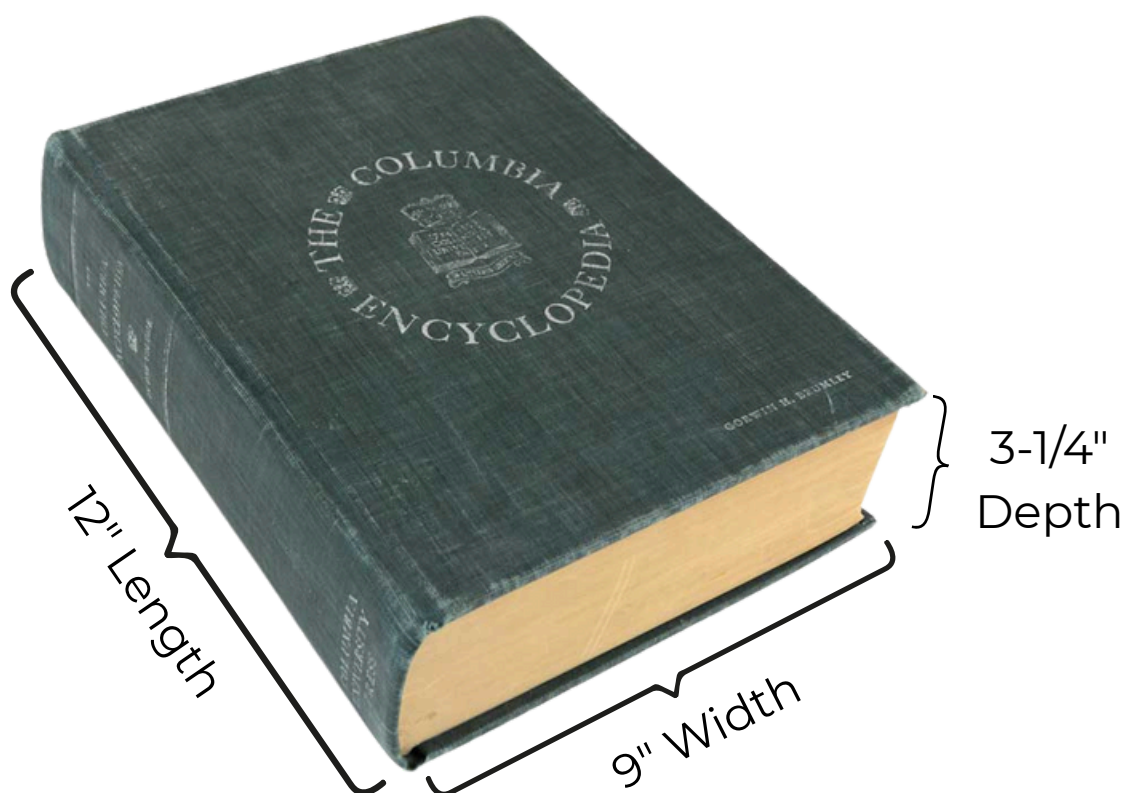


Calculating Bag Sizes for Objects

Here is a formula to figure out what size bags you need for storing books and other three dimensional objects.

- Measure the width, length, and depth (thickness) of your book or item



Formula

Width + Depth + 2 = bag width

Length + Depth + 3 = bag depth

Example

$9 + 3\frac{1}{4} + 2 = 14\frac{1}{4}$

$12 + 3\frac{1}{4} + 3 = 18\frac{1}{4}$

Regarding Accuracy

This formula is on the generous side so if you follow it the bag you order should work. But there are often times when a smaller bag will work. The encyclopedia fit into a 13 x 19" Polyethylene Bag. A 14 x 18 bag would have worked but having the extra length was better for folding over.



13 x 19 Polyethylene Bag around a vintage encyclopedia

No Need to Seal Bag

Fold the excess bag over and let the weight of the book hold it in place. No need to use tape which can be problematic when you want to remove the book. We sell Polyethylene Bags in packages of 10 or 100. Our Book Storage Kits each come with two appropriately sized poly bags.

Why Use a Bag?

It is an added layer of protection within an archival box. Archival Tissue is another option if you'd prefer to use paper. Objects that are animal-based or protein-based (leather, wool, silk, bone, pearl, coral, etc), and metal objects, should not be stored directly in contact with a buffered surface. All of our boxes are buffered. A buffered box is recommended for archival storage because the buffering can scavenge acids in the environment. A Poly Bag or Unbuffered Tissue can provide the barrier you need.