The diagrams below illustrate the various methods used by Philadelphia binders between 1700 and 1750 to trim the waste paper pasted down beneath the end sheets of a book. The waste paper shows as an irregular line or sometimes a shadow on the end sheet, if the book has not been repaired. In each diagram the inside cover is shown, with the joint at the right.

These diagrams illustrate the methods of lacing cords through the boards as used in the same period.