

How to MAKE a FABRIC BOOK COVER

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1. Measure your book cover:

While the book is closed measurement around the spine of the book and across to the edge of the back cover. Add 7 1/2-inches to this measurement.

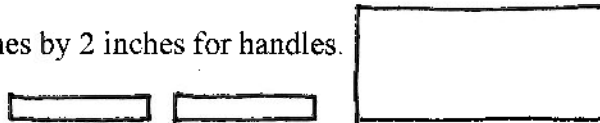
Book is _____ inches wide + 7 1/2 inches = _____ inches wide

Measure the cover size height and add one inch to the measurement

Book is _____ inches high + 1 inch = _____ inches high

2. Cut a piece of fabric to the above measurements _____ wide and _____ high.

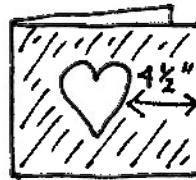
Cut two pieces of fabric 10 1/2 inches by 2 inches for handles.



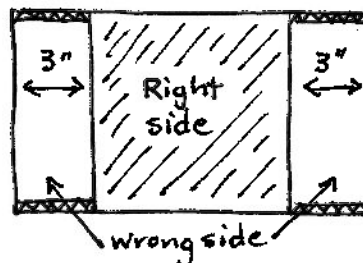
3. Turn under 1/4 inch on each short end (towards the wrong side of the fabric) and sew down well with a wide zig-zag stitch.



4. If you want a coordinating fabric design, cut the shape out of the fabric, pin it 4 1/2 inches from the end of the book cover (on the front of book cover). Zigzag around the edge to keep it in place.

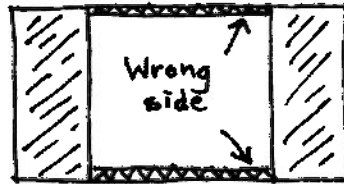


5. Turn back and pin each of the ends of the book cover 3 inches with right sides together. Sew a 1/4-inch seam on the top and the bottom of the folded pieces to hold this in place (backstitch at both ends of these seams). Do the same thing on the other end of the book cover. Zigzag to prevent raveling.



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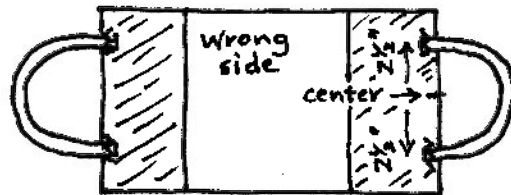
6. Turn the ends right side out, being sure to get the corners pushed out and as square as possible. On the top and bottom edges of the book cover that are turned down 1/4-inch but between the two end flaps, use a zigzag to finish and hold them down.



7. To make handles, press the long strips in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Open the handles up, wrong side facing up. Turn and press the long raw edges in to touch the center fold, wrong sides together. Fold in half again and press the handles again so the raw edges are inside making a "tube". Sew the open edge of the handles along the open edge, making a narrow strip. I used a wide zigzag stitch for this, but you can also use a straight stitch. Zigzag several times across each end of the handles so they don't ravel.



8. Measure the center of one end of your book cover. Mark with a pin. Measure out 2 or 2 1/2 inches to each side of this pin and mark with pins, then remove the center pin. Do the same thing on each end of the book cover. This marks where you will sew the ends of the handles. Use a zig-zag stitch to sew the handles onto the very edge of the book cover with the ends of the handles on the inside of the book cover.



9. Fold the covers of your book backwards and carefully slip the flaps of the book cover onto the edges of the covers. Gently fold the covers of the book forwards and allow the book cover to slip over the book.



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