Make a Midori Traveler’s Notebook

Midori Traveler’s Notebook is so popular recently, quality leather cover, refillable notebook inserts bounded by elastics, unique system that loved by many journal lovers and travelers. In this post, I will show you step by step to make a Midori style traveler’s notebook.

Tools and materials.

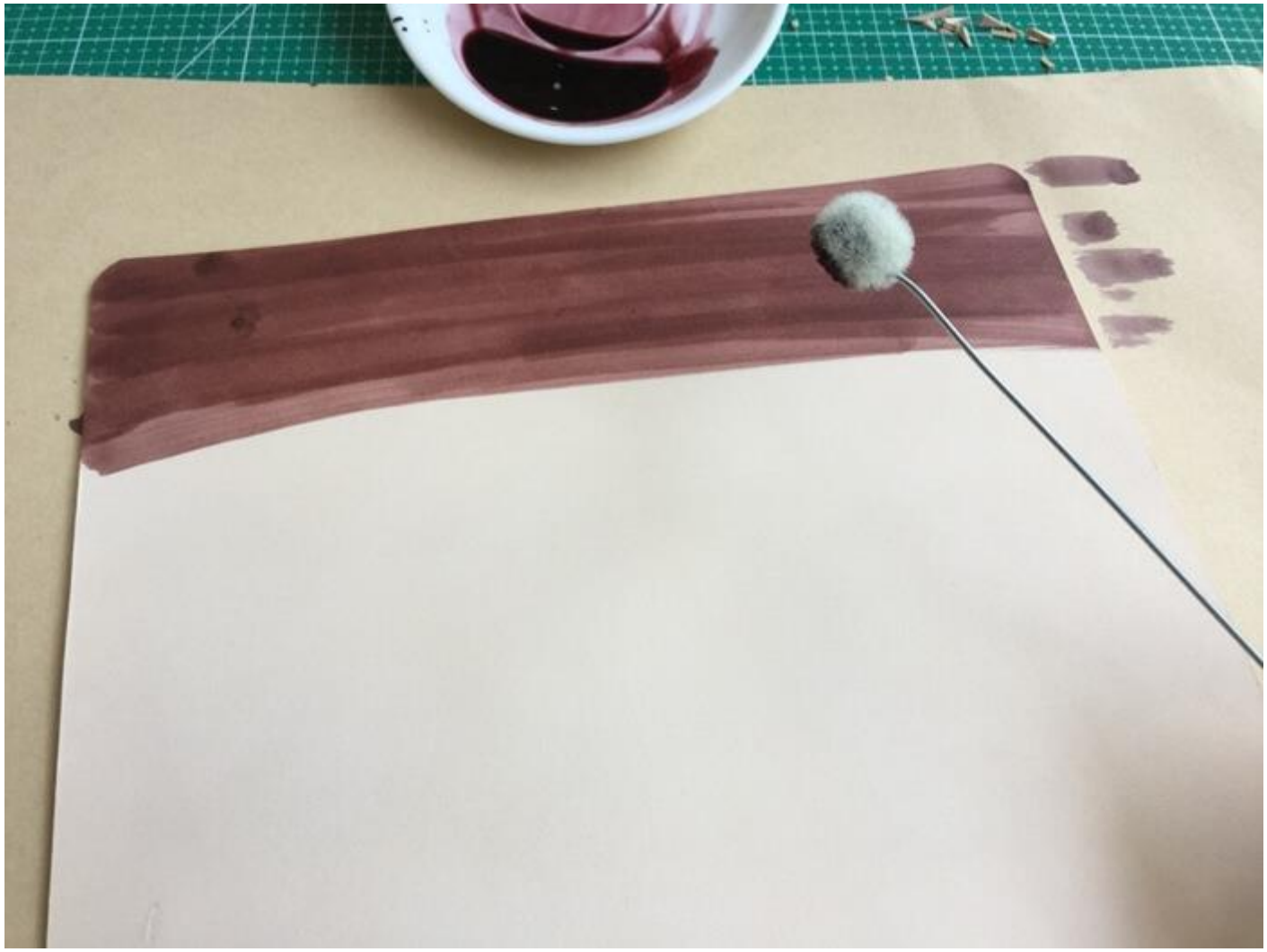
Midori Traveler’s Notebook haS 2 main sizes, standard 8.5 x 4.5 inches and passport size. Here I am going to make a standard one. The insert is 21 x 11cm, so I made the template with 25 x 22cm so it could hold the inserts.

Mark cut lines onto the leather.

Cut the 4 sides.

Cut round corns by using a stuff with a rounded edge.

The leather used is natural vegetable tanned leather, here I am going to dye it in dark brown.



Dyeing, wait it dry.

