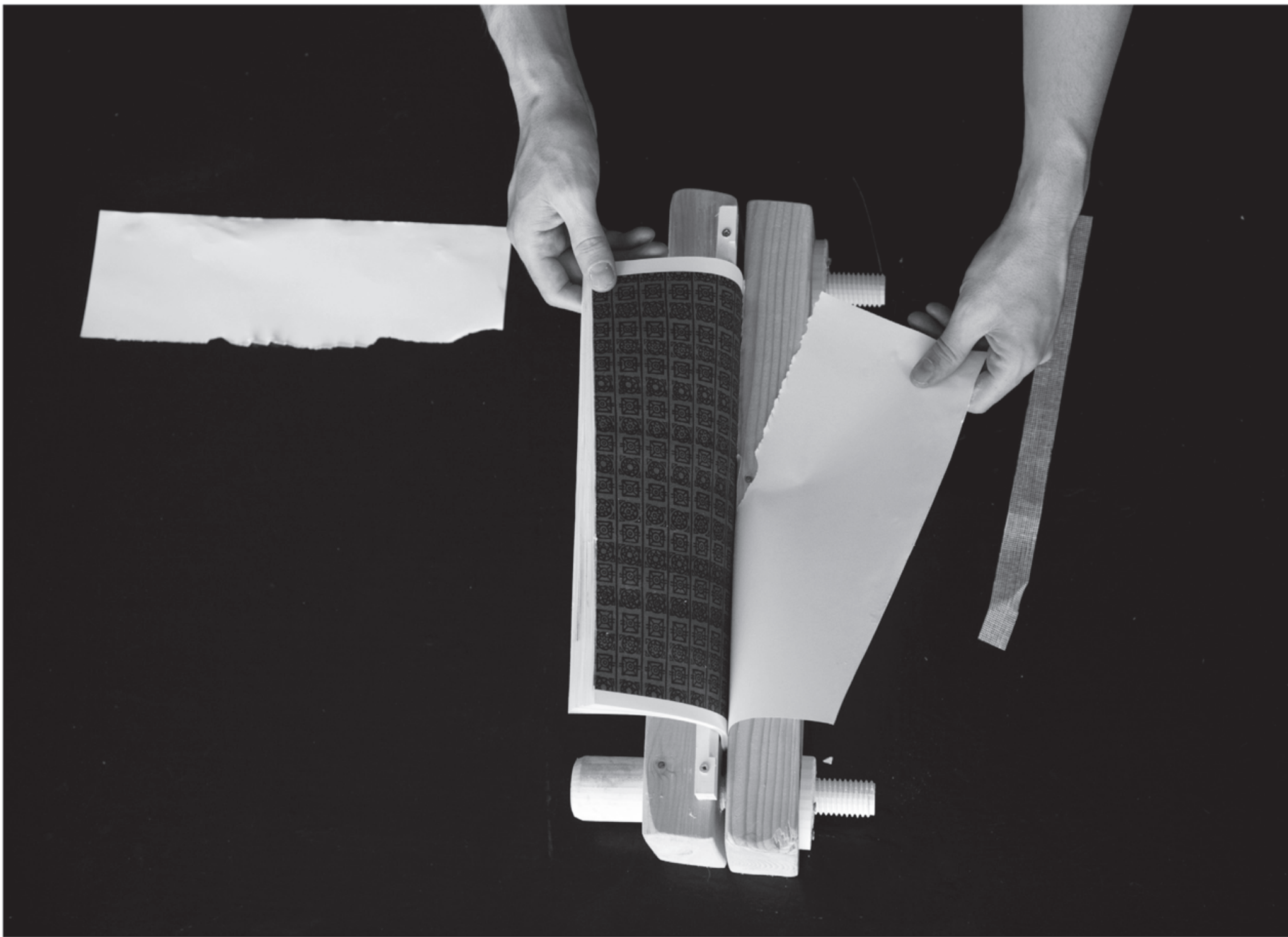


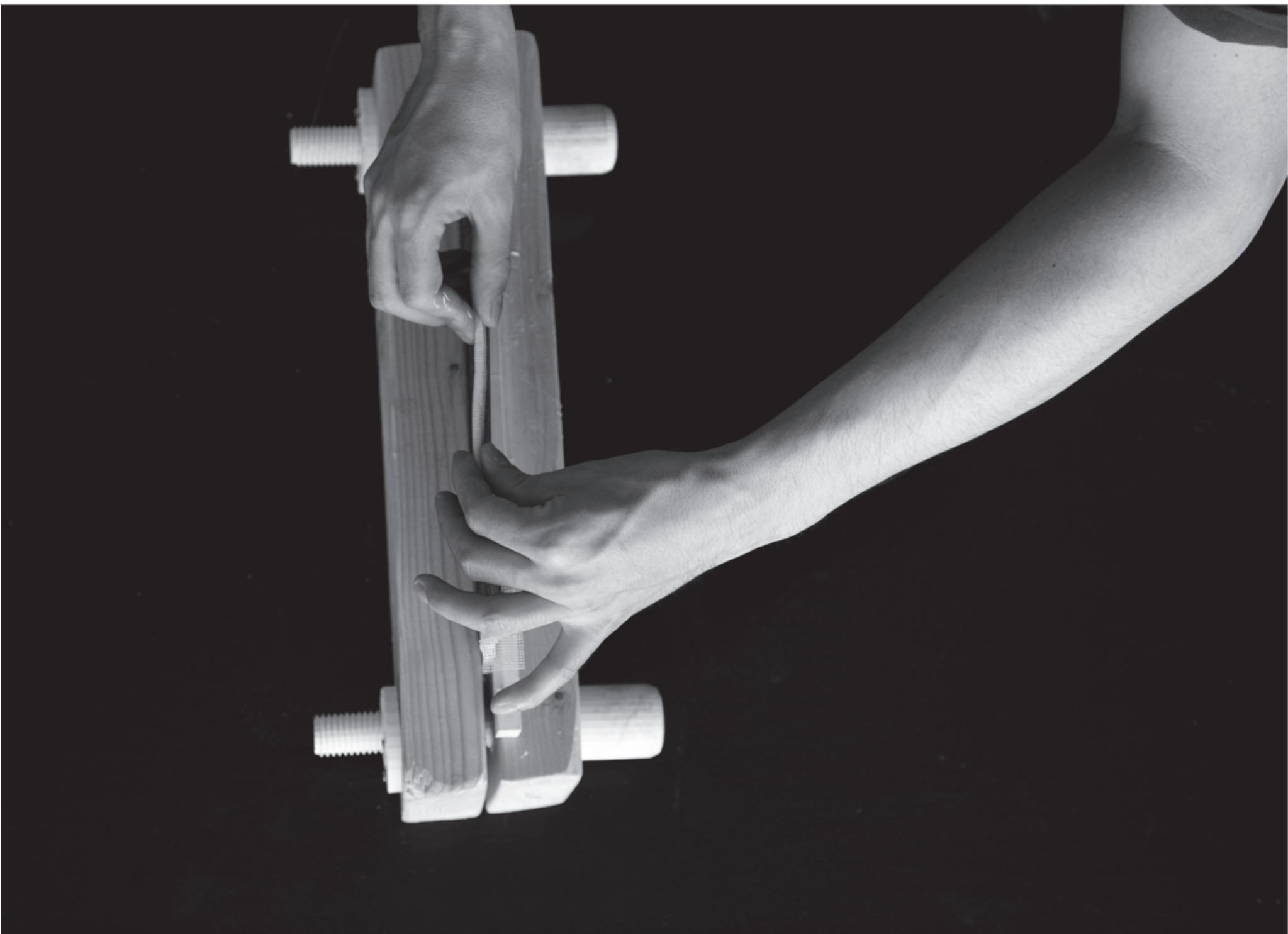


