

Project: Get Organized Journal Cover

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Just the right gift to say congratulations on a new job, promotion, or retirement, a journal slipcover makes a stylish statement.

Materials

- Purchased $7\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$ " composition journal, ruled or graph paper (available at office supply stores)
- 4 or 5— 18×22 " pieces (fat quarters) assorted prints (journal exterior, inside flaps)
- 14×19 " piece muslin (backing)
- 14×19 " batting
- 1 yard 1"-wide grosgrain ribbon: gold
- 18×22 " piece (fat quarter) coordinating print (journal lining)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ "-diameter decorative button (optional)

Finished journal slipcover: $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ " (closed); 15×10 " (open)

Quantities are for 100% cotton fabrics.

Cut Fabrics

From assorted prints, cut:

- Enough 18"-long strips in widths varying from 2" to 5" to total 15" wide
- 2— $4\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ " strips for inside flaps

From coordinating print, cut:

- 1— $10\frac{1}{2} \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ " lining rectangle

Quilt Cover

1. Sew together assorted print 18"-long strips; trim to make a 12×18 " pieced rectangle.
2. Layer muslin rectangle, batting, and pieced rectangle right side up (Diagram 1). Baste or pin layers.
3. Quilt as desired. Designer Jann Williams stitched $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of seams across pieced rectangle. Trim rectangle to $10\frac{1}{2} \times 15\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Assemble Slipcover

1. With wrong side inside, press each assorted print $4\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ " strip in half lengthwise to make two $2\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ " flaps.
2. With right sides together, align long raw edges of one flap with left-hand short edge of quilted rectangle (Diagram 2). Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge.
3. Repeat Step 2, aligning remaining flap with right-hand short edge of quilted rectangle. Insert ribbon, folded with 12" length on top and remaining length on bottom, between flap and quilted rectangle before stitching. (Note: Pin loose ends of ribbon so they are out of the way while attaching lining.)
4. Place lining rectangle atop quilted rectangle, right sides together. Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on all four sides, leaving a small opening in center bottom for turning. Trim corners and turn slipcover right side out; press. Slip-stitch opening at bottom closed. Turn flaps to lining side.
5. Add decorative button, if desired. Insert journal into flaps, close, and tie ribbon around journal to complete slipcover.

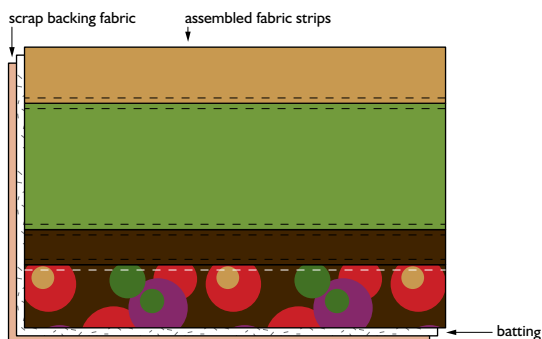


DIAGRAM 1

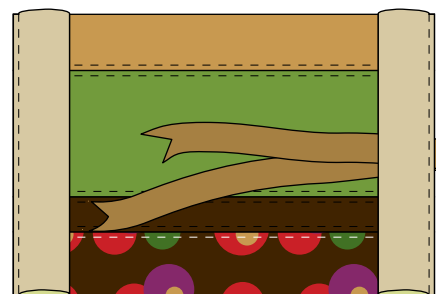


DIAGRAM 2