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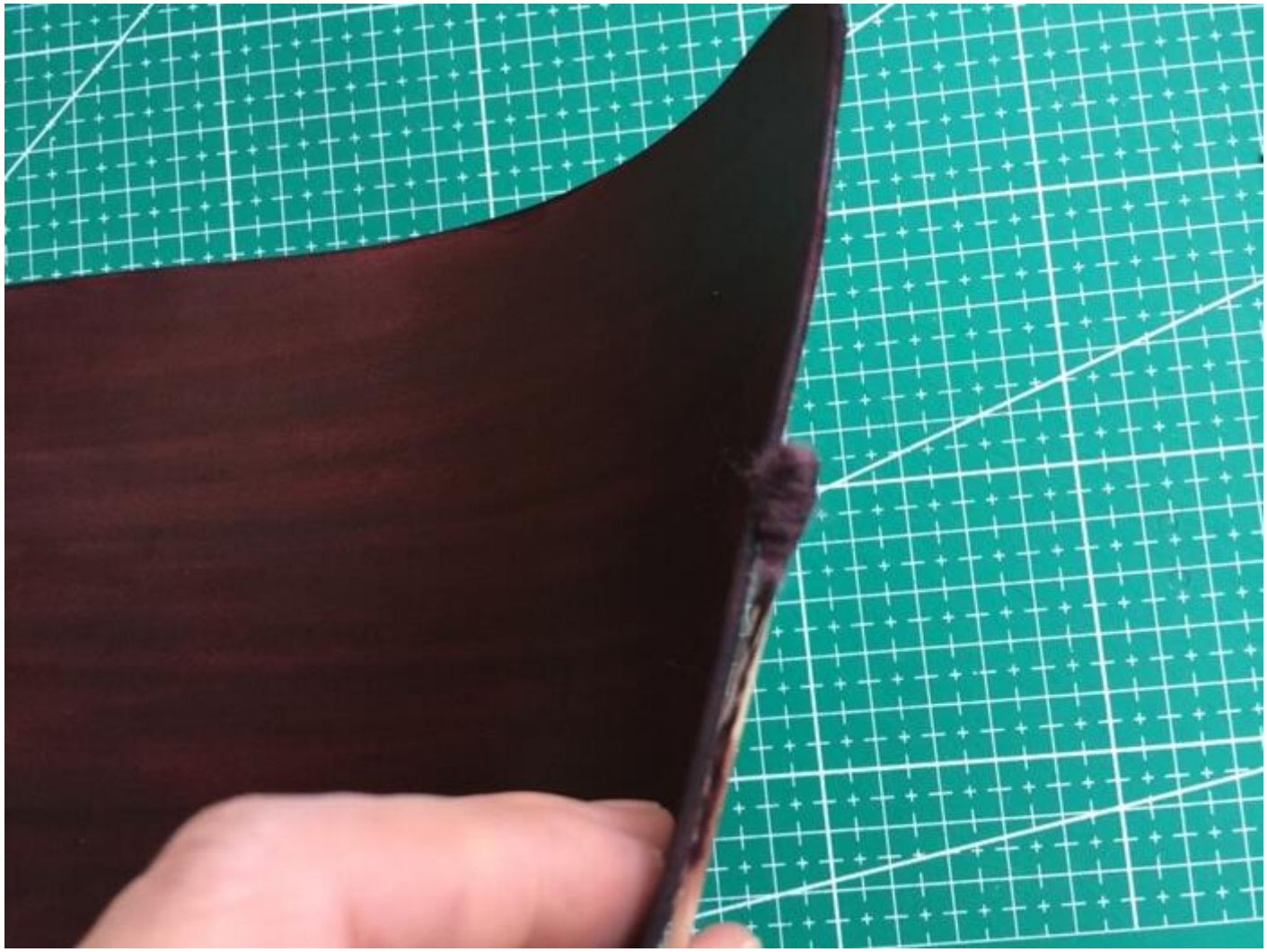
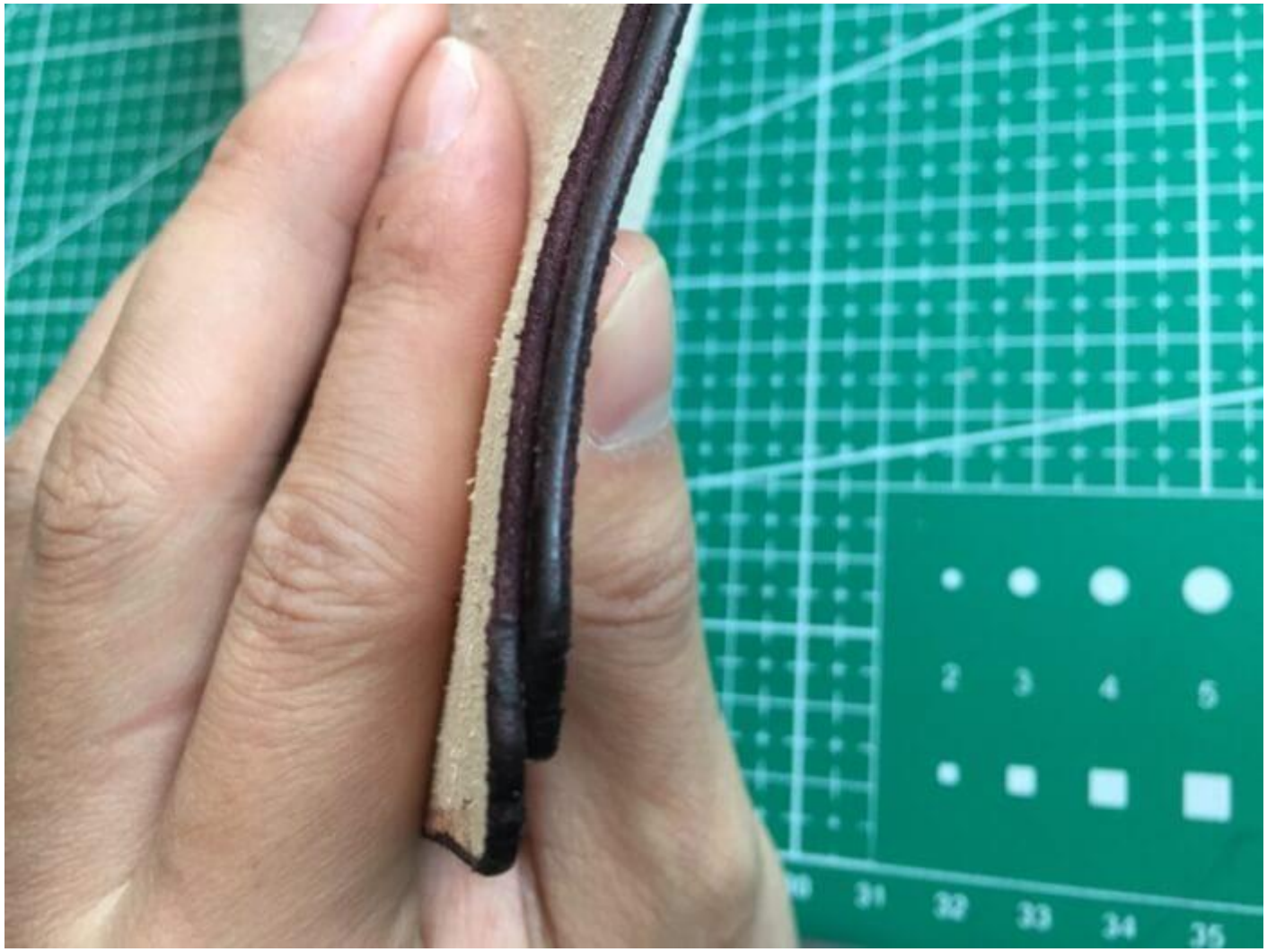