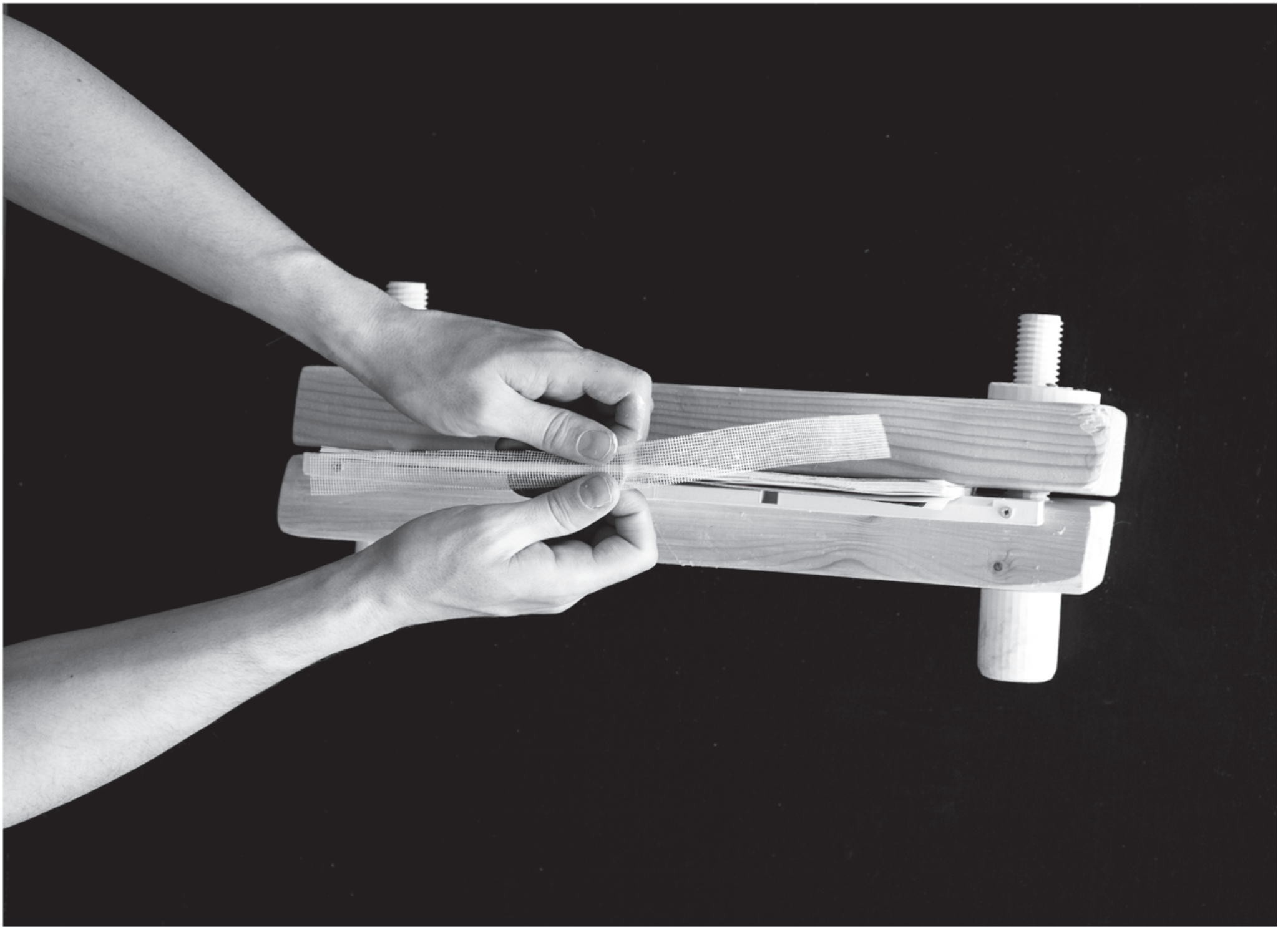


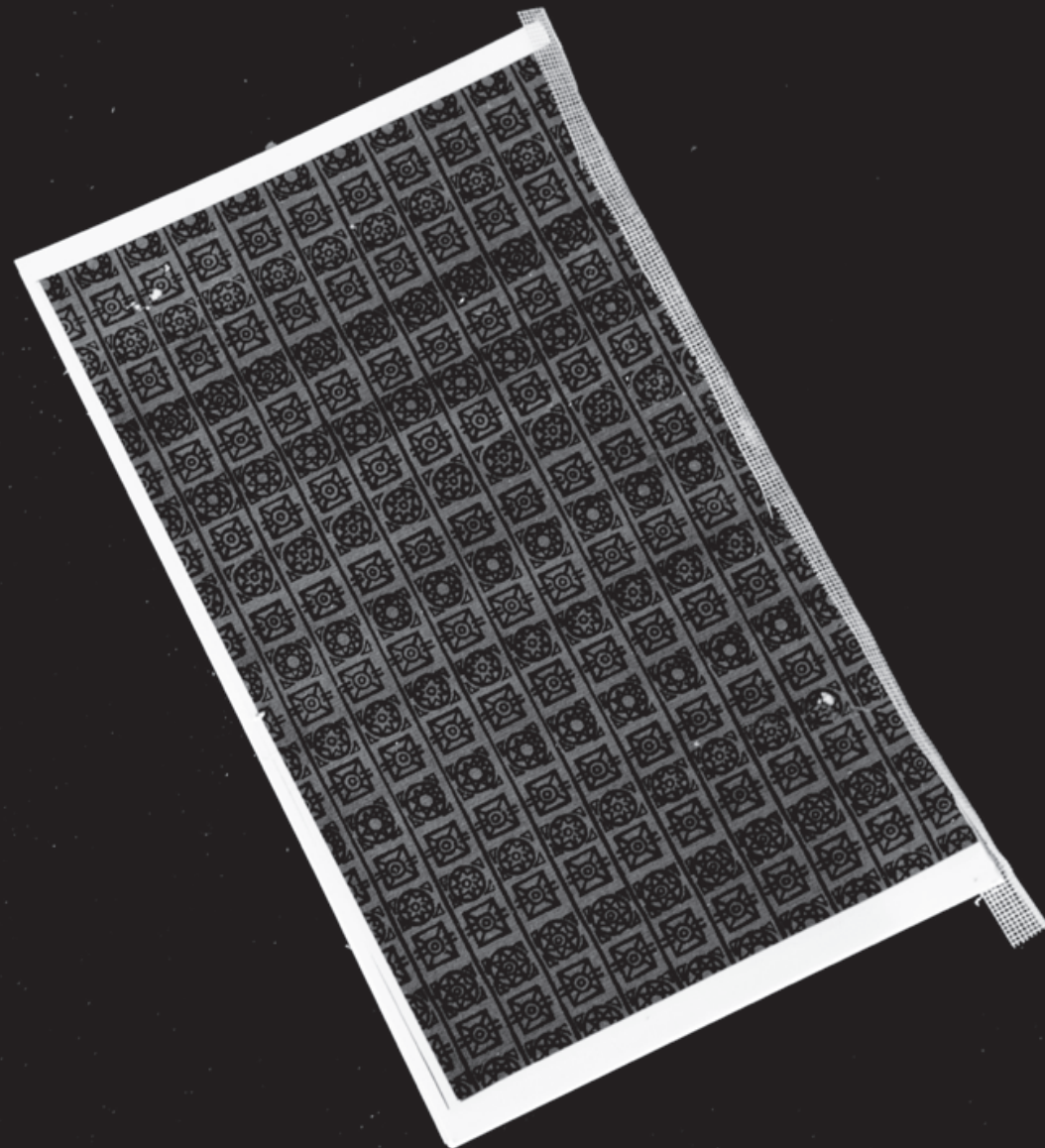


Tear off the protective sheet.
Apply the gauze strip and try to pull it so
that the glue is pushed through the gauze.

