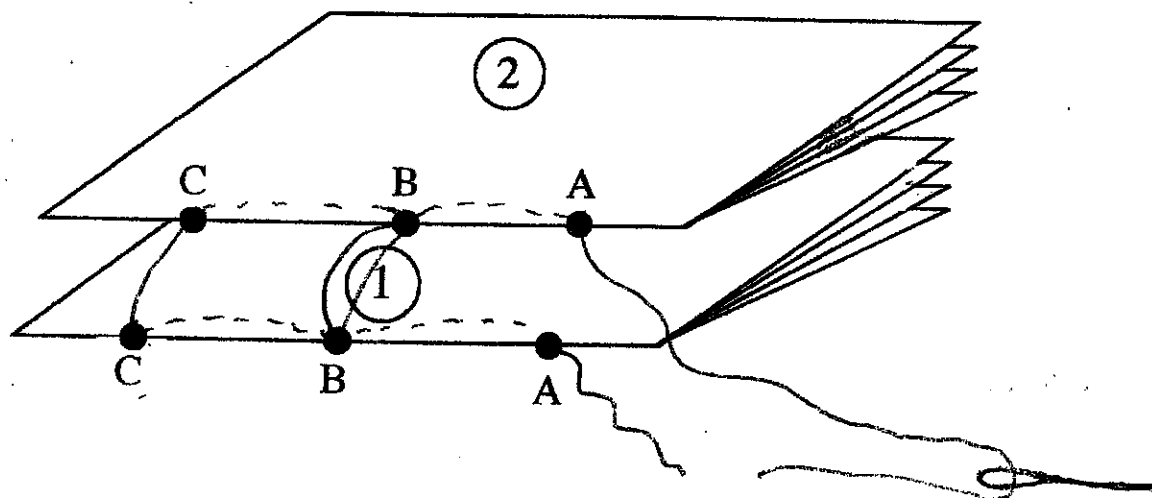
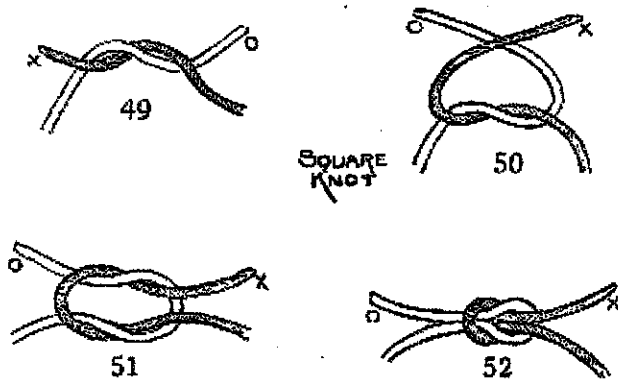


## Coptic Stitch for 3-hole signatures



### Sewing the First two signatures

Begin by going from the outside of signature 1, hole A to the inside of signature 1 hole A. Make a large stitch on the inside of signature 1, from hole A to hole B. Bring your needle to the outside. You are now on the outside of signature 1, hole B. Make a short stitch from the outside of signature 1, hole B, to the inside of signature 2, hole B. You are now on the inside of signature 2, hole B. On the inside, make another large stitch from signature 2, hole B to signature 2, hole C. You are now on the outside of signature 2, hole C. Jump down to signature 1, hole C, with a short stitch and tightening up your stitches as you go. Now you are on the inside of signature 1, hole C. Make another large stitch on the inside of signature 1, from hole C to hole B and bring your needle to the outside of signature 1, hole B. Jump back up with a short stitch to signature 2, hole B, and move your needle to the inside of hole B, signature 2. You are almost done. You will see that there is only one more large stitch to complete. You are in the middle of signature 2, hole B. Now make your last large stitch from signature 2, hole B to signature 2, hole A and move your needle to the outside. You should have a full circle and will be looking at your binding thread end. Be sure to tighten up your stitches by pulling both the tail and the thread that still has the needle on it. Make a square knot with the tail of the binding thread and your needle. You do not need to take your needle off your binding thread to do this. A square knot does not slip. It is basically, right over left and under and left over right and under.



## Adding more signatures

Adding additional signatures is easier than what you have just done. Keep this in mind. You will never go to the inside of signature 1 or 2 again. All sewing of signature together will be done from the outside. Begin by placing signature 3 on top of signature 2. Move your needle from the outside of where you just tied the knot to the inside of Signature 2, hole A. Make a large stitch from signature 3, hole A to signature A, hole B. You are now on the outside. Use your curved needle to wrap your thread around the short stitch that is on the outside of signature 1 and 2. Do not go back into any holes, just wrap around the stitch and go right back into the hole that you came out of (hole B, signature 3). Make the next large stitch from the inside of hole B to hole C, signature 3. Wrap the needle around the thread that holds signature 1 and 2 together in hole C. Add another signature and repeat the process going backwards this time, from signature 4 hole C to B to A. You may add as many signatures as you want.

