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Original Recipe



Funky Monkey Children's Personal Journal by Kim
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Ingredients:

Monkey Business by Erin Michaels, or any Moda jelly roll or honey bun (this is a great stash buster!)
lightweight fusible interfacing
white or ivory Moda Bella solid
composition notebook
crayons in various colors
white thread, brown thread, grey thread
Invisible marker

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Instructions:



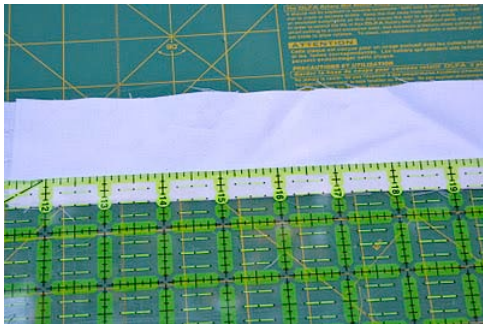
Cut varied sizes of strips of fabric 1.5 to 2.5 inches x 7.5

- 1 print 11x2.5 (binding)
- 2 print 11x5.25 (inner flaps)
- 1 print 11x 7.5 (back)
- 1 print 5.0x7.5 (crayon pocket)
- 1 lightweight fusible interfacing 2.5x7.5
- 1 solid 2.0 x7.5 (nameplate)
- 1 solid 11x25 (inner)

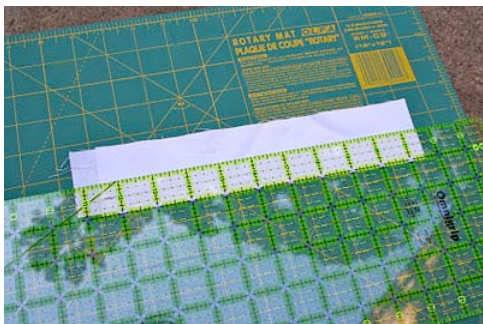
optional fusible interfacing for nameplate 2.0x7.5

To make the nameplate, you can either just have the child write his or her name freestyle or you can make a school paper look by drawing lines on the nameplate piece of fabric. I found this made it easier for my little guy.

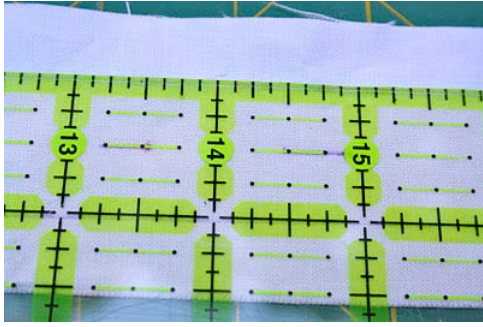
To make the nameplate measure up from the bottom 1 inch up and draw a solid line, the freehanded dotted line is .5 up from the first solid line and the second solid line is .5 from the dotted line.



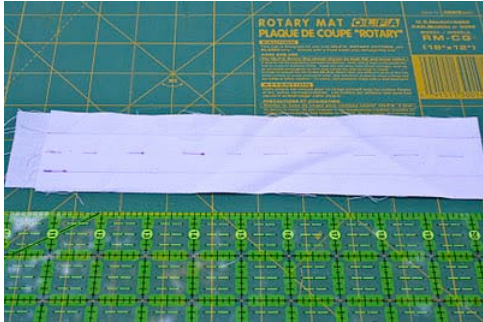
1 inch up from bottom



.5 inch from bottom line



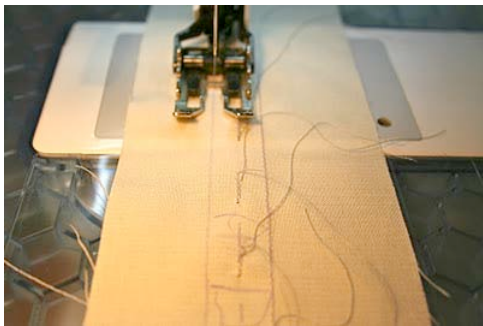
.5 inch up from mid line



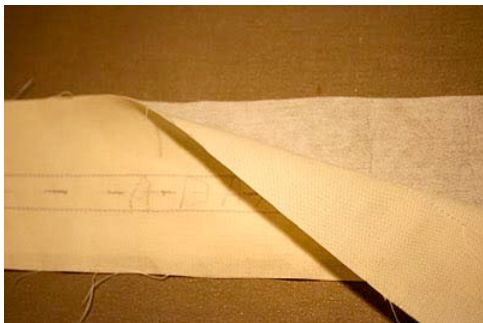
Find your resident cutie pie to add the best part of the whole journal!



