



August Edition

“French Memo”

FINISHED SIZE: 24" x 36"

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This darling message board is made using one of my Poppy Patio fabrics in the starring role. You can make any size, but these instructions are for a 24" x 36" board.

FABRICS AND SUPPLIES

- 1 ¼ yard of fabric (depending on which way the print runs): Cut into a 30" x 42" piece.
- 24" x 36" piece of batting
- 8 buttons, 1" across
- 8 yards of 1" wide ribbon
- 24" x 36" pegboard
- 24" x 36" insulation board – 1" thick
- Hot glue gun or staple gun
- 2" long large needle and strong thread or perle cotton to attach buttons



CONSTRUCTION

1. First gather your supplies. Pegboard and insulation board are available at your local home improvement store. You can get them cut to size at the store or do it yourself.
2. Use a hot glue gun to attach the insulation board to the pegboard backing.



3. Lay the piece of batting over the insulation board and glued it down along the edges.



4. Place fabric over board and wrap the edges tightly around to the back (pegboard side) like wrapping a package. Glue or staple in place.

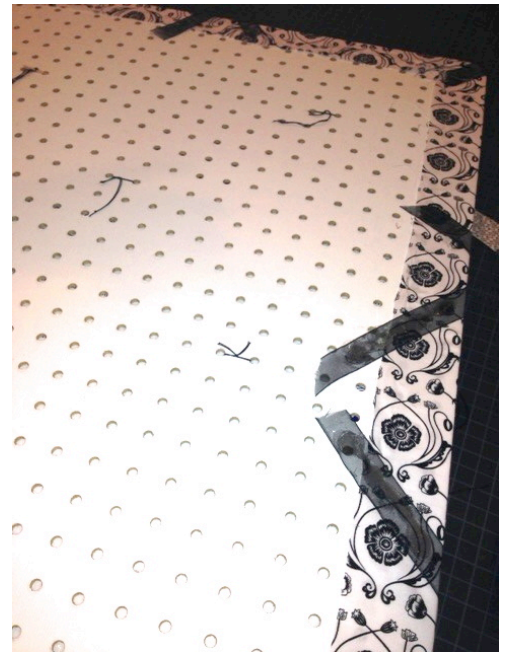
5. Turn board over to front side and lay out your ribbon grid: Measure and mark around the edges of the board every 12". Place ribbon diagonally across the board connecting the marks as shown. The ribbon will be at a 45 degree angle.

6. Wrap the ends of the ribbons to the back of the board. Staple in place.

7. Using a long large needle threaded with heavy thread, sew the buttons on at the intersections of the ribbons. Poke through one of the holes in the pegboard from the back up to the front of the board where the ribbons meet. Then thread a button onto your thread and poke the needle back into an adjacent hole in the pegboard.



8. Pull the thread tight to tuft the fabric top and tie in a knot. If you have trouble finding a hole with your needle when going from the front to the back, push another needle through the hole from the back side to the front side. Use the second needle as a guide and follow it with your threaded needle to come out a hole. I like using the pegboard because it give a sturdy back, and my buttons will not pull through if tied around two holes.



9. Enjoy your finished memo board! You can hang it on a wall or place it on a countertop. Now all your messy desk papers will be beautiful when displayed with a fabric background!

