



September Edition

“Note Worthy”

FINISHED SIZE: 9" x 11"

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I use a notebook by my computer to make lists and write what happens each day in my studio—who called, what I ordered, etc. I wanted to dress it up a bit--what a great place to use some fabric to make everyday items more fun. This notebook cover is easy to make in any size and it is quick, too.

Directions are for an 8 ½" x 11" notebook.



FABRICS AND SUPPLIES

- A notebook (8 ½" x 11")
- 1/3 yard Fabric
- an orphan block or applique detail
- ½ yard of matching ¾" ribbon
- a 22" x 13" piece of batting

CUT:

- (2) 22" x 13" rectangles for cover
- (2) 9 ½" x 11 ¾" for inside sleeves
- (2) 3" x 5" for spine facings
- (1) piece of ribbon, 17" long

CONSTRUCTION

1. Use an orphan block or make a block to add detail to the notebook cover. I used a sample block from a demo that I didn't need for anything else. This could be any kind of pieced or appliqued block. Trim the block to fit and turn the edges under, stitch it to one of the 22" x 13" pieces, centered 5 1/2" from the right edge.
2. Layer the two 22" x 13" pieces together with a piece of batting between them, right sides out. Machine quilt the sandwich together. I used wavy lines, and top-stitched around the applique details.
3. Lay the quilted piece on your cutting board and trim to 19 1/2" x 11 3/4" with the detail block centered 5" from the right edge.
4. Roll hem one of the 11 3/4" long sides on both of the inside sleeves.
5. Press the spine facing pieces in half lengthwise.
6. Lay the trimmed book cover right side up. Place the inside sleeves on top with the raw edges even and the hemmed edges toward the middle. Place the ribbon in the center where the spine will be with the raw edge 1/4" above the book cover. Place the spine facings along the top and bottom edge in the middle creating a bridge from sleeve to sleeve, with the raw edges even and the folded edge facing in. See photo:



7. Stitch all the way around the outside, 1/4" away from edge. Turn the book cover right side out.
8. Insert the notebook front and back covers into the sleeves. Use the ribbon to mark your place, and enjoy!