Trimming the edge and dye it in dark brown.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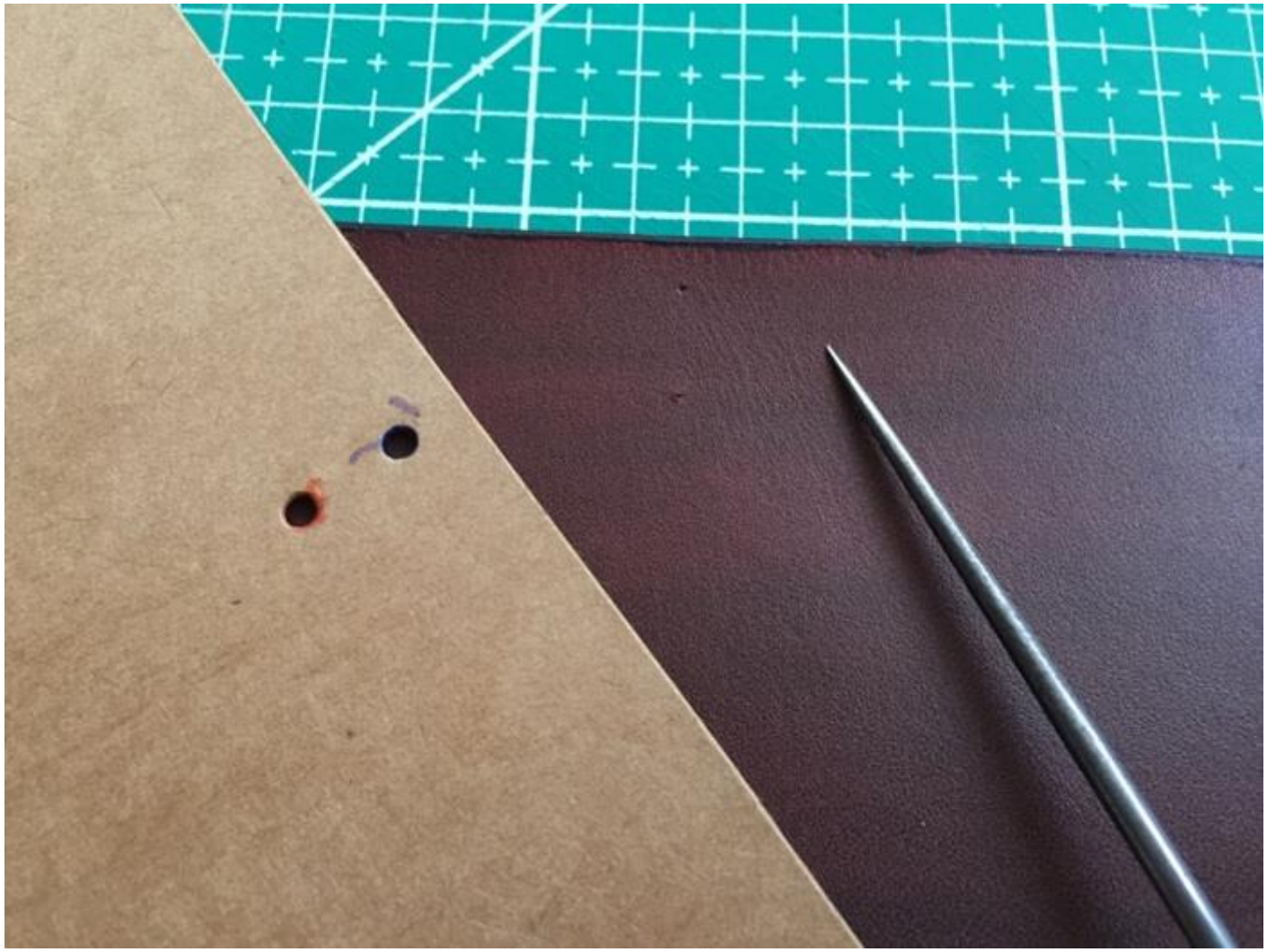
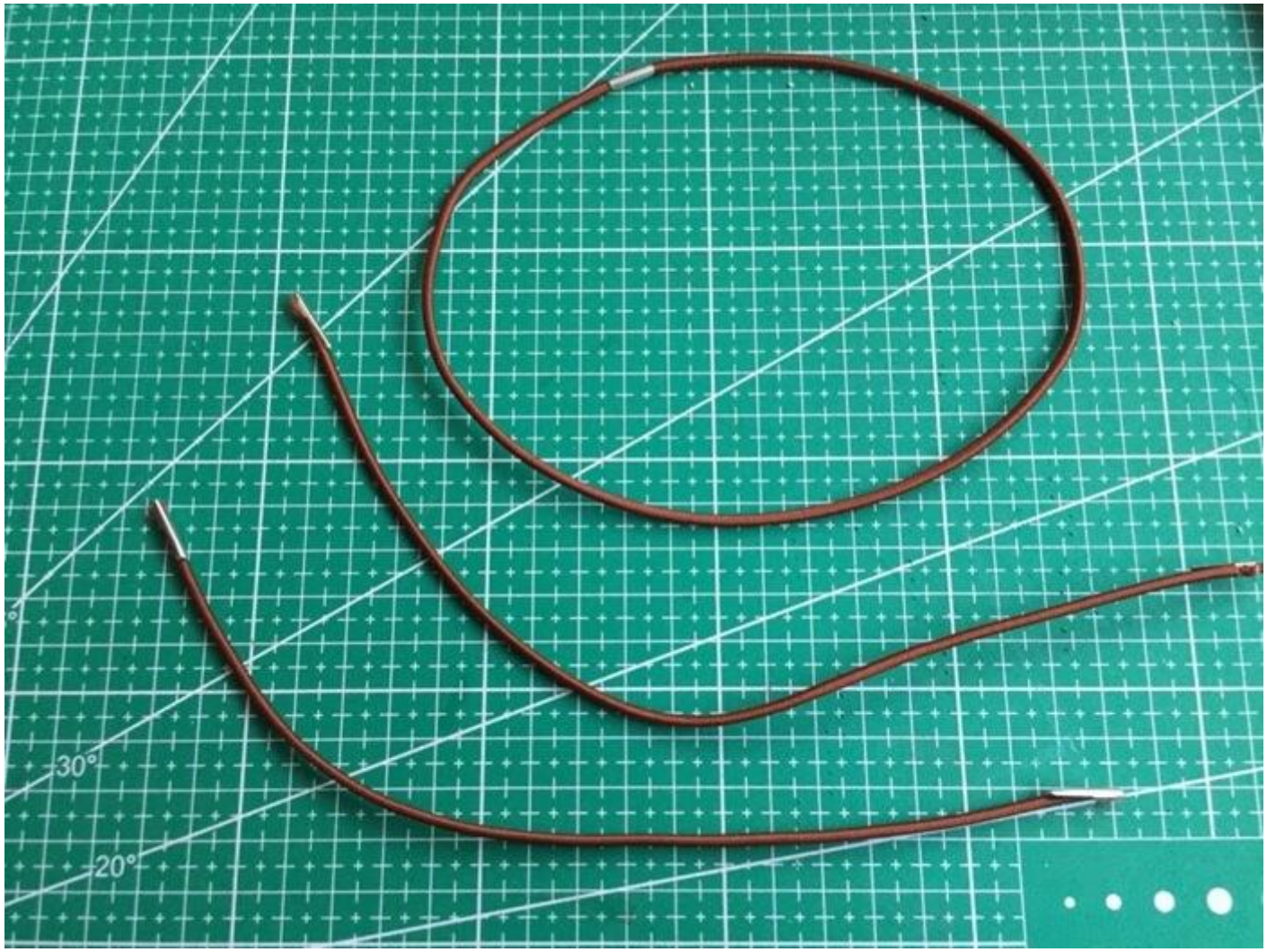
Apply edge finish gel and polish to bright.

