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## “Binder Cover”

### A Transportable Cover for a Three Ring Binder

**Description:** This pattern was designed for a three ring binder with a one inch depth. The cover includes handles allowing it to be carried easily like a portfolio. It also has several interior pockets that will be useful for storage. The project is easy as most of the cuts are rectangles and smaller remnants of fabric may be used. Personalization of the cover will only be limited to your imagination. The

example shown has been quilted. Enough fabric for a Pencil case accessory bag and key ring are also included in the quantities listed below.



*Finished Binder Cover*



#### Materials needed:

Coordinating fabrics 5/8 yard for outer binder areas and 5/8 yard for inner binder areas (45 inch width) Placement design to your liking but this will be enough fabric to complete the binder cover as well as a pencil case and key ring. Make cuts and keep extra fabric for additional projects

2/3 yard fleece if quilting (45 inch) or lining fabric —This quantity will complete the binder and the pencil case with extra left

Webbing for handles 1 inch wide— 22 inches long

Velcro— 20 inches long

Thread for Sewing as well as Embroidery Thread if doing a Personalized name applique

Stabilizer for Embroidery

Temporary Adhesive spray, Scissors, Pinking Shears, Cutting wheel and straight Edge, Marking pen, Straight pins or clips



## Fabric Cuts and Labels

Use these labels to organize your project by cutting out and pinning to your pieces. Quantities are listed with the sizes required. Wash your fabrics, dry and iron. This will give a crisper look and allow for neater cuts.

Outer Cover 22in x 13.5 in  
Cut 1

Inner Cover 22 in x 13.5 in  
Cut 1

Fleece Lining for Cover  
22 in x 13.5in  
Cut 1

Front Inner Sleeve 11 in x 13.5 in  
Cut 1

Front Inner Pocket  
11 in x 6.5 in  
Cut 1

Front Divided Pocket  
11 in x 7 in  
Cut 1

Velcro 20 inches  
Cut 2—4 inch pieces  
Cut 1—12 inch piece  
Webbing 22 in (cut 2—11 in pieces)

Back inner sleeve and  
Back Large pocket  
11 in x 13.5 in  
Cut 1 each

Back Inner Pocket  
11 in x 6.5 in  
Cut 1

Applique Piece  
Choose size if needed after all other  
pieces are cut. Example is  
5 in X 10 in

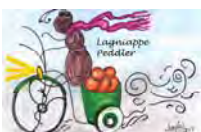


Get ready to quilt your cover. Lay the inner cover piece face down with the fleece lining on top of it then place the outer cover fabric face up. Using the temporary adhesive, spray over the surfaces of the fabric and press neatly to make the pieces as one.



Using your straight edge and marking pencil, create a grid. The example uses 2 inch widths between what will be the quilted lines. The marks were placed on a diagonal one way and then the opposite direction.

Take your time marking the lines for a neater finished product. Once complete, set your pieces on your machine and sew seams to quilt using the manufacturers stitch and needle for your machine. Remember thicker material will work better with the correct needle and a longer stitch





Our pieces are now quilted. If you would like to embellish the front or applique a name now is the time. If not, put this to the side until you are ready to put the binder cover together.

If you are going to applique a name onto the front, create the design and place stabilizer and fabric on your machine.



Once the design has completed, you will turn the four edges under to create a hem and iron them crisp. Place the fabric on the front of the binder carefully making sure it is exactly where you want it to be. Pin in place for sewing. \*Note we placed our name at the bottom and adjusted by folding the cover in half to make sure it looked right before we attached it.\*



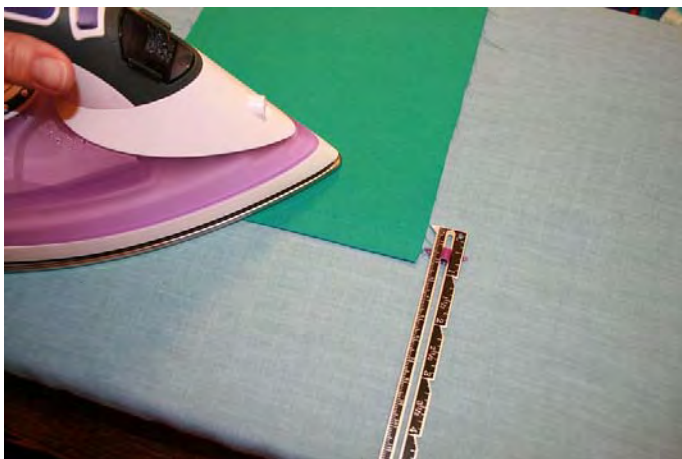


Set your stitch to a very wide but short zig zag. If your foot needs to change for this remember to do that also. Go around the perimeter of the fabric making sure the zig zag falls off the edge of the applique onto the cover. This will ensure that all edges are captured in the seam.

