

Spiral Notebook Cover

Skill Level: Beginner

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Create a unique spiral notebook cover with a lined & zippered pocket on the outside. Scared of zippers? No problem. Follow these steps and see how easy it is to install. This pattern is sure to become one of your favorites for craft show projects and Christmas and birthday presents. Pellon Décor Bond™ stabilizes the fabrics to make this book cover substantial and easy to sew.

Materials Needed

- 1/2 yard Coordinating Fabric
- 1/2 yard Main Fabric
- 1/2 yard Décor Bond™ stabilizer
- 14" or longer Zipper
- 1 spool Matching or invisible thread
- 1 package Pellon® Peel N Apply™ tape, cut into 1/4" strips
- 1 yard Rick Rack

Tools Needed

- Sewing Machine and related Tools
- Rotary cutter, mat, ruler
- Scissors
- Pins

Instructions

Step 1:

Cut 1 piece of main fabric 11 ½ x 17 ¼.

Cut 1 piece of coordinating fabric 11 ½ x 15"

Cut 2 pieces 11 ½ x 6 of main fabric.

Cut 4 strips 11 ½ x 1 ¾" of coordinating fabric

1 piece 11 ½ x 7 ½" of coordinating for lining

Fuse décor bond to each piece except the ones cut 11 ½ x 1 ¾.



Step 2:

Fold all 4 of the 1 ¾" strips in half and then press. Set 2 aside for the inside panels. With the remaining 2 strips, fold each side into the middle and then fold over (and press) so no raw edge is showing. This will make a thin strip that we will use to cover the raw edges of the zipper.



Preparing & Sewing the Zipper

Step 3:

From the 11 1/2" x 17 ¼" piece of main fabric, cut one end 5 ¾" x 11 1/2". These are the pieces you will sew to the zipper. Lay your zipper right side up and attach the Peel N Apply™ tape to each side of the zipper. Peel the paper off to expose the sticky side.



Step 4:

Attach the two pieces of fabric to each side of the zipper. Put your zipper foot on your machine and stitch the zipper to one piece of the main fabric. It will have raw edges but that is fine because we will cover them next. Stitch the other side of the zipper to the remaining left over piece of fabric.

**Step 5:**

Apply more Peel N Apply™ to each side of the zipper on the raw edges of the main fabric.

**Step 6:**

Attach rick rack and then lay the folded fabric against the raw edge of the fabric sewn to the zipper. Top stitch all sides in place and repeat for the other side of the zipper. Your main fabric should now look something like this. See how easy it was to insert that zipper and cover those raw edges? Now let's move on to the lining.

**Lining****Step 7:**

Stitch a ¼" line on one end of the lining fabric (long side). Fold fabric on this line to cover raw edges and top stitch fold in place.



Step 8:

Attach right side of lining fabric to the wrong side of the top cover. Align it with the left side of the zipper and pin in place. Stitch the fabrics together using the top stitching line as your guide.

**Assembly****Step 9:**

The main piece of fabric should look like example shown with attached zipper and lined pocket. Unzip the zipper about half way.

**Step 10:**

Attach the remaining 1 3/4" strips to the 11 1/2 x 6" pieces of fabric by placing raw edge of strip to raw edge of fabric (long side) and sew with a 1/4" allowance. Fold fabric over to wrong side and stitch in place again covering one raw edge of each piece.

**Step 11:**

Lay the main piece of fabric (the one with the zipper) right side up on a flat surface. Remember to unzip your zipper about half way. Then lay the 2 pieces of fabric for the inside covers right side down against the right side of the main fabric.



Step 12:

Take the coordinating piece of fabric 11 ½ x 15 and lay it right side down in the middle of the two fabrics and pin all the sides. Stitch with a ¼" twice around the cover.



Step 13:

Clip the excess zipper ends and the corners of the project. This is a very forgiving pattern so if you have any excess fabric, trim it at this time.



Step 14:

Insert your arm through the opening and turn the cover inside out.



Step 15:

Press your cover, insert the spiral notebook and your project is complete. ENJOY!