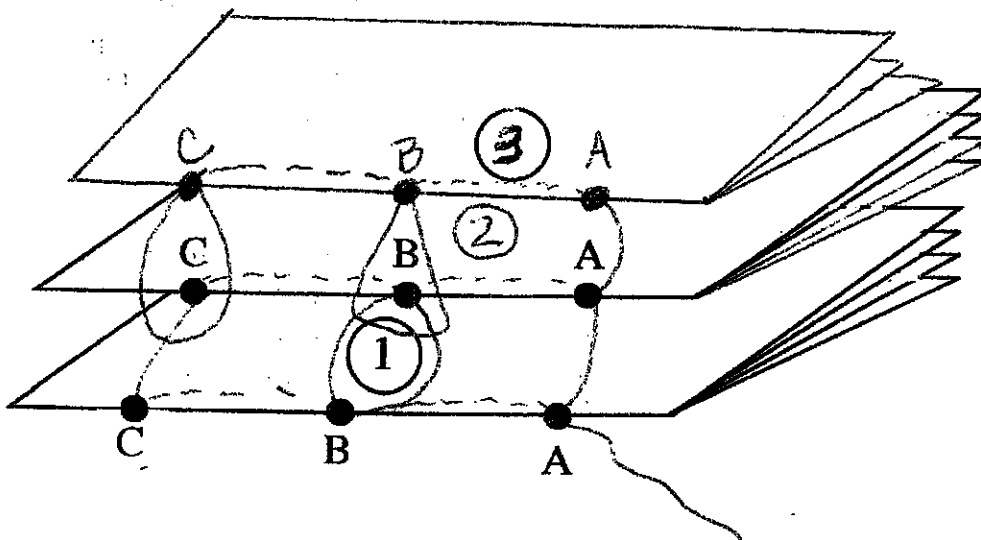


Diagram 1:

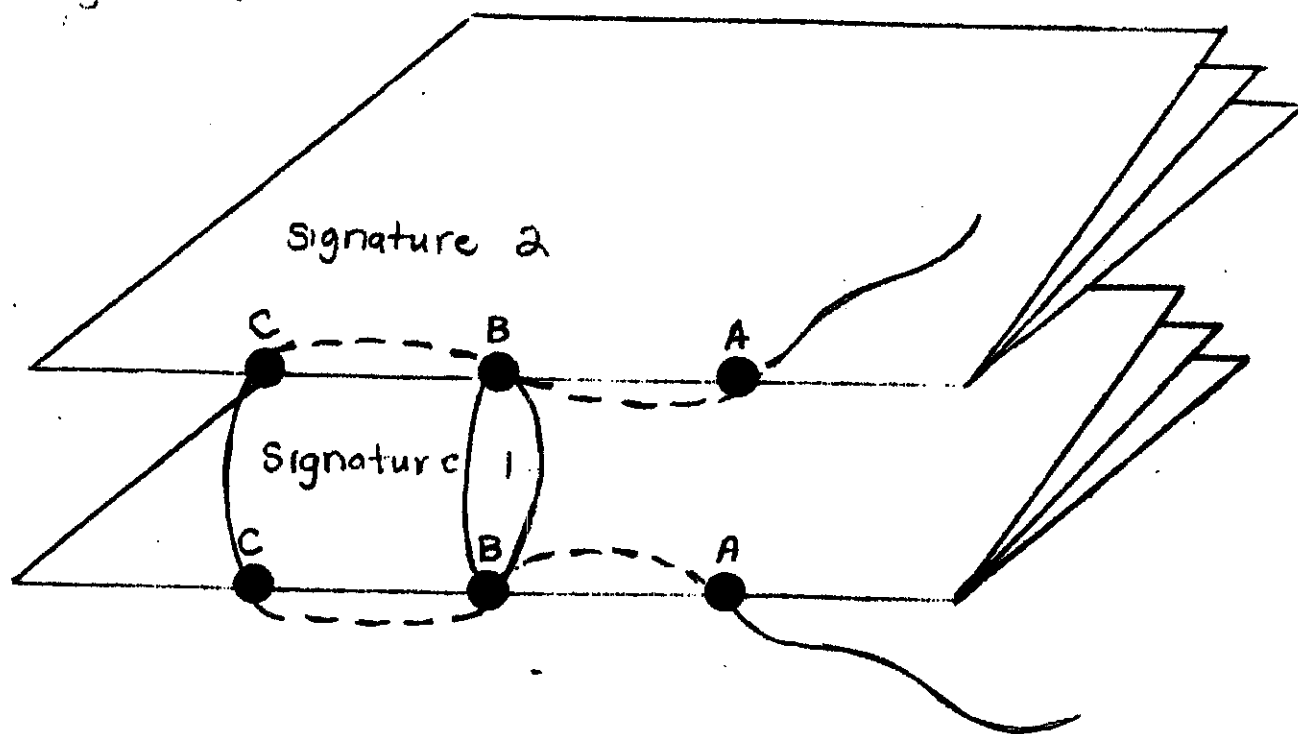


Diagram 2:

