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*The Magic
in the Middle*

Fabric Book Cover Skill Level: Beginner

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Spending hundreds of dollars on textbooks? Make these fast and easy fabric book covers to keep them clean and scratch free. They are also great for vintage novels and cookbooks! Minimal sewing experience is needed.

Fabrics Needed

Quilter's cotton, bottom weight, canvas or light denim 1/2 yard

Materials Needed

Pellon[®] 71F Peltex[®] I Ultra-Firm 1/2 yard

Thread

Textbook

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies

Rotary cutter and related supplies

Ball point pen

<http://www.pellonprojects.com>

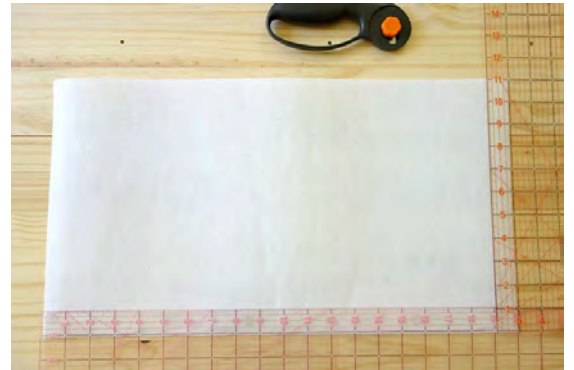
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Step 1. Open the textbook to approximately the middle page so the cover is lying flat. Measure the textbook cover's full width and height.

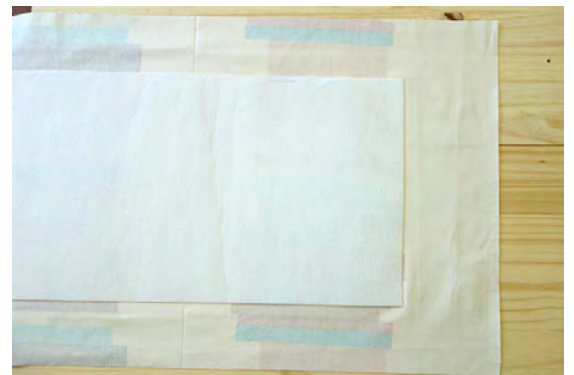


Step 2. Cut one rectangle of Peltex® I that is the textbook's width plus 1/4" by the textbook's height plus 1/4".

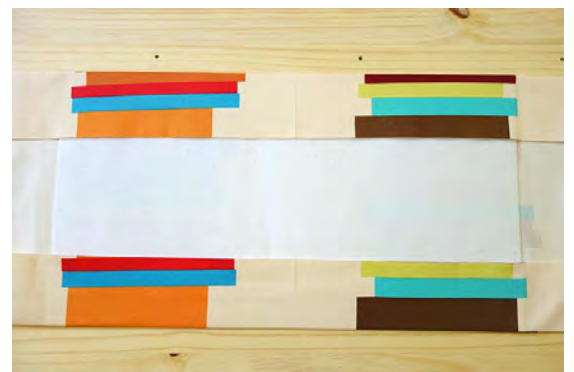


Step 3. Cut one rectangle of fabric that is the textbook's width plus 10" by the textbook's height plus 6". Press the fabric.

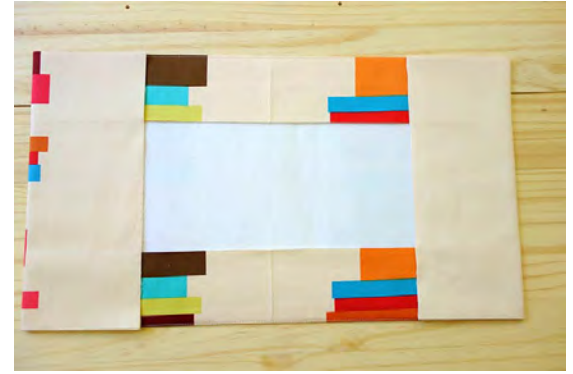
Step 4. Center the Peltex® I rectangle on the fabric rectangle with the fusible side of the Peltex® I facing the wrong side of the fabric. Fuse together following manufacturer's instructions.



Step 5. With the fabric right side down, fold the top and bottom edges of the fabric up over the Peltex® I. Press the fold of the fabric taking care not to directly press on the Peltex® I.



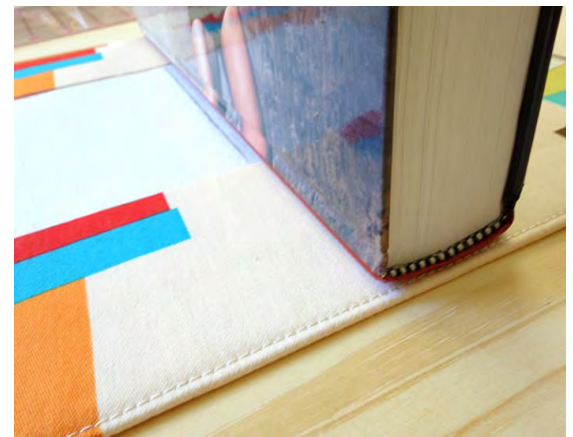
Step 6. Fold the left and right edges of the fabric in over the Peltex® I and press in the same manner as in Step 5.



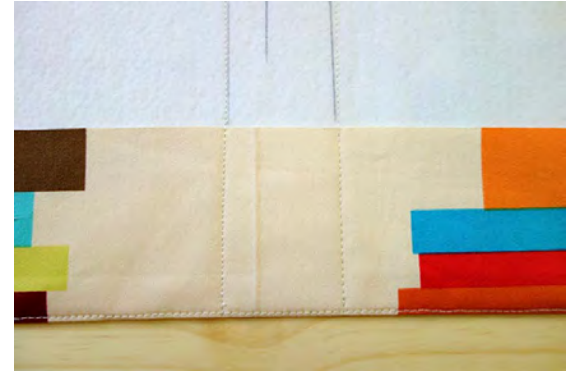
Step 7. Edge stitch (less than 1/8") along the top edge of the folded book cover making sure to catch both sets of folds at the corners. Backstitch at the edges of the left and right fabric folds for reinforcement. Repeat along the bottom edge.



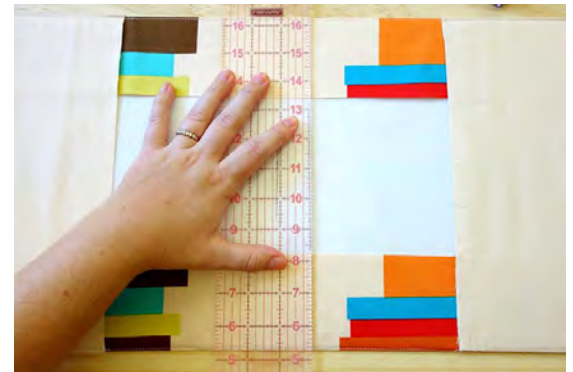
Step 8. Measure to find the middle of the book cover and mark a line on the Peltex® I in that spot with ball point pen. Place the textbook's spine on the mark. Using the textbook as a guide, use your ball point pen to mark either side of the book's spine only on the Peltex® I.



Step 9. Stitch along the two lines marking the sides of the textbook's spine from the top of the fabric book cover to the bottom edge of the fabric. Take care to not fold the Peltex® I while machine stitching.



Step 10. Using a ruler as a guide, fold the book cover towards the inside of the cover. While the book cover is folded, use the ball point pen to press. Rub hard along the fold. Repeat with the other line of stitching along the book's spine.



Step 11. Slip the textbook's front and back covers into the pockets created by the folds of fabric.

