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Exhibit Cradles

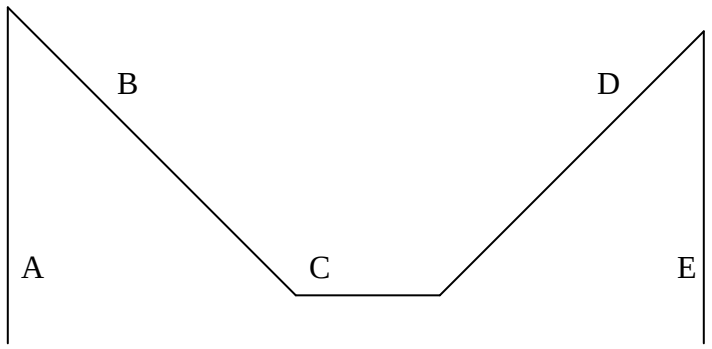
Exhibit cradles support the book while on display. Each cradle is custom made for the book. The small wedges are recycled when possible.

Time: 10-15 min. per cradle when batched.

ξ Tools Needed: pencil, board shear, triangle, bone folder.

- Open book to selected display and support binding with weights such that there is no pressure on the textblock or binding.

- Measure according to the following diagram such that, when complete, the cradle cannot be seen beneath the book:



A=height to book board; B=inside dimensions of front board to shoulder; C=spine width; D=inside dimensions of back board from shoulder; E=height to book board.

- Cut a piece of Vivak on the board shear to the height of the book less 5mm. Mark the Vivak according to the measurements taken from the book.

- Using the clamp and edge on the board shear, crease the Vivak. When creasing the Vivak, fold along the whole edge at once to get a straight crease and then fold back and forth several times to make the crease flexible. Small folds are difficult but having someone else hold the clamp helps.

- Fold the cradle to fit the book and remove the protective coating. Using the polyester strapping, secure the book to the cradle.

Small Exhibition Wedges

The small wedge is used when only light support is needed for a book. These can be reused when needed.

Time: Less than 5 min. per wedge.

ξ Tools Needed: pencil, board shear, triangle, bone folder, creasing jig, double sided tape.

- Measure the desired height for the wedge by supporting the binding with weights.
- Cut a piece of folder stock the height of the book less 5mm and three times the desired height plus 10mm.
- Measure the desired height three times across the piece of folder stock and crease. Fold into a triangle and adhere the 10mm tab with double sided tape to the inside of the wedge.
- Attach to book with polyester strapping.