

# Java Journals

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The folios in this book are uncut, just as the pages are in many vintage printed books.



## Making the Text Block

- 1 Wash and dry the used coffee filter squares. Iron them before refolding them.

## Creating the Cover

- 2 Carefully remove the stitching on the burlap bag. The sturdy thread could be used to stitch the pages into the cover.

**TIP:** Ask your local coffee roaster to save you one of the burlap bags they receive their beans in. The printed designs and wording on the bags vary from importer to importer.

- 3 Unfold one of the squares into a rectangle. Lay the rectangle on the burlap, centering it over a design element that appeals to you. Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (1.3 cm) from one edge of the rectangle, remove one thread to find the straight grain of the fabric. Cut along the line created (it will be obvious where). Repeat this process with the remaining three sides of the rectangle.
- 4 Cut a second piece of burlap the same size as the one in step 3 without pulling out the threads.
- 5 Stack the two pieces and machine stitch them together along the top and bottom edges, lengthwise through the center, and along each end. This will prevent the roughly woven burlap from raveling. If you want to fringe the edges (as shown) make your stitching lines in about  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (9.5 mm) from the edge.
- 6 Fold the cover and press a sharp crease along the spine.

## Assemble the Book

- 7 Make a punch template with five evenly spaced holes for your stitching holes. Create 3 stacks with 4 filters per stack.
- 8 Use the phonebook as a cradle to hold the pages while you punch the holes.
- 9 Fold the stitched book cover in half, and iron the folded crease.
- 10 Run the threads from step 3 through a cake of beeswax or dip them in melted beeswax.
- 11 Thread a needle with waxed thread. Stitch the pages to the cover.

## Finished dimensions

6 inches (15.2 cm) square

## Materials

12 to 18 pre-folded coffee filter squares

Burlap coffee bean bag

Waxed linen or waxed burlap threads

Beeswax (optional)

## Tools

Sewing machine

Bone folder or table knife

Straight edge ruler

Awl

Phonebook

2 sharp needles with large eyes

## Stitch

Five-hole pamphlet stitch