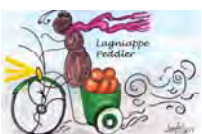
Now you will work on the front inner sleeve. This will be the part that the binder front flap slides into. Place the front inner sleeve right side up and fold under a hem 1/4 inch then another 1/4 inch along the right side. Your hem total will be 1/2 inch. Once you have it pinned, sew your seam along the length.

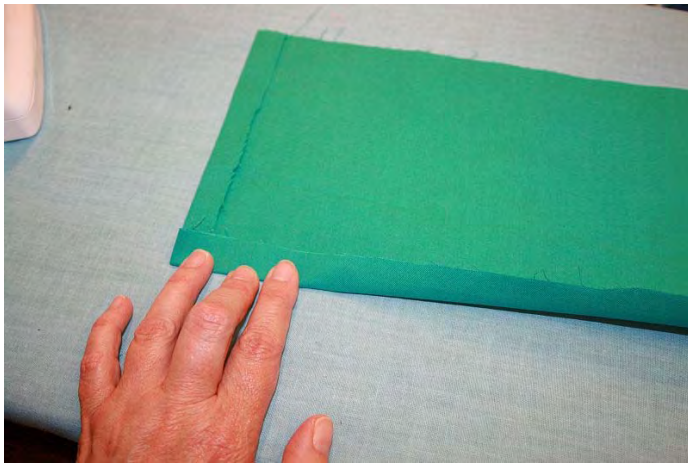


This right edge will be the area that you will hem to create a finished look.



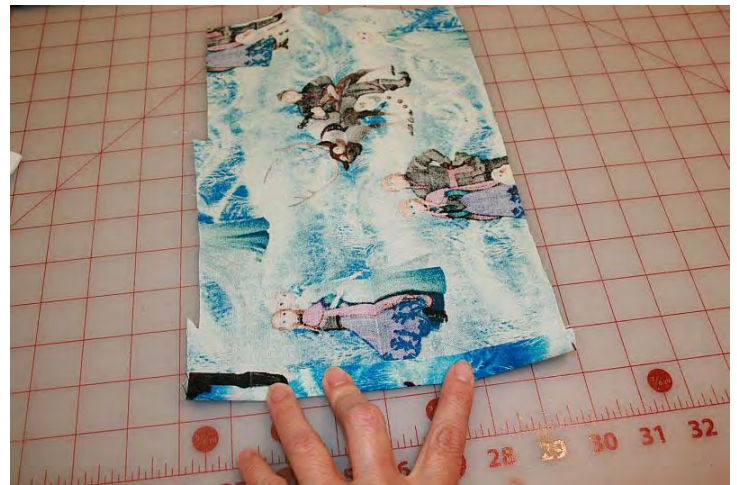
Now you will work on the front inner pocket. Place the piece right side up and fold down a hem along the top of the fabric 1/2 inch. Iron well for a crisp finish. Then you will fold a hem along the right side just like the front inner sleeve.





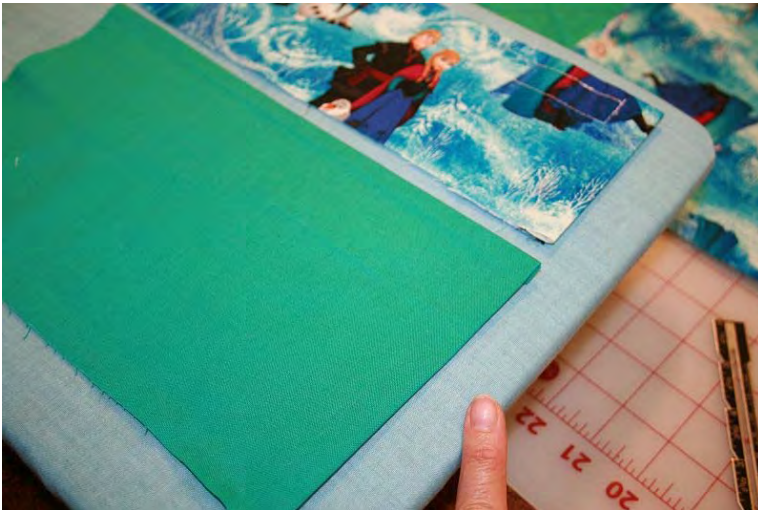
Sew a seam along the top edge and the right edge. Again you are creating a finished look for what will be the edge of the pocket.

The front divided pocket will be next. Take your piece and fold it in half so it is 3.5 inches tall and 11 inches wide. Iron the fold. Then fold under the right edge to create a finished look like the inner pocket. Do not stitch yet. The ironed edges will keep everything in place for now.



