

Notebook Cover Pattern

Sunshine Coast Quilters' Guild

This cover will fit a thin (approximately ¼" thick) 5 ½" wide by 8 ¼" tall notebook



Supplies:

Fabric:

- 1 rectangle 17" x 9 ½"
- 1 rectangle 18" x 10 ½" (This piece will be trimmed down to 17" x 9 ½" after quilting so if it's a bit smaller than 18" x 10 ½" that's OK.

These can be either single pieces of fabric or a pieced design, or a combination. Only the larger rectangle will be quilted. One piece will be the outer layer and the other will be the lining. You'll be able to choose which is which in step 5.

ProTip: Two coordinating fat quarters will make 2 notebook covers.

Thin batting or heavy interfacing:

- 1 rectangle cut to exactly 16 ½" x 9"

If using fusible products ensure they are only fusible on one side.

Other:

- Coordinating thread

It is recommended that you read all the instructions before beginning.

Steps:

1. Center batting or interfacing on wrong side of larger rectangle (Fig 1) and quilt as desired (Fig 2). Beware of quilting too densely as this will shrink the batting and it's important that the batting remains it's full size.

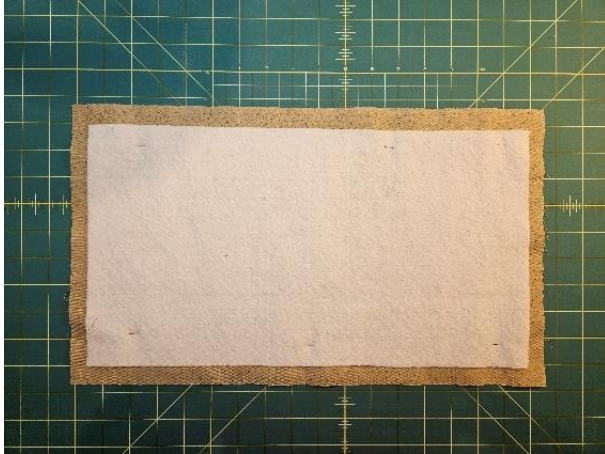


Fig 1



Fig 2

2. Trim, leaving a generous $\frac{1}{4}$ " of fabric past batting/interfacing on all 4 sides. After trimming, the piece should measure 17" x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
3. Place quilted piece over non quilted piece, right sides together, aligning all raw edges. Mark a 3" gap in the center of 1 long edge. Pin and sew along the 4 edges with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sewing very close to but not onto the batting/interfacing. Leave the 3" gap open, back stitching on either side of the gap.



Fig 3

4. Clip corners (see ProTip below) and press seams open (Fig 4). Turn right side out and press (Fig 5).

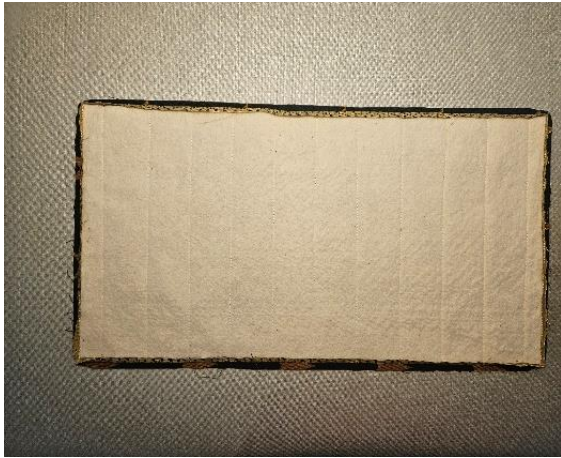


Fig 4

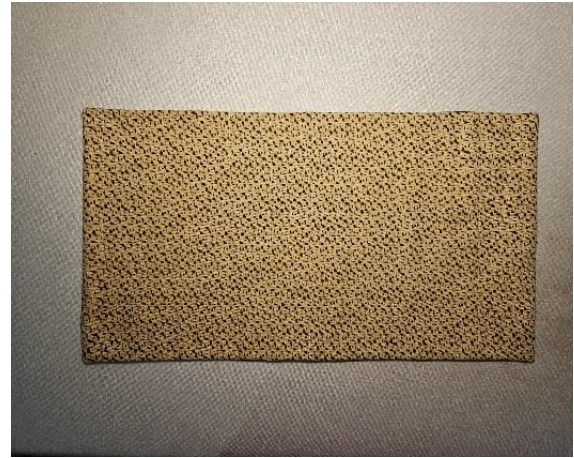


Fig 5

ProTip: Clipping corners - Trim each side at an angle from the corner point. This reduces bulk and helps your corners turn out nice and crisp.



5. Now you get to decide which fabric will be the outer cover and which will be the lining.

Position your project with the side you have decided will be the lining facing upwards. Turn each short edge inwards approximately $2 \frac{1}{8}$ ". The distance between the 2 folded edges should be $11 \frac{3}{4}$ ". Pin in place. (Fig 6)



Fig 6

6. Ensure that the seam allowances of the 3” opening are tucked in, press and/or pin, then top stitch along the long edges 1/8” from edge. (Fig 7).



Fig 7

7. Insert the notebook and you are done. Congratulations!



Fig 8