

Journal Cover

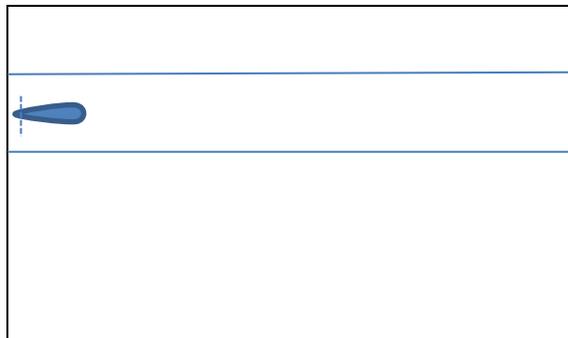
By Just Sew

Materials:

- 1/3 yard each of two coordinating fabrics
- Matching thread
- 1 Composition Notebook
- [1] 18" x 21" piece of fusible fleece
- [1] 3" piece of 1/8" elastic
- [1] Button – 1 to 1 1/2" in diameter

Instructions:

1. Open up composition notebook and place cover side down on wrong side of lining fabric. Trace all the way around the open notebook cover, leaving at least 1" of extra fabric all the way around.
2. Cut lining fabric 1" away from line.
3. Using lining piece that you just cut as a pattern, cut 1 piece of fusible fleece and 1 piece of exterior fabric the same size as the lining.
4. To make flaps, cut two pieces of Exterior Fabric that are the same height as the lining and 10" wide. Fold in half with wrong sides together and press, making a flap that is the height of the lining x 5".
5. To make a contrast band, cut a strip of lining fabric with a pinking blade that is 3 1/2" x the width of the lining. Pin in place and top-stitch to the exterior fabric.
6. Make a loop with the elastic and center it on the contrast band, lining it up 3/4" away from the left edge of the contrast band and exterior fabric as shown. Baste in place.



7. Layer fabric in the following order:
 - Exterior, Right Side up
 - One flap on each end, with the fold toward the center and raw edges lined up with raw edges of exterior.
 - Lining, Wrong side up
8. Pin everything in place
9. Stitch 1/4" away from the edge of the drawn outline of the composition notebook, leaving a 5" opening in the middle along the bottom.
10. Press the seam allowances along the bottom of the cover up toward the cover.
11. Trim seam allowance to 1/4". Clip corners and turn. Press. Pin opening closed. Top stitch 1/8" away from the edge all the way around the notebook cover.
12. Stitch a button to the center of the contrast band at the right side of the cover, being careful not to stitch down the flap behind the button. Insert composition notebook into cover.