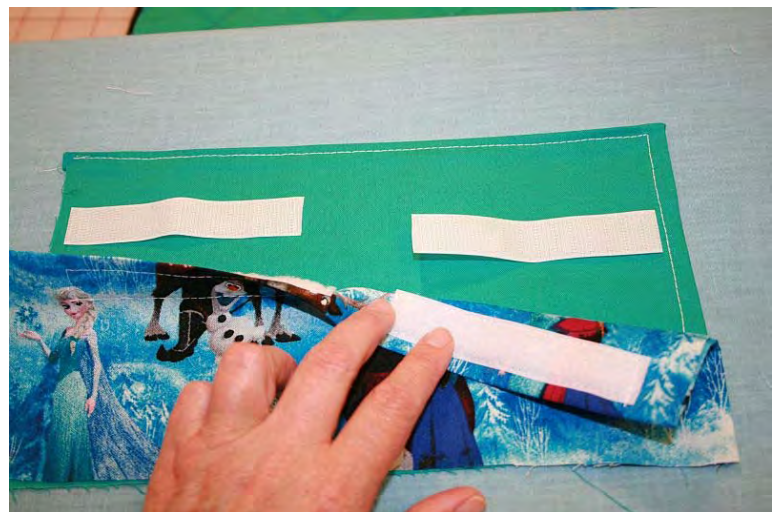
Once the pocket is folded and ironed, you can take your two pieces of Velcro that are 4 inches long and place them on the back of the pocket. Position them so that you will be able to have room from the edges at about 1 inch. Pin in place and stitch.





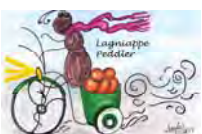
This view shows the Velcro sewn to the small divided pocket and the right side edges being neatly folded under.

Here you can see the top and right side of the inner pocket was stitched then the other part of the Velcro can be attached to it's face. Once sewn, Match up the bottom edges of both pockets and Pin in place



The division of the small pocket can be sewn now.

Lay the entire piece with the small pocket and larger pocket face up on top of each other. Place the fabric so that the needle will sew exactly down the middle and stitch a seam on the small divided pocket.





This shows the divided pocket stitch

Now lay the inner sleeve face up and place the inner pocket on top face up. Line up the right edges.



A zig zag stitch is used to connect the pocket pieces along the right edge.





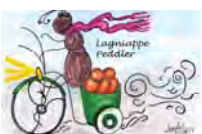
Find the Back inner sleeve and Back large pocket pieces. You will turn under the left long side 1/4 in then 1/4 inch again for a total of 1/2 inch to create a neat hem. Stitch

Use the long strip of Velcro on each piece. Both will be placed on the finished edges. One on the front and the other on the reverse. Center and Pin in place and stitch.

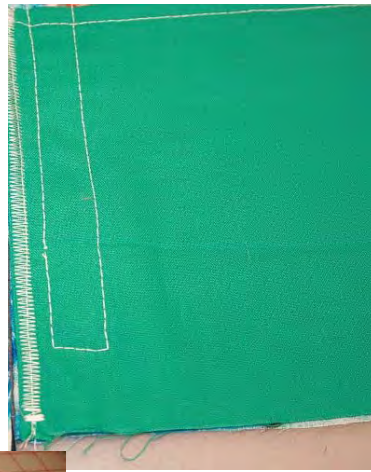


Sew the back inner pocket top and left hem in the same manner that you did the front inner hem with a 1/2 inch seam. The object is to have a finished top and left side.

This shows the Velcro placed on the edges and the smaller back pocket being laid on top of them to make sure they will line up. You will finish the left edge of the pockets now so **\*remove the back inner sleeve so that you do not sew the large pocket pieces closed\***



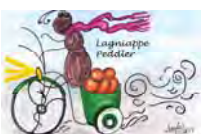
Finish the left edge of the inner pocket with a zig zag seam to the Back large pocket. Place the Back inner sleeve back under the Large pocket and line up the left edges



Now your back pockets and sleeve are completed. You can see that the back will have a large area enclosed with Velcro for storage.



Lay the outer cover face up and place the webbing handles on each side. Make sure to line up the edges of the fabric with the edges of the handles. You can use pins or clips to hold in place.



Now lay the inner pockets face down on top of the cover raw edges lined up. Double check that you are laying the front pocket on top of the front of the binder cover. There will be a small space in between the pieces. This will allow the binder to go in easier.



This shows the front pieces laying on the front cover.



Pin all of the layers together all the way around. This shows the clips holding the handles in place. Stitch a 5/8 inch seam all the way around the perimeter. The space in between the pocket pieces will allow it to be turned once sewn.



Sew carefully through all of the layers. You may need to use a heavy duty needle depending upon your fabric choice.



Use your pinking shears to trim all of the edges to reduce bulk being careful not to cut into your seams.



Turn the finished cover.



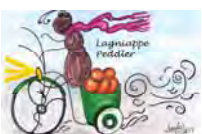


Here is the inside of the cover. As you can see the reverse side of the quilting will be seen so a neat job will make a difference.

You should be ready to put your binder in by folding back the flaps and sliding into the cover.



It should be a snug fit but be able to be closed. Remember this pattern is for a 1 inch binder.





Ready to Use!



ENJOY!

