

# ZIPPERED JOURNAL COVERS

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The secret of this quilted book cover is a zippered pocket that's perfect for holding pens and pencils. The extra-wide lap covering the zipper is easy to sew and adds a tailored accent to the journal front.



## SUPPLIES

*Supplies listed are enough to make one 6"x8½" journal.*

- 9"x12" rectangle of fabric for the back and front accent
- 9" square of fabric (front panel)
- 9"x16" rectangle of lining fabric
- Fusible fleece
- 12"- to 14"-long zipper

## PREPARE

Fuse fleece to the wrong side of both outer fabric pieces, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Quilt the front panel by sewing diagonal stitching lines 1" apart to create a grid.

## CONSTRUCT

Fold one short edge of the quilted fabric ½" to the wrong side, and position the fold on the zipper tape next to the coils; pin. The zipper should extend beyond the upper and lower edges of the fabric.

Place the fabric under the zipper foot and adjust the foot or the needle position as needed to sew on the zipper tape; stitch (1).

Fold one short edge of the second outer fabric piece ¾" to the wrong side; press. (This is the lap and the pocket.) Using a fabric marker, draw a

parallel line ¾" away from the folded edge.

Place the marked fabric over the zipper with the drawn line next to the coils. (The folded edge should overlap the stitching of the first step.) From the right side of the fabric, stitch along the marked line through all layers (2).

Partially unzip the zipper and trim the excess. Don't slide the zipper pull off the zipper.

Fold the lap flat and baste it along the upper and lower edges.

Place the lining and the outer cover right sides together. Stitch the upper and lower edges, creating a tube open at both ends. Turn the tube right side out; press.

To form the pocket, stitch from the right side, sewing through all layers over the previous stitching (3).

Stitch down the spine through all layers.

Serge or hem the cover short ends.

Fold each end toward the lining to form pocket flaps for inserting a journal; pin.

Edgestitch the cover upper and lower edges to secure; insert a journal or book. **S**

SOURCE

OESD supplied the Fuse & Fleece: embroideryonline.com.

## TIP

Attach a seam guide to the presser foot and set it ¾" from the needle to eliminate the need to mark the seamlines.