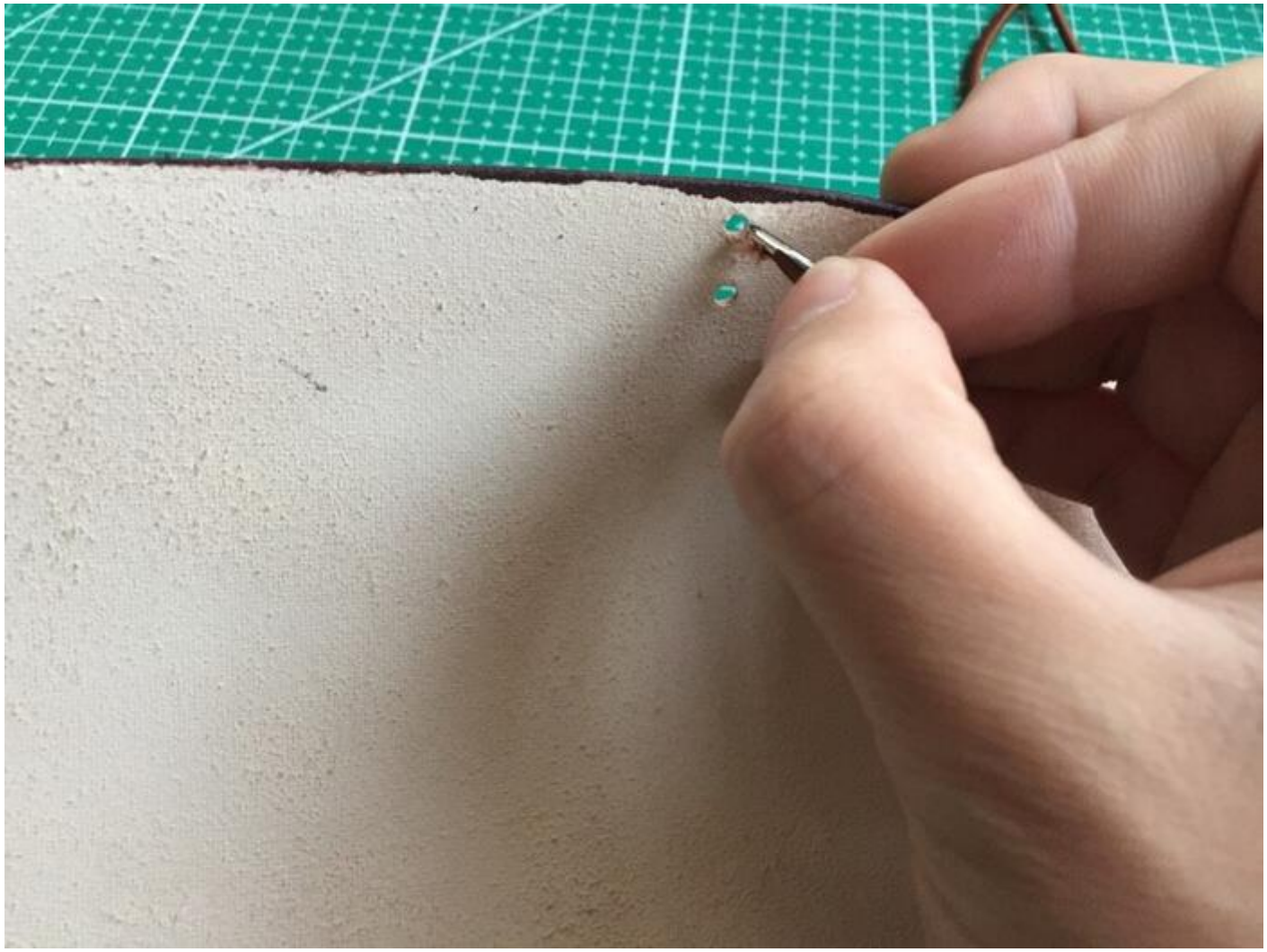
The leather is a little thin (about 1.8mm thick), to protect the cover from the elastic band, I decide do add a leather patch.



mark and punch holes onto the cover.



