

## Book Knife Block –Lt. Colonel Noelle Nelson, ARCC Director of Special Services

Instead of throwing out your old hardback books, rescue them from the trash heap and make a knife block! It's easy, unusual, and sure to be a conversation starter. Maybe springboard the conversation into how God rescued you and gave you a new purpose in life, just like these old books!

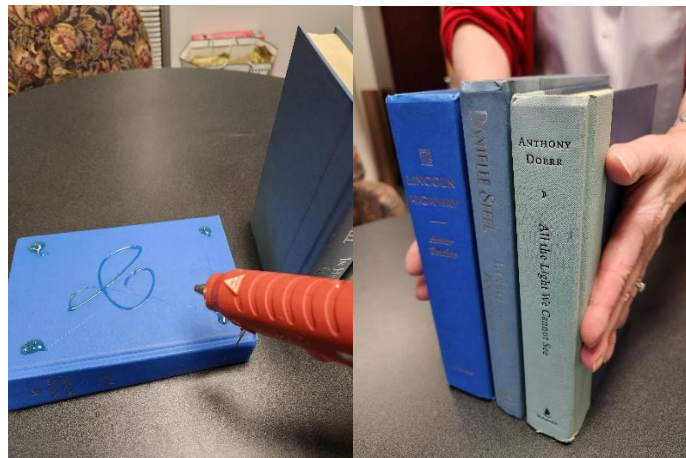
### Supplies:

- 3 or 4 hardback books, of similar size/height. It looks best if the colors match or coordinate. If you don't have books that match or coordinate, you can opt to spray paint the books in the color of your choice.
- Hot glue gun
- Popsicle stick, chopstick, or a pencil . Use this to press down on your ribbon after applying hot glue. Blisters are no fun!
- Ribbon (I used Burlap) – choose different colors, widths, or textures that will play off the color of your books
- Lace or twine
- Scissors
- Knives



### Directions:

- Make sure books are clean, dry, and dusted off.
- Line up books in the order you'd like them to be.
- Hot glue the books together. Some glue on each corner and a bit in the middle should do the trick.
- Stand one book on its end and press it against the next one.
- Repeat until all books are glued together. Press the stack together to make sure the glue is secure.





- Wrap your ribbon around the stack of books and hot glue ends of ribbon together, on the back side of the books. (this is where the popsicle stick, chopstick, or pencil comes in handy!) You may want to measure your ribbon first to make sure it won't be too short.
- Wrap Your lace or twine over the ribbon, and secure with hot glue on the back side. (use the popsicle stick or chopstick or pencil)



- You can also add any fun or seasonal embellishments for extra flair.
- You are now ready to store knives in your new knife block!

