How to Make Book Covers Notes

**Getting Images or Text**

A. Create your own
    a. Use a photo program.
        i. Mymemories Suite 9 https://www.mymemories.com/mms/my_memories_suite
            1. Free until you print a real life book – use a discount from a designer at MyMemories.com site.
    b. Use a Documents program
        i. Microsoft Word, Open Office or Google Docs
B. Screen Capture or Grab – I use snipping tool
C. Take a photo of book you own.
D. Scan your own book
E. Search the internet
    a. Right click and then Save As
    b. Download a copy

**Resizing Images**

A. Understand scale – use the fraction – use a calculator
    a. 1/12$^{th}$ scale: 9 inches = 9/12 or 3/4 or 0.75 in
    b. 1/48$^{th}$ scale: 9 inches =9/48 or 0.1975
B. Trim/Crop
    a. Whenever an image has more than is needed

**Adding Covers and Spines**

A. Pick a back cover color similar to front cover.
B. Spines will be more readable if wider than would be if scaled down exactly.
C. Spines will be more readable as an image rather than text in document.

**Printing**

A. Choose best printing option.
B. Choose paper thickness based on scale.
    a. Thin card for 1” scale or 1/2” scale.
    b. Paper like copy paper or better quality if available for smaller scales.

**Other examples for resizing**

- 1 inch scale example 12” / 12 = 1” and 10” /12 = 10/12” which reduces to 5/6” or 0.83
    - My 12”x10” book cover in miniature would then be 1” x 0.83” in my program.
- Let’s do this same math for half inch scale
    - Example 12” / 24 = 1/2” or 0.5 and 10” /24 = 10/24” which reduces to 5/12” or 0.417
    - My 12”x10” book cover in miniature would then be 0.5” x 0.417” in my program.
- Let’s do this same math for quarter inch scale
    - Example 12” / 48 = 1/4” or 0.25 and 10” / = 10/48” which reduces to 5/24” or 0.208
    - My 12”x10” book cover in miniature would then be 0.25” x 0.208” in my program.

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