

Book Bombs Issue #3
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Press. Check out our projects,

bookbombing.blogspot.com

&

bookbombs.net

**WHEAT PASTE
RECIPE**

Prepare 1 cup (2.4 dl) of very hot water. Make a thin mixture of 3 tablespoons (45 ml) of white flour and cold water (just enough to wet all the flour and make it liquid enough to pour). Pour the cold mixture slowly into the hot water while stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. When it thickens, allow to cool. Smear on like any other glue. For slightly better strength, add 1 tablespoon (15 ml) of sugar after the glue is thickened.

**THE
ETHICS
OF
WHEAT
PASTE**

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**EMPOWER
OTHERS
TO
WHEAT
PASTE**

Give them the tools to make their own voices heard (don't just send them out to sing your own gospel).

(and don't get them arrested)

**NEVER PASTE
ONE**

-houses of worship

-other people's houses in general

-tombs

-Memorials of any kind. Even if you don't agree with what someone has died for, respect the dead.

WHEAT PASTING is an act of ownership of a community. It is a means of laying claim and marking territory.

Before pasting, ask yourself, am I a member of this community? Do I inhabit this space on a regular basis? Why am I claiming this space? Who am I claiming it from? What does this act of ownership mean?

Contemplate your materials - inks, paper, adhesives. Nothing ever really goes away. . . so when your paste falls down, will it be litter? Wash into storm drains and pollute waterways? Consider biodegradability.

Tread carefully when pasting outside of your home territory.

Directions for making this book:

- 1) Fold in half the long way first; then unfold.
- 2) Fold in half the short way. Keep folded.
- 3) While still folded, fold short ends of sheet backward to the center crease; then unfold.
- 4) Cut on center dotted line -- only where there are dots!
- 5) Unfold entirely.
- 6) Re-fold the first long fold.
- 7) Holding each end of the sheet, with the long crease at the top, push ends together so that the center cut opens up and four pages take shape. Fold this page and the cover ("The Ethics of Wheatpaste") around to the outside to form a single sheet book!

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cut on dotted line