

MATCHBOOK PRINTING AND FINISHING

Print on gloss coated cardstock, or glossy photo paper, if possible. Score at dashed lines. Trim at solid black crop marks. Set prop covers aside.

Take an **ordinary paper matchbook** of the type commonly available at grocery and convenience stores, and carefully **remove** the comb of matches from the cover. Set aside the matches.

With an X-acto knife, **cut the striker**, the little abrasive strip, apart from the rest of the matchbook cover. Discard the rest of the cover. The striker strip is printed on cardboard that has three layers: a smooth surface layer, a pulpy middle layer, and a smooth back surface layer. With the X-acto, carefully peel and/or scrape away the back surface and pulpy middle later, leaving behind only the striker surface layer, which will be very thin.

Glue this thin striker strip to the prop matchbook cover where indicated.

Fold prop matchbook cover on scored lines, and **staple matches** into book.

STRIKER ANATOMY



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