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Field Notes on Book Layout

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Chapter 1

Preparing a Manuscript

1.1 Structure Before Style

A manuscript's chapter and section divisions should be settled before any layout decision is made [Knuth, 1984]. `bookest` extends the standard `book` class with coloured titling, running headers and a configurable cover, but the underlying sectioning commands are unchanged.

1.2 Front and Back Matter

Table 1.1 sketches the three regions of a typical manuscript and what belongs in each.

Region	Contents
Front matter	Title page, table of contents, preface
Body	Numbered chapters and sections
Back matter	Appendices, bibliography, index

Table 1.1: Regions of a manuscript and what each one holds.

Chapter 2

Working with the Extended Class

2.1 Colour and Headers

`bookest` adds document-wide colour accents and header styling on top of `book`, without changing how chapters are declared or how cross-references resolve.

2.2 Citing and Concluding

The class does not alter bibliography handling either: a standard `natbib` bibliography, as used here [Knuth, 1984], compiles the same way it would under plain `book`.

Bibliography

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