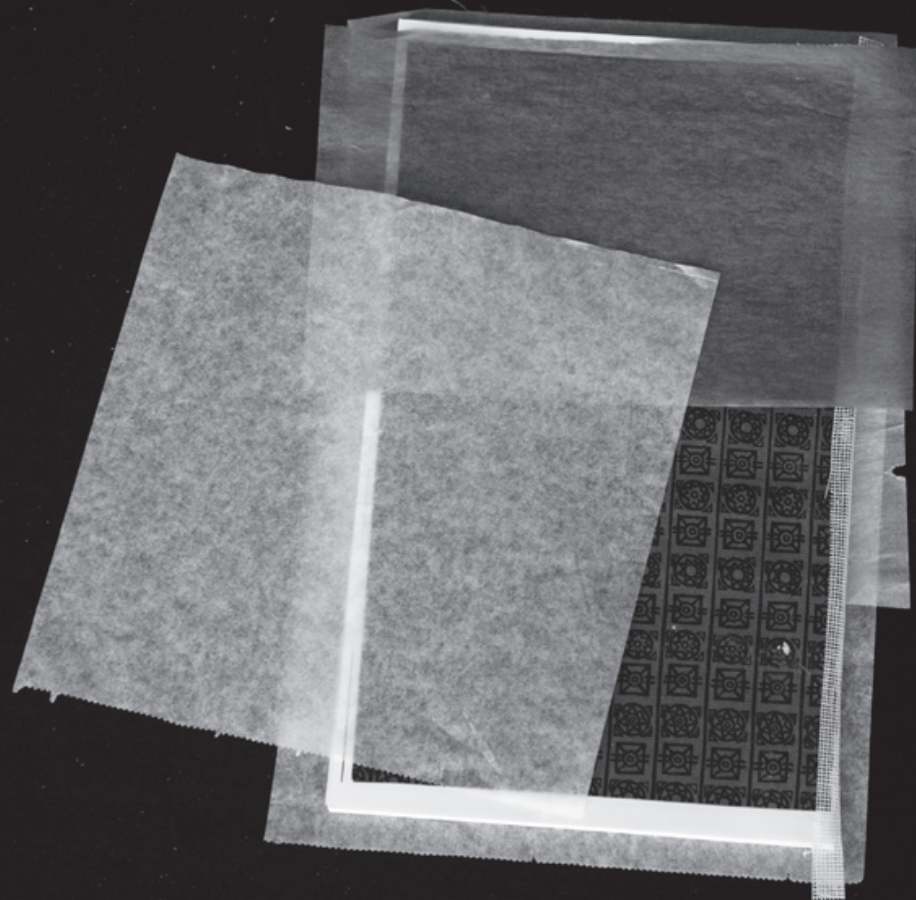


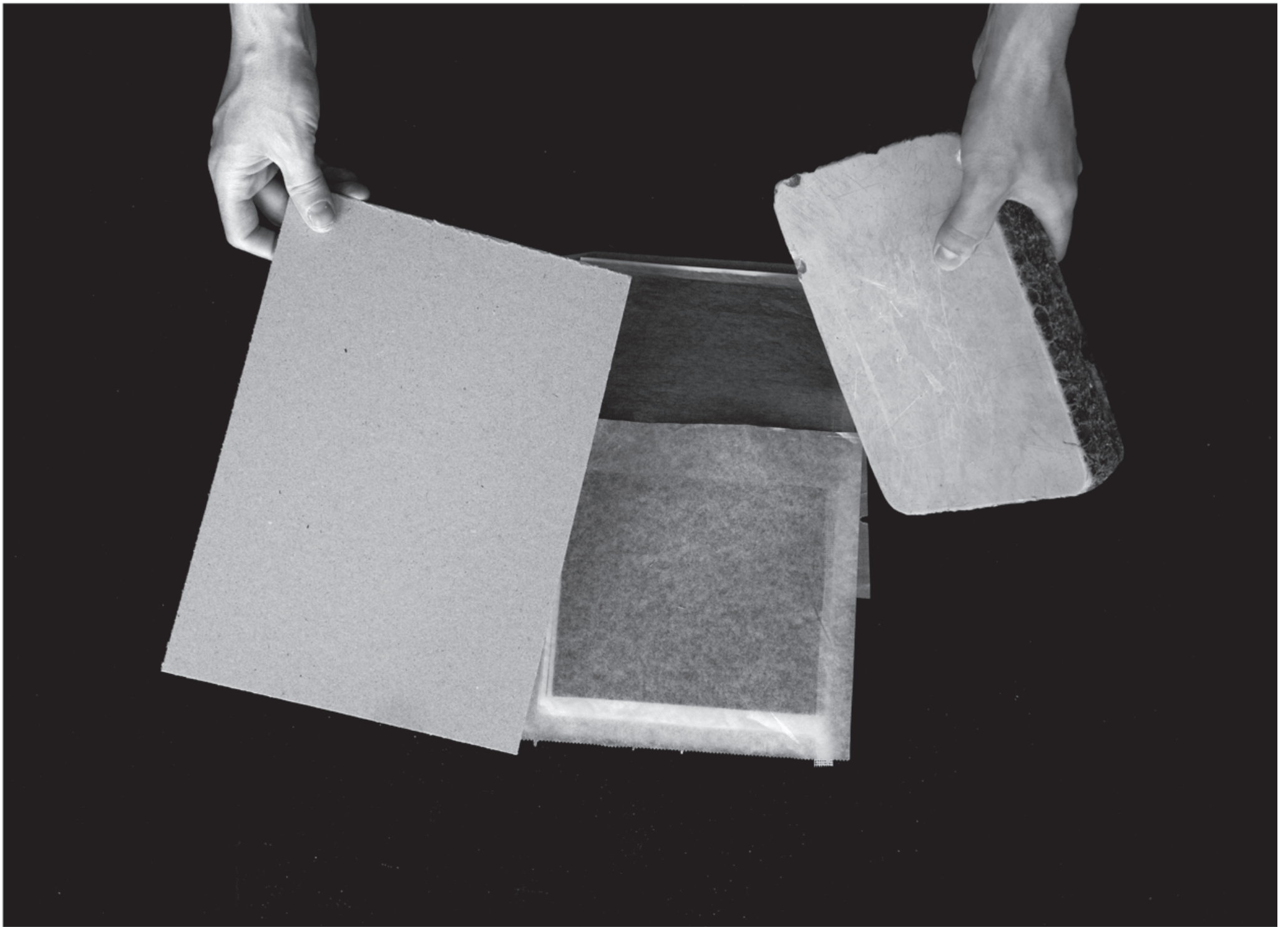


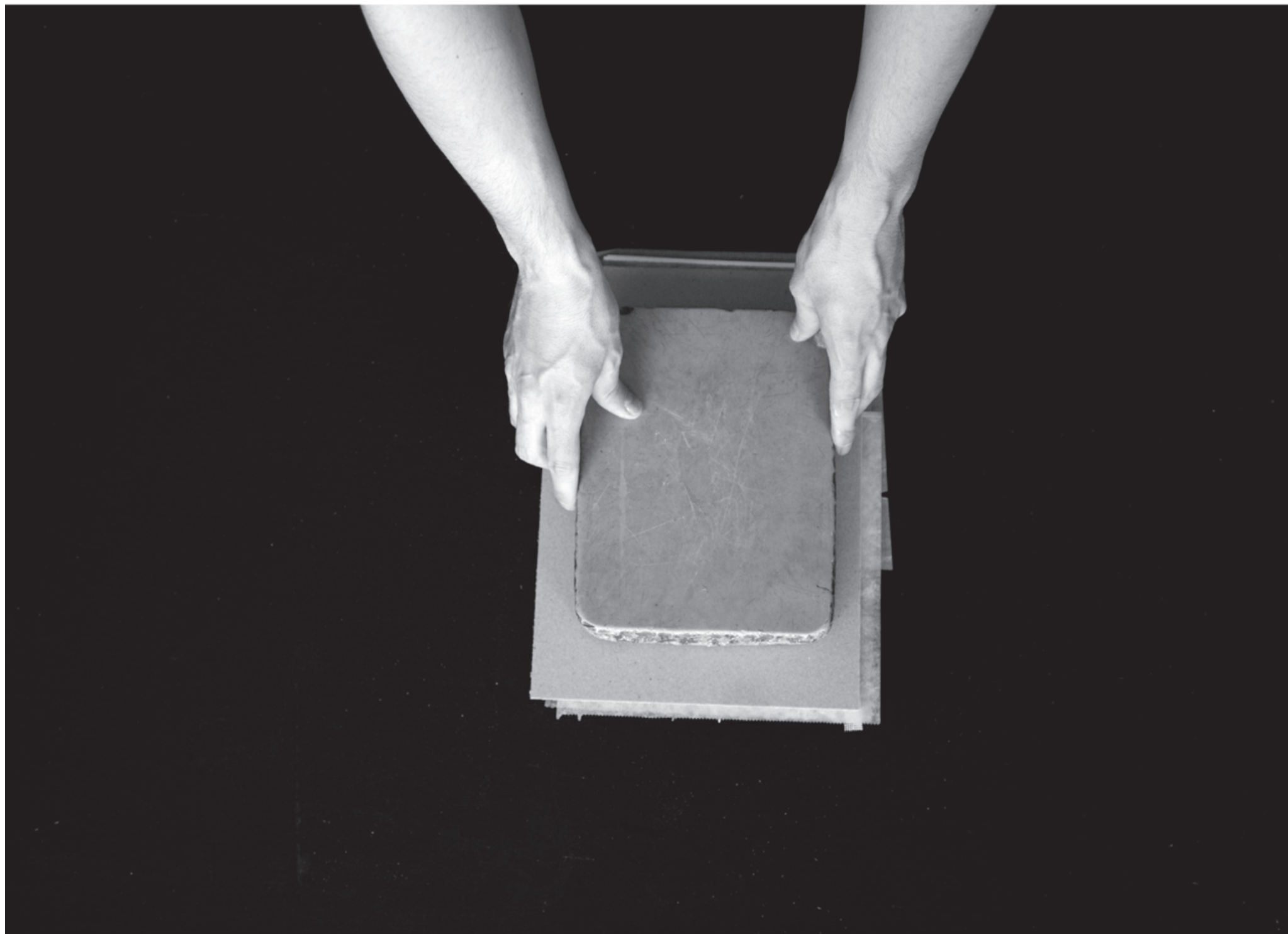




The inside pages need to dry for at least 30 minutes (preferable avoid opening the book for a few days or weeks).







Apply a layer of glue to the cloth.

Place the book on the cloth. Fold the cloth over. Try to make it as smooth as possible. Use the bone folder to smooth back. Small creases usually smooth out during drying.