One of places of the original Midori TN people complaining is the elastic knot inside the back of the cover will interfere when writing. So here I use metal clips.



Insert the elastic rope into the top hole from the flesh side of the cover.

Insert back from the second hole.

Pull the elastic to keep the clip end tight onto the cover.

Use the same way to install the other side. Here is how it looks .

From the grain side.

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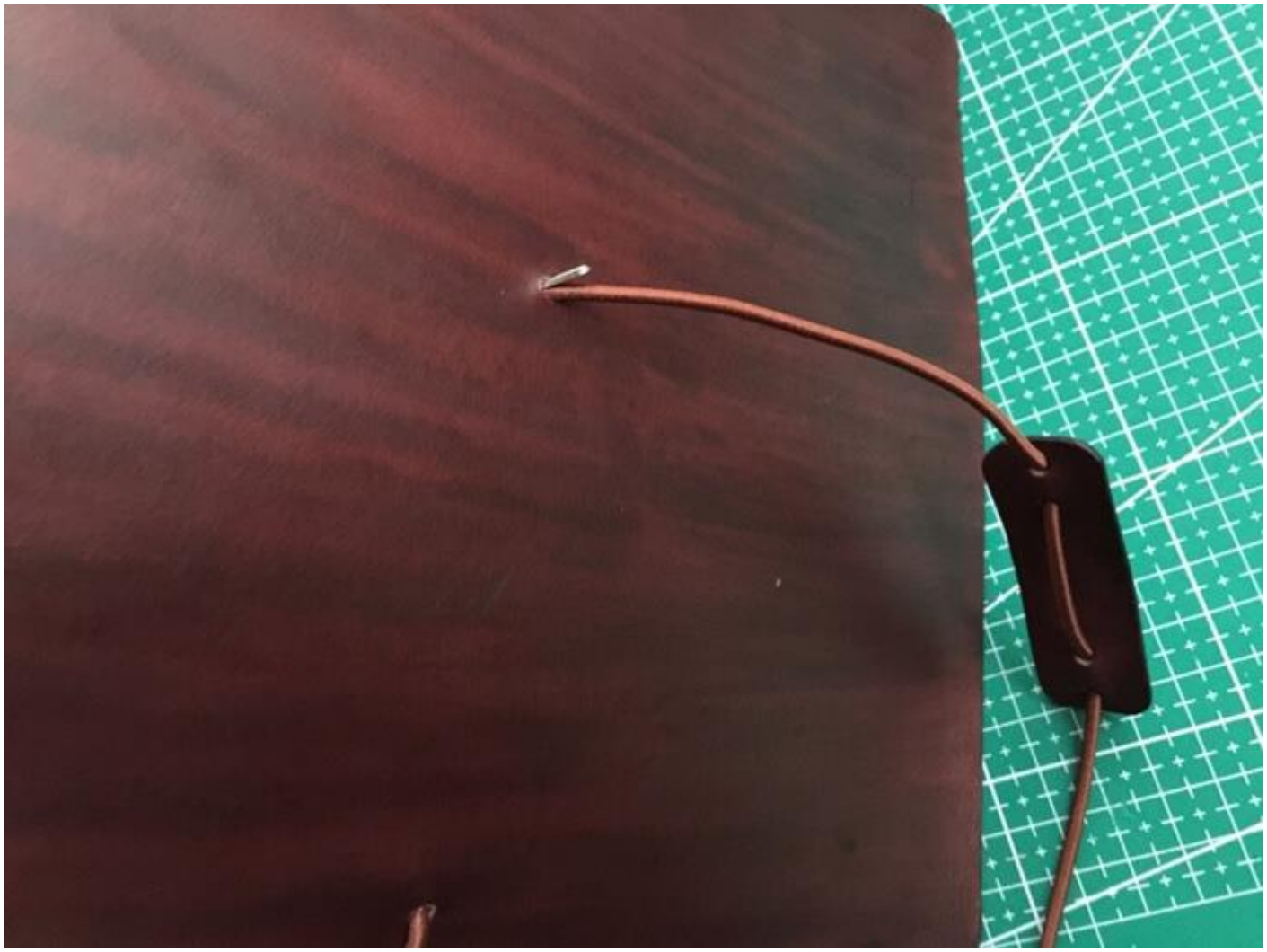
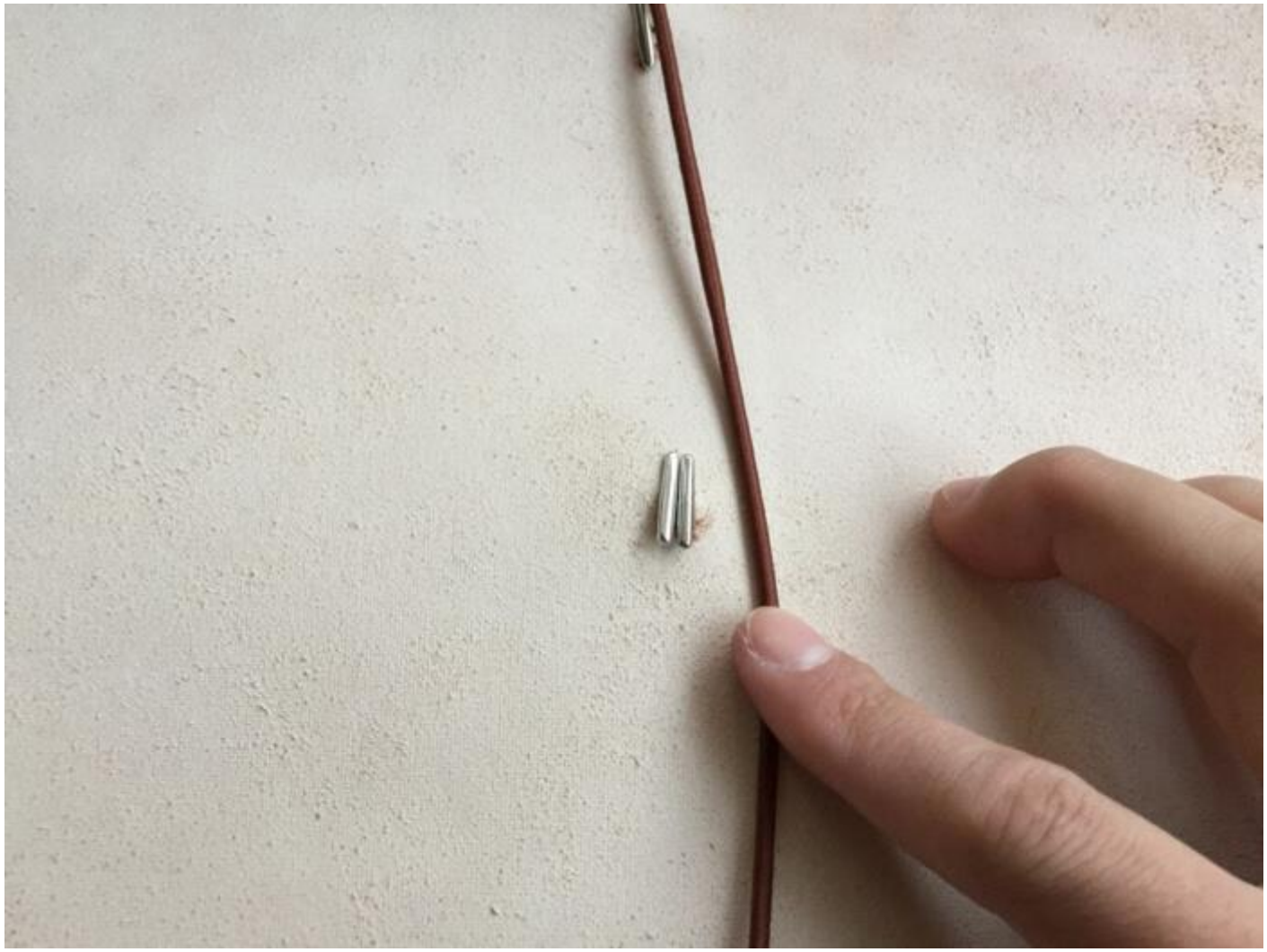
Install the leather patch with another elastic rope.

