

## **Fabric Notebook Covers**

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Delightful fabric covered notebooks make personalized gifts for family and friends. This notebook cover is embellished with appliqued hearts and buttons but could be personalized with a design to suit the recipient. The really good thing about a cover is that once the notebook has been used, the cover slips off and can be used on the next one!

**Finished size:** 6 ¼ x 8 ¾ in (15.9 cm x 22.2cm)

### **Materials:**

To make one notebook cover:

- 1 fat quarter grey fabric
- 1 fat quarter contrasting fabric for the lining
- 25cm (10in) WOF medium weight fusible interfacing
- Fabric scraps for the applique
- 25cm (10in) square fusible webbing
- Thread to match fabrics to be appliqued
- Embroidery thread
- Small buttons
- 6 x 8 ½ in (15.2cm x 21.6cm) notebook

### **Preparation:**

All measurements include ¼ in seam allowance.

### **Instructions:**

#### **Cutting:**

From the grey fabric cut:

- One 9 ½ x 13 ½ in rectangle
- Two 7 ½ x 9 ½ in rectangles

From the fabric for the lining cut:

- One 9 ½ x 13 ½ in rectangle

From the fusible interfacing cut:

- One 9 ½ x 13 ½ in rectangle

## **Sewing:**

1. Iron the fusible interfacing to the reverse of the 9 ½ x 13 ½ in grey fabric rectangle. **Photo 1**
2. Trace three heart shapes on to the fusible webbing. Cut out roughly.
3. Bond these shapes using the iron to the reverse of the fabric scraps.
4. Cut out the fabric shapes.
5. Peel the paper from the back and position the shapes on the grey rectangle. Fold the rectangle in half gently to create the front of the notebook so that you can see where the shapes are to go avoiding 1 in from the outer edges and positioning the bottom shape approx. 2 in up from the bottom. Bond to the background using the iron. **Photo 2**
6. Applique shapes to the background using a tight zigzag stitch on your sewing machine and matching thread. **Photos 3,4**
7. Using the embroidery thread stitch around the outline of the shapes and add any buttons as desired. **Photos 5,6**
8. To make the inner flaps fold each of the 7 ½ x 9 ½ in grey rectangles in half vertically so that the right side of the fabric is facing outwards. Press.
9. Place the notebook cover as completed in step 7 right side facing upwards and place an inner flap on each end so that the raw edges line up and the folded edge faces the centre. Lay the lining fabric rectangle on top of this with the right side facing down to make a fabric sandwich. Pin the layers together around the outer edge, leaving a 3in opening in the middle at the bottom. **Photos 7,8**
10. Stitch around all four sides, remembering to leave the opening unstitched. Trim corners and turn through. Press gently and then hand stitch closed the opening. **Photos 9,10,11**
11. Give the notebook cover a final press and insert the notebook.

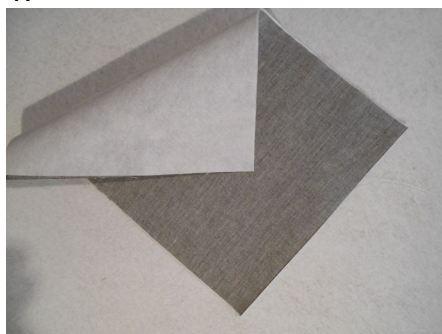
## **Handy Hint**

The instructions here can be adjusted to make a cover to suit a different sized notebook. To do this, use a tape measure to measure the width of the book including the front, moving around the spine and then the back. Add 1in to this measurement. Measure the height of the notebook and add an inch to this measurement. This gives you the measurements for cutting the front cover, lining and interfacing. To calculate the measurements for the flaps. Use the same height measurement as the front cover and use the same width as for the notebooks above.

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## Step by Step photos

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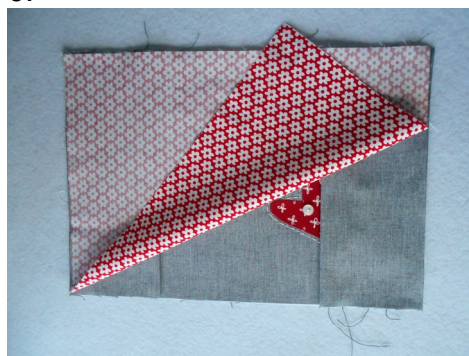
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## Heart Template

Cut 3.