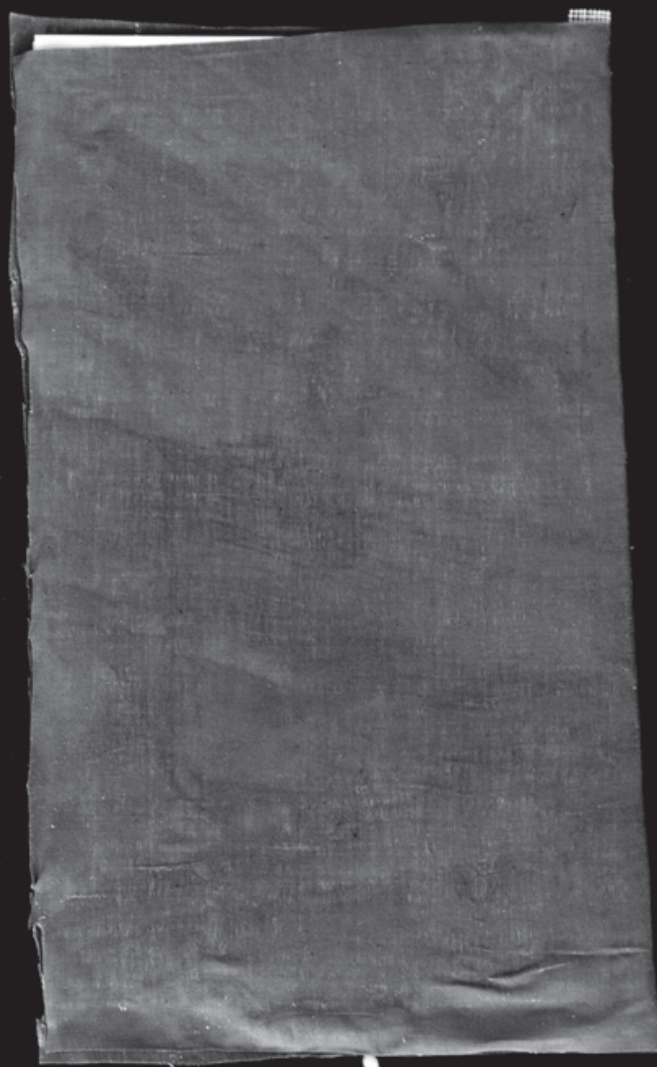




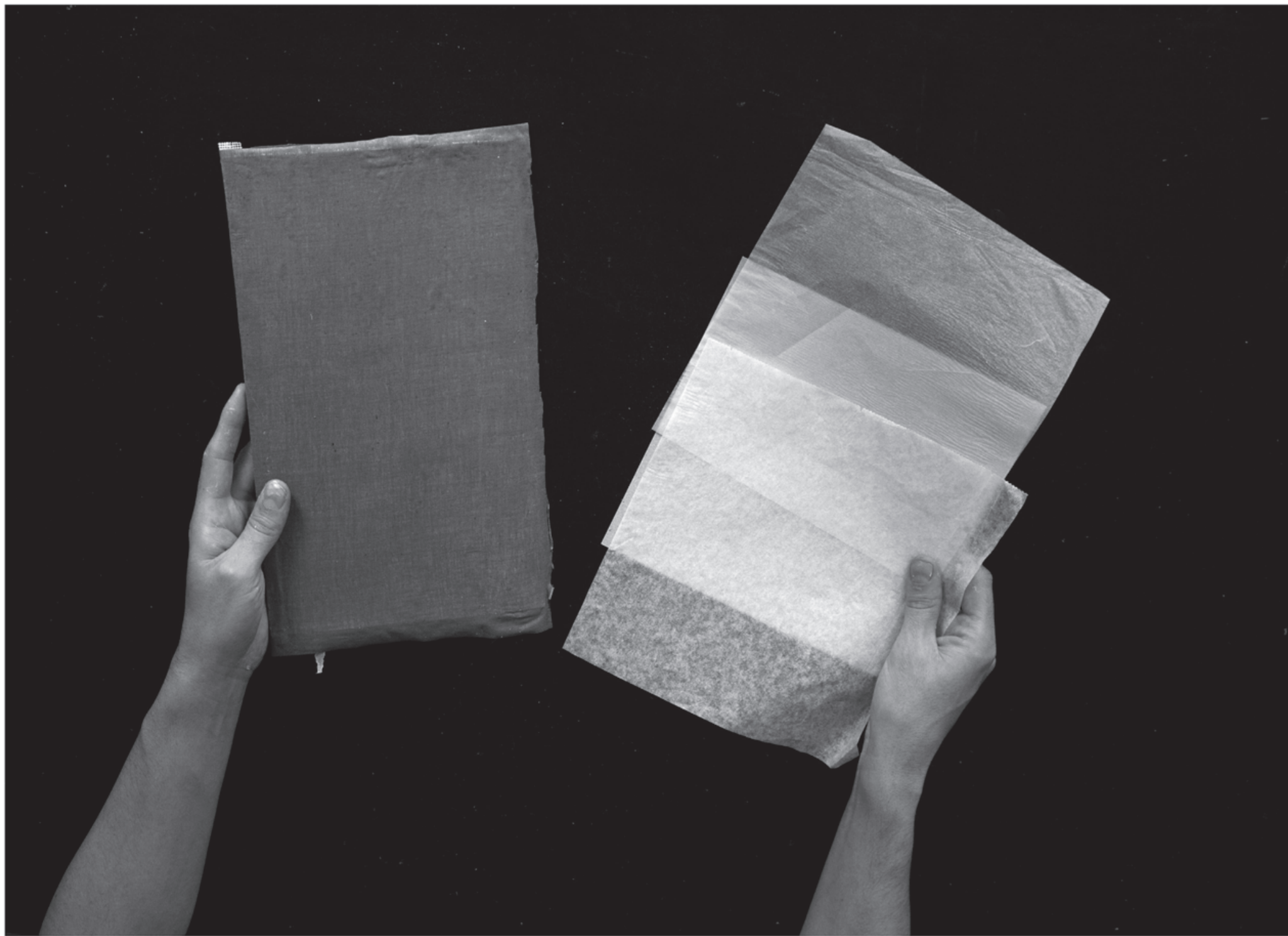




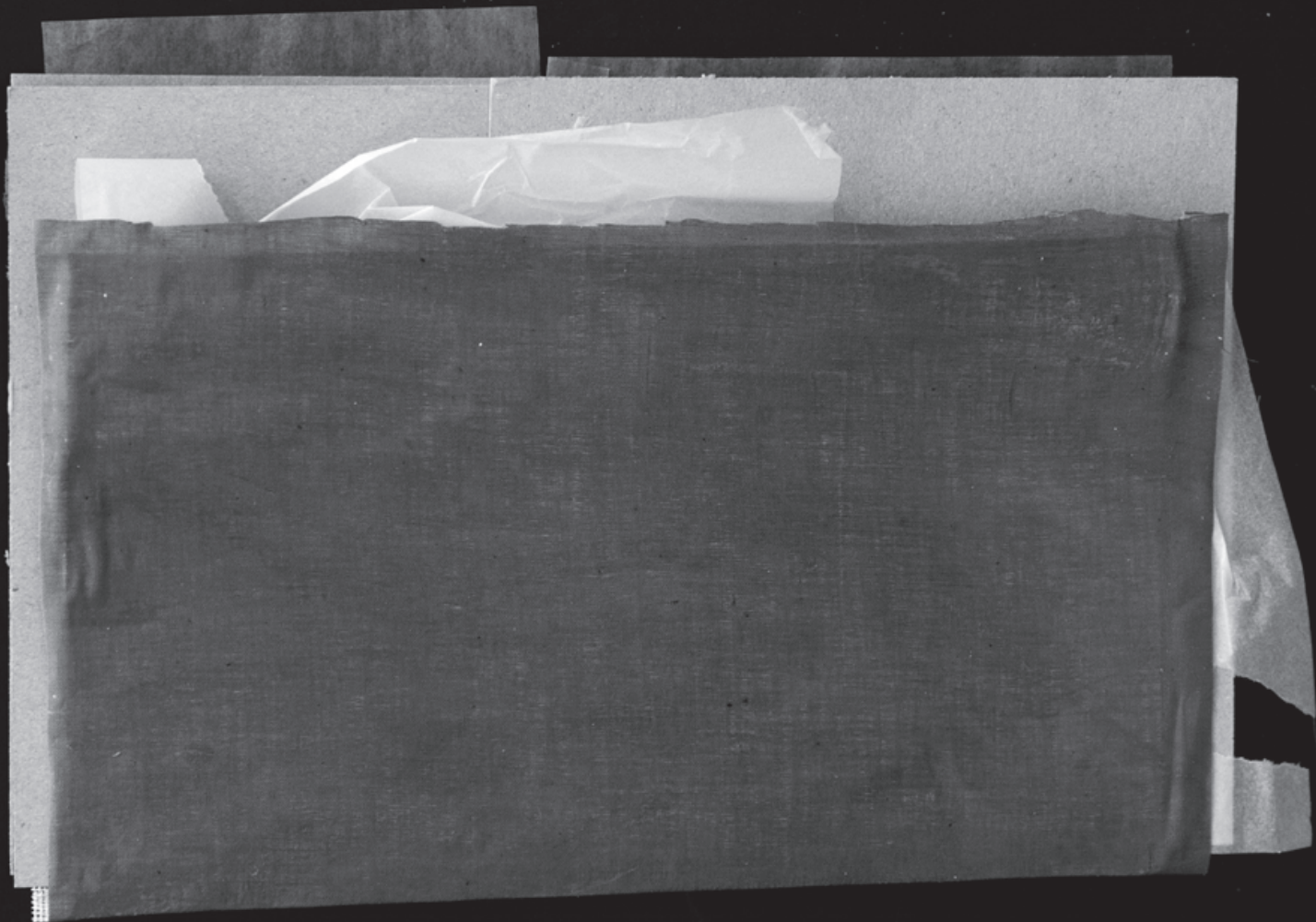
Cut off excess cloth, fairly close to the book's pages. Place the dryer paper and greaseproof