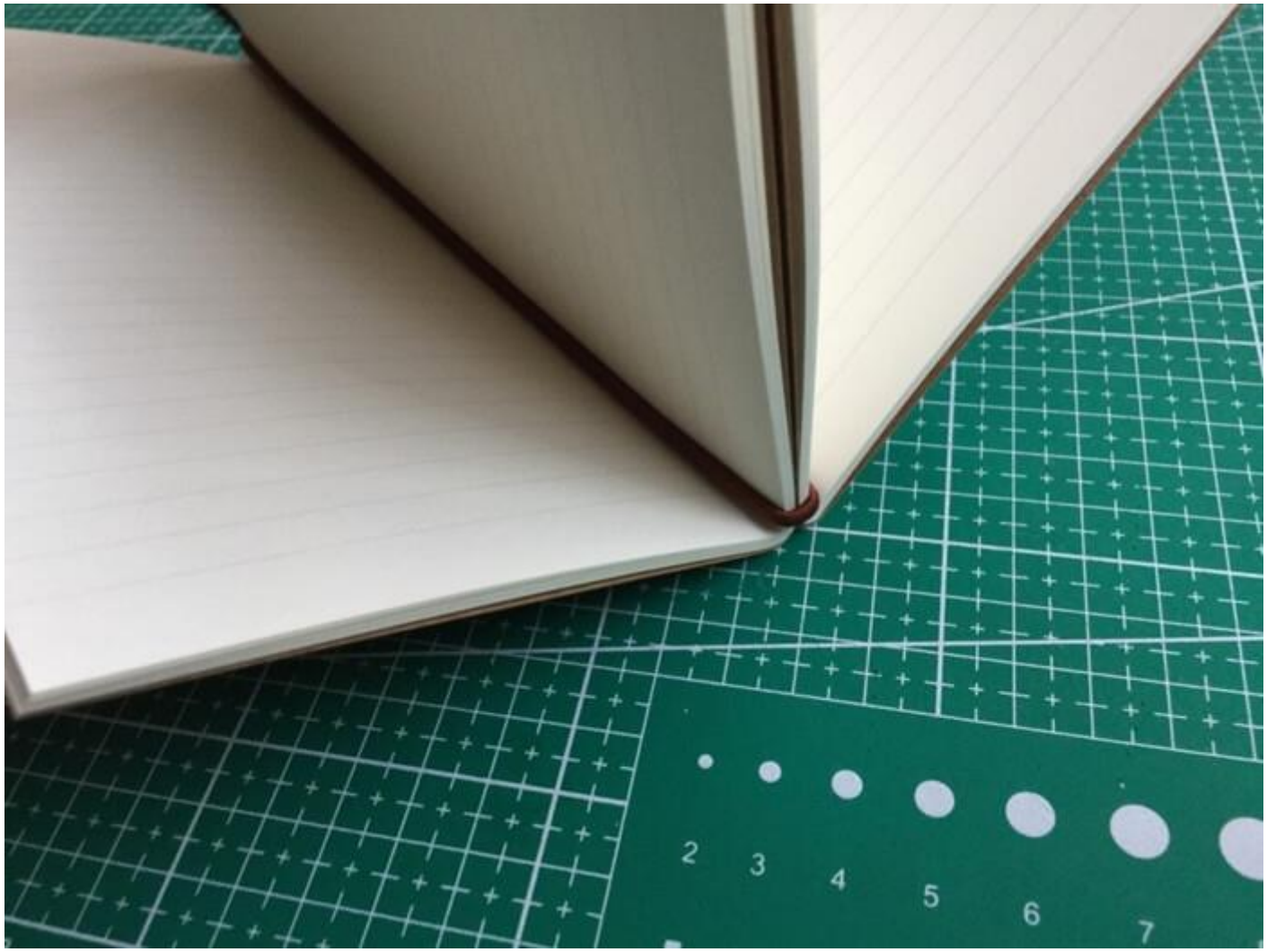




Insert both clip ends into the central hole and keep tight.

