

# Journal Cover

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## Materials Needed:

Duck Cloth or canvas (lining)

Decorative fabric

Thread to match decorative fabric

Bead for embellishing (optional)

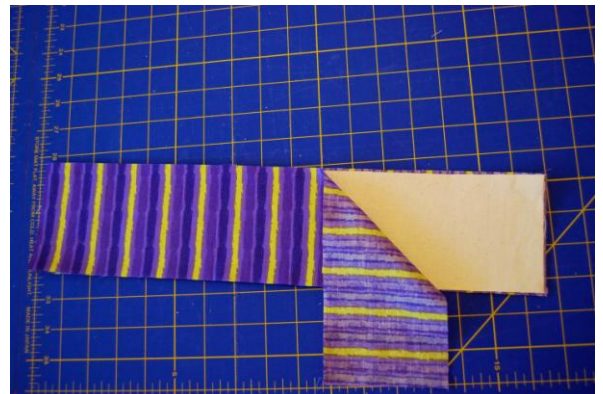
1. Use Duck Cloth (canvas) for the foundation of the cover as it gives extra body. Cut to size, allowing for enough width to make pockets for the front and back of the journal. Also make sure that the top and bottom of the Duck Cloth extend  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above and below the journal.



Close the journal with the cloth wrapped around to be certain you have enough slack to close the journal easily while still having enough fabric for pockets.



2. Cut 2 pieces of 'decorative fabric' to cover the Duck cloth. This will be the outside and inside of your journal.



3. Make and pin together the sandwich of 'decorative and duck fabric (decorative-duck-decorative). Make sure that both pieces of decorative fabric face right sides out.



4. Zigzag all three layers together along the short ends of the covers (these will become the inside edge of the pockets).
5. Stitching through all 3 layers machine quilt the sandwich all over.

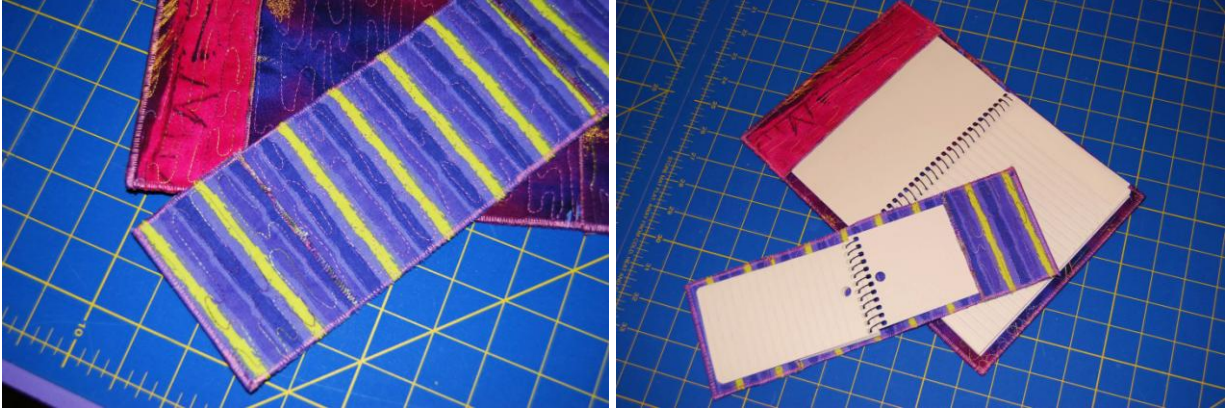


6. Lay the journal on the inside of the cover and fold one end inwards to create the back pocket. Pin in place at top and bottom. Close journal to ensure the cover is not too tight. Repeat the process for the front cover of the journal. Be sure the journal sits comfortably inside the cover.

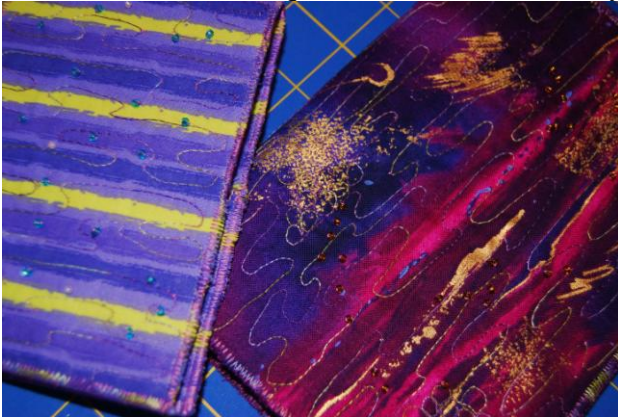


7. The cover will seem big when the journal is open but this is fine. You do not want the cover to pull the journal open.

8. Zigzag along the top edge (including the folded pocket you created in Step 6). Repeat for the bottom edge of the cover. Zigzag along each pocket fold.



9. Embellish with beads / sequins / or whatever takes your fancy.



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