paper between the cover pages and greaseproof paper on the outer pages (as they might otherwise stick to the surface). The dryer paper is used to protect the book against moisture.

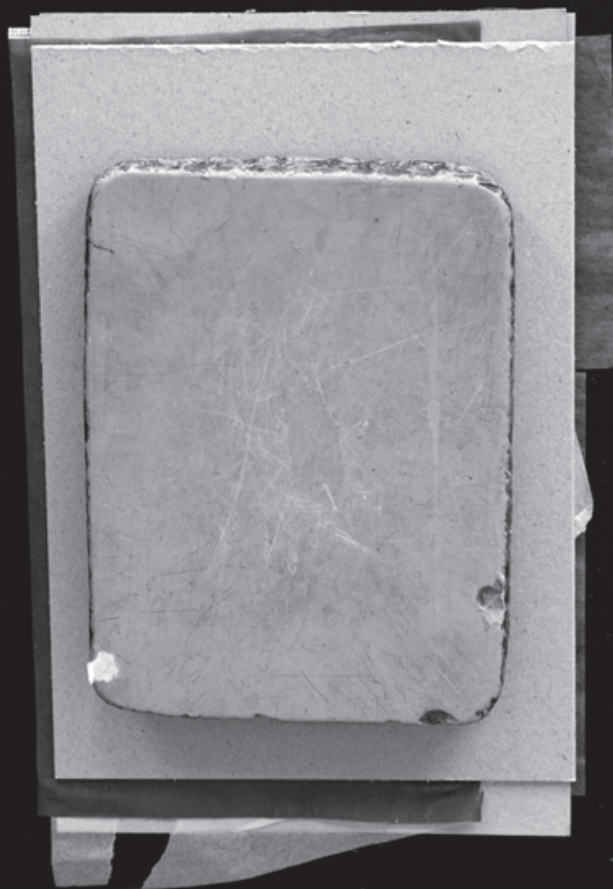






Leave to dry for at least a few days under a weight.





Place the book in the press.

Place where you want to cut the book at the slot.

Place the cutting blade in the slot and cut until the paper loosens.

