





## 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

Abrasive surface
Pulp layer (remove)
Back surface (remove)

Peel and/or scrape away back surface and pulp layer. Glue remaining thin strip of abrasive to prop cover.

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