3 notebook inserts, standard 21 x 11cm.

Open 2 of the notebooks .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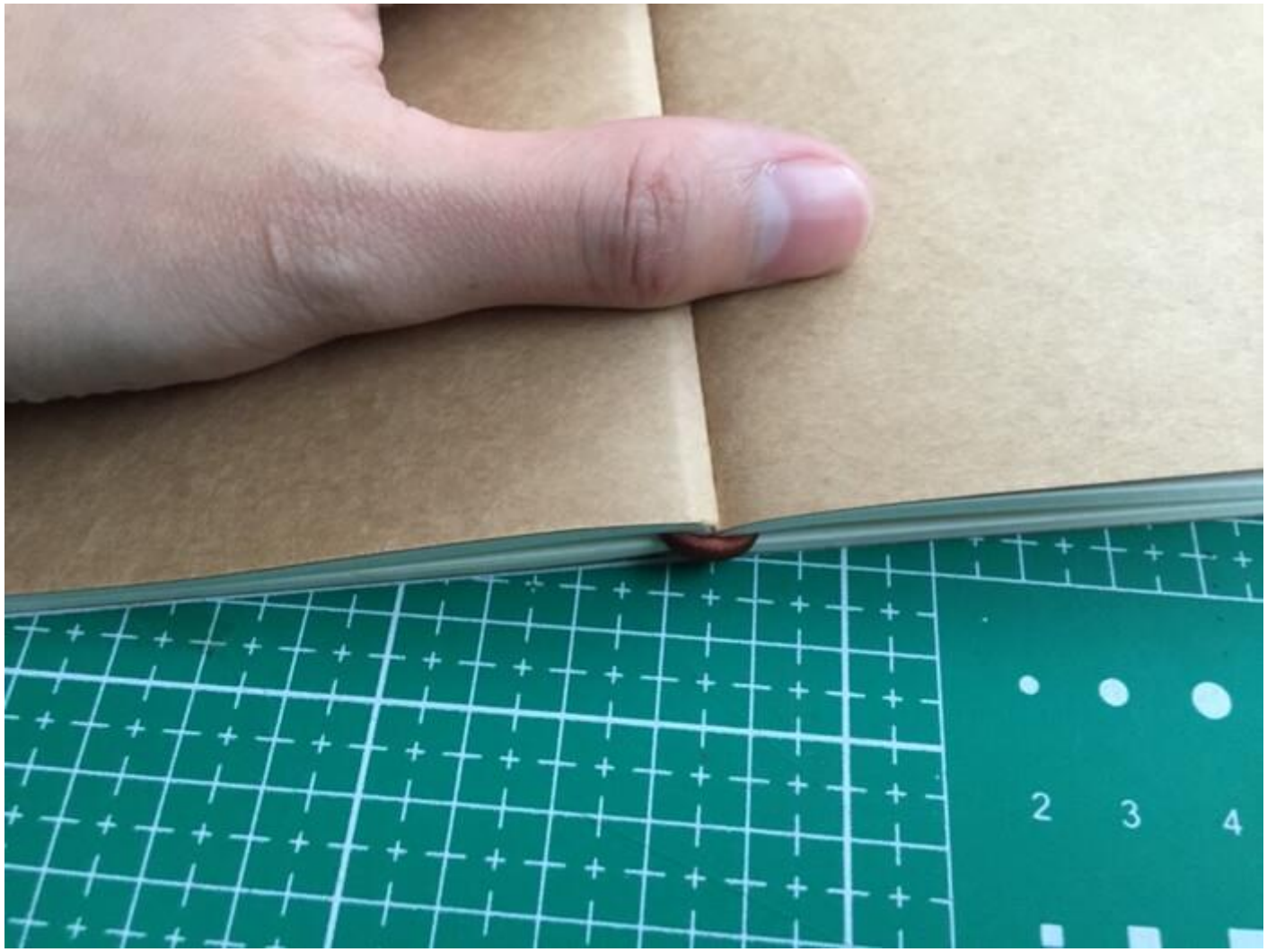
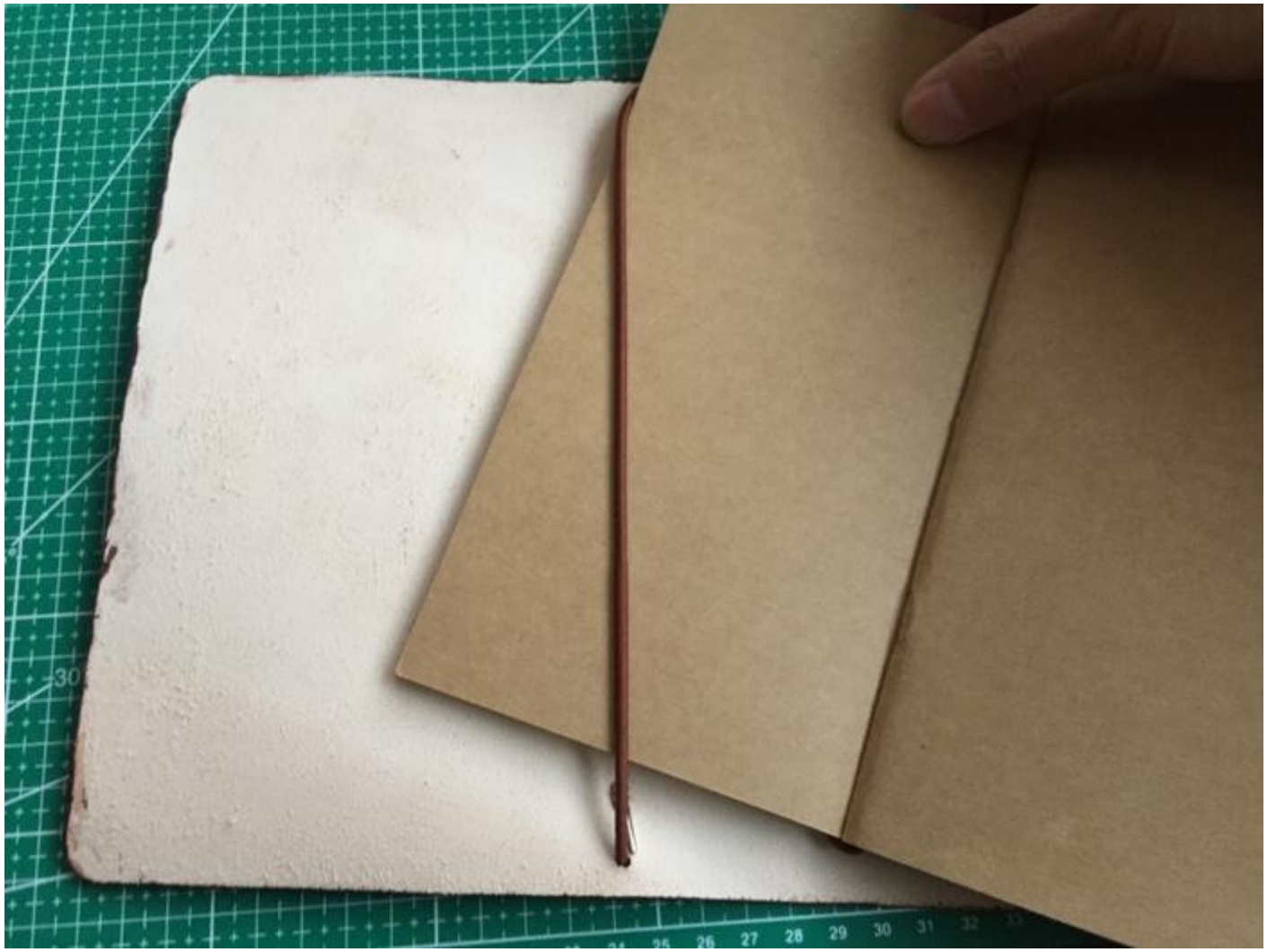