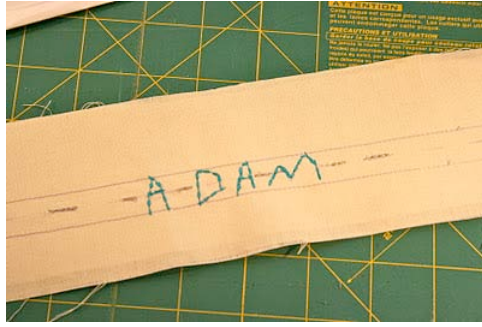
Thanks Adam :o)



After the lines are drawn, you can sew over them. I used a light gray so his name will really show up!



I recommend adding a little fusible interfacing; it makes the nameplate sturdier. This is an optional step but I think it makes for a more finished look.



Sew over the name. I used a heavier stitch with added bumps :o) If you use a straight stitch, make sure to go over it a few times so it will look bold and stay put.



To put the journal cover together, pick some of your patterned strips and line up how you would like them to look. The dimensions will be 11x7.5.



Using 1/4 inch seams, sew the strips together



Press the seams



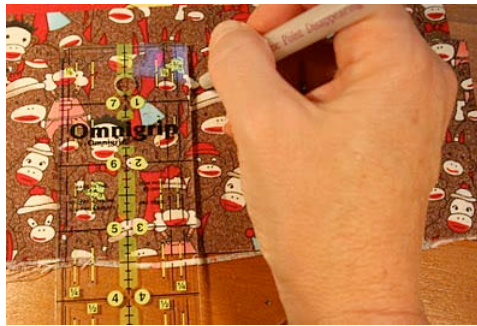
Fold crayon pocket fabric in half over the fusible interfacing and press



Place the crayon pocket on the front and check for proper visibility. Pin the pocket in place. Do not measure for the crayons yet.



With the right sides of fabric together, sew the binding onto the front of the journal



From the binding edge, mark the crayon edge 1 inch in and continue marking every 1 inch with an invisible marker or a light pencil.



Sew over the drawn lines. I made sure to reverse back over the top since there will be heavy use where the crayons go in.



Right sides of fabric facing, sew the journal back on



This is how the cover will look at this stage



Topstitch along the inner binding edge



For the sleeve (inner), place rights sides facing and sew



With right sides facing, sew the two pieces together all the way around. Leave an opening to pull the fabric through.



The opening does not have to be huge.



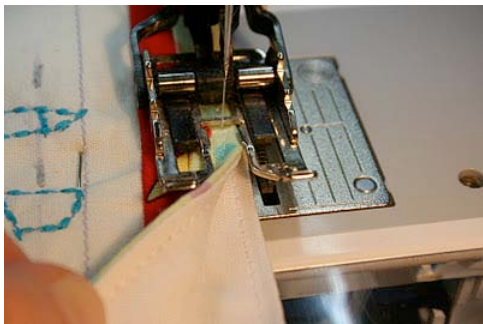
Before turning, snip the corners.



After turning, topstitch the entire journal.



Lay the journal flat and fold inner flaps in.



Sew the inner flaps to make a pocket for the journal to slip into. I sewed the flaps on from the opposite side following the topstitched seam so it would not show.



The journal cover is completed and ready for action!!!!



Yield:

One really cute and personalized journal for a little or big person. You can always embroider the name for an older friend or loved one. This makes a great birthday, Christmas, or Hanukkah gift. Or a perfect little book for quiet time in church or a just because I love ya gift!

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