

"The Book Cover"



Cover your book or journal and show off your favorite fabric.

The enclosed instructions include directions for a bookcover for a regular size paperback book, the new larger paperback book, or a hardcover book. I have also included instructions for covering your own journal.

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Fabric Requirements:

- Two Fat Quarters of coordinating fabric. One will be for the outside of the cover and the other will be the bookmark and the inside. (For the journal cover you will need one-third of a yard of each).

Supplies:

- Scraps of batting, enough to cover the outside of your book or journal.
- Matching thread that will be used for construction.
- Optional: Decorative or contrasting thread to be used for the quilting of the outside of the cover.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Sewing Machine
- Walking foot
- Machine Needles
- Regular notions, pins, ruler, marking pencil
- Adhesive Spray or pins for basting fabric to be quilted
- Optional: Freezer Paper for making a paper template.

Book Sizes

Paperback Book	$4 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 6 \frac{1}{4}''$
Large Paperback Book	$(5 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 8'')$
Hardback Book	$[5 \frac{3}{4}'' \times 8 \frac{1}{2}'']$
Composition Book	$\{7 \frac{3}{4}'' \times 9 \frac{3}{4}''\}$

Cutting Directions

Outside
1-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
(1-13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
[1-15" \times 11"]
{1-17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "}

Batting
1-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
(1-13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
[1-15" \times 11"]
{1-17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "}

Inside Sleeve
4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
(4-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " \times 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
[4-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " \times 11"]
{4-8" \times 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "}

Lining
1-6" \times 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
(1-8" \times 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
[1-10" \times 11"]
{1-4" \times 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "}

Bookmark
1-3" \times 12"
(1-3" \times 14")
[1-3" \times 15"]
{1-3" \times 14"}

Handles
2 - 2" \times 11"
(2-3" \times 12")
[2-3" \times 13"]
{2-3" \times 12"}

* Optional Pen Holder 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Let's begin:

1. Layer your outside fabric and batting, wrong sides together. Quilt using a crosshatch pattern. (Hint: Try using blue painters tape to mark your quilting lines. Just line up your ruler on the 45 degree line and place your tape directly on the fabric. Simply move the tape as you go.)
2. Bookmark: Fold in half-length wise and light press to mark centerline. Open back up and fold each side to the centerline and then refold in half again, enclosing the raw edges. Sew close to the open edge.
*Optional Pen Holder - same as bookmark.
3. Handles: Fold in half lengthwise and light press to mark the centerline. Open back up and fold each side to the centerline and then refold in half. Repeat for the second handle.
4. Lining: Using pinking sheers or a wavy rotary cutter trim the edges of the lining piece along the long sides.
5. Sleeves: Place two pieces right sides together. Using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam, sew along the long side. Turn and press wrong sides together. Repeat for the second sleeve.

Layer

1. Quilted Outside (face up)
2. Handles (face in and place 2" from top and bottom on each side)
3. Bookmark (face down 4" from left side)
4. *Option Pen Holder (center on left side)
5. sleeves (place fold side in on each side)
6. Center the lining piece (place right side down, centered side to side and touching top and bottom)
7. Sew $\frac{1}{2}$ " all the way around the out side.
8. Trim the seams and corners.
9. Reach under the lining piece and turn everything right sides out.

Finishing Touches:

Sew $\frac{1}{2}$ " across the loose end of the bookmark and then fray the end or sew a decorative button or charm on the bottom of the bookmark.

You've done it! Congratulations....I hope you enjoy "The Book Cover". Next time feel free to play with the pattern. You can easily change the size. These make great gifts for friends and family.

Enjoy, Robin

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