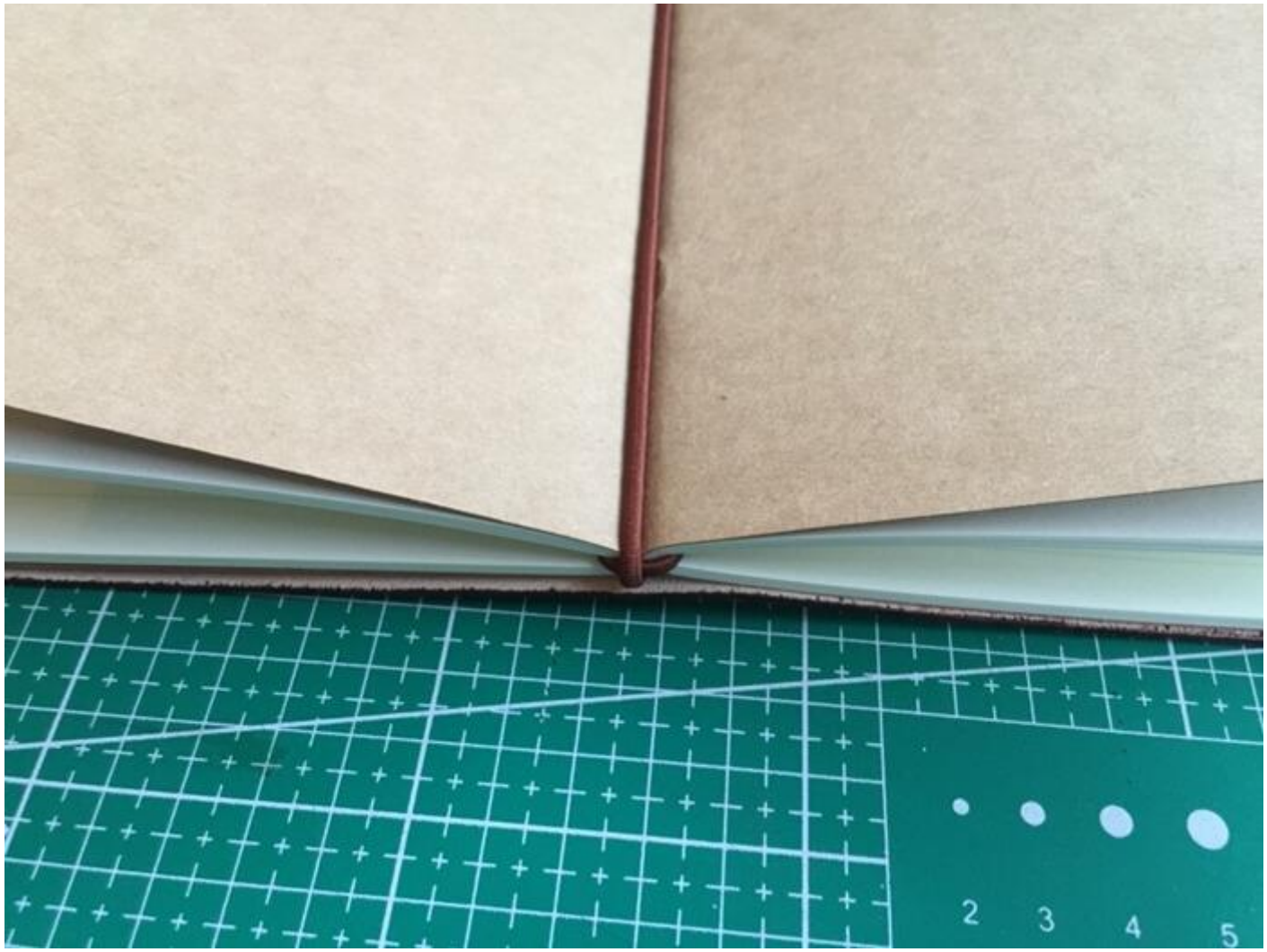


Connect them with the elastic loop.



Insert the notebooks under the elastic.



Here how it looks.

Insert the 3rd notebook under the same elastic.

Close and done.

“and so the adventure begins”