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Zippered Pocket Notebook Cover



Did you ever go to make notes in your notebook and discover no pen, highlighter or paperclips handy? Not to worry; this easy and fun notebook cover has a zippered pocket to keep those needed supplies handy and safe. Make one for your favorite Valentine (and one for yourself)!

Skill Level: Beginner-Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock sewing machine
Narrow Zipper Foot
1/4" Foot
Open Toe Foot
Quilting foot with quilting bar, (optional but helpful)

Cutting mat, rotary cutter and ruler

Assorted red fabrics: one cut to 2"x9", one to 1 1/2"x9", two to 1 3/4"x9", one to 1 1/4"x9" and one to 1"x9"

White fabric: one cut to 2"x6", one to 1 1/2"x6", two to 1 3/4"x6", one to 1 1/4"x6" and one to 1"x6"

Trim fabric: one cut to 7"x12" (strip piece backing), two to 2"x12" (left side of zipper, front and lining) and one to 10 1/2"x8" (inside pocket lining)

Lining fabric: one cut to 12"x10" (back), one to 10 1/2"x15" (lining) and two to 10 1/2"x12" (press in half, right side facing out, to create two 6"x10 1/2" flaps)

Three pieces BabyLock Ultra Soft Fusible Cutaway, one piece cut to 7"x12", one to 2"x12" and one to 12"x10"

14" nylon zipper

1 spool all-purpose Madeira thread with matching bobbin

Size 12-14 standard needle

1 spool Madeira embroidery thread

Purchased iron-on embroidery decal

Chalk liner

Wonder clips

Composition notebook (9 3/4" x 7 1/2")

Instructions:

- 1) Prepare fabrics by fusing Ultra Soft Fusible Cutaway to the 12"x10" book cover back piece, the 7"x12" inside pocket lining piece and one of the 2"x12" pieces which will be the inside pocket lining. Set aside.
- 2) Using 1/4" foot and the center needle position, sew each of the white pieces to the corresponding size red strips. Press seam to the dark fabric.
- 3) Change to zipper foot and use the left needle position. Sandwich the 7"x12" prepared fabric right side up with zipper facing up in middle and a 1 3/4" wide strip on top right side facing zipper. Make sure the zipper pull is at the bottom and the white section of pieced strip is to the bottom (this creates the correct orientation of fabrics for the pocket). Use clips to hold the layers together.
- 4) Sew 1/4" seam, then press both pieces of fabric away from the zipper. (The strip will now be laying right side facing up with wrong side against the stabilizer.) Strips can be positioned as you chose, leaving the 2" strip for last.
 - a) Lay the second strip face down on top of first strip, staggering the white fabric. Sew down with 1/4" seam. Flip fabric over to see the right side of fabric, press well.
 - b) Lay the third strip face down and sew and flip in same manner. Continue stitching and flipping each piece until all six are sewn. Press well.
 - c) Attach the Open Toe Foot and use the center needle position. Thread your machine with embroidery thread. Select the 'rickrack' zigzag stitch, or stitch of your choice and stitch down each of the seams of your strip quilted pocket piece.
- 5) Change to the zipper foot and the left needle position. Remove your embroidery thread and rethread with all-purpose thread. Sandwich the zipper in between the two 2"x12" strips of fabric, making sure the stabilized lining side is on the back side. Clip to hold in place. Stitch, then press away from zipper as before. Press

- well. Partially open the zipper (so you don't cut off zipper pull!!!) Trim piece to 8" wide by 10 ½" tall.
- a) Change to the open toe foot. Select zigzag stitch 5.0 width, length 0, and stitch across the top of the zipper close to the edge of the fabric to create a stop for the zipper.
 - b) Change to the ¼" foot and center needle position. With the 8"x10 ½" lining piece right side up, lay your created pocket piece on top, right side facing up, with the zipper closest to right edge. Then lay the 6"x10 ½" folded flap on top with all raw edges along the right edge. Stitch down this edge. Press with seam toward pocket; set aside.
- 6) Change to the quilting foot with quilting bar or open toe foot. Change to embroidery thread if desired. Mark diagonal lines 1" apart on the 12"x10" stabilized fabric. Select serpentine stitch for quilting or straight stitch at 3.0 length. Stitch down each line of your marked grid. When finished, brush off the chalk lines and trim to 8"x10 ½".
- a) Change to ¼" foot straight stitch, center needle position, and rethread with all-purpose thread. With right sides together, place the other folded flap raw edges together along the right side and stitch a ¼" seam. Press seam toward the quilted section.
 - b) Lay this back piece right sides together with the front pocket section. Make sure the lining and the pocket section are all lined up with the quilted back section and sew a ½" seam. Press well with the seam going toward the back.
- 7) Sew ¼" hem along the two 10 ½" edges of the 15"x10 ½" lining fabric.
- a) On a flat surface, lay your created book cover face up with flaps folded onto right side. Lay the lining right side down on top. (the lining should lay within a half an inch from each end.) Clip layers together across the top and the bottom. Start at outer edge of flap and sew along top edge and then the bottom edge. (Leave both flap ends open.)
 - b) Reach inside and pull cover right side out, then fold out the flaps. Press well.
 - c) Follow instructions on purchased iron-on decal, place where desired, and you have a completed book cover. Place your composition notebook inside your cover. Add a cute zipper pull and you are set for notetaking with all your needed supplies in the zippered pocket front cover. Enjoy!!

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