

Project: Scrap Lab Notebook Cover

SCRAP LAB

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For a quick gift, cover a standard spiral notebook with fabric.

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Materials

- 5—18×21" pieces (fat quarters) assorted prints in gray (2), white, and pink (2) (outer cover, inner pockets)
- ½ yard each solid pink and solid orange (inner pockets)
- ½ yard lining fabric
- 14×20" batting
- 7×10½" spiral notebook

Finished notebook cover: 9×11½"

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances, except where indicated. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From the first gray print, cut:

- 1—5×12" rectangle

From white print, cut:

- 1—5×12" rectangle

From the first pink print, cut:

- 1—12×14" rectangle

From each of second gray print, second pink print, solid pink, and solid orange, cut:

- 1—12×16" rectangle

From lining, cut:

- 1—14×20" rectangle for lining

Make Notebook Cover

1. Fold gray print 5×12" rectangle in half to make a 5×6" rectangle. Place it atop white print 5×12" rectangle with raw edges aligned (**Diagram 1**). Using a ⅛" seam allowance, sew around three sides that have raw edges, leaving folded edge unsewn, to make outer pocket unit.
2. Sew together outer pocket unit and pink print 12×14" rectangle to make outer cover (**Diagram 2**). Press seam toward pink print. The outer cover should be 12×18½" including seam allowances.
3. Place 14×20" lining rectangle on a flat surface with wrong side up. Layer 14×20" batting rectangle atop lining, then center outer cover atop batting with right side up. Referring to **Diagram 3**, machine-stitch a vertical line down the center of outer cover and another one between outer cover pieced sections; stitch a horizontal line just above the outer pocket. Trim lining and batting even with edges of outer cover.
4. Fold gray print 12×16" rectangle in half, wrong side inside, to make a 6×16" rectangle. Place it atop solid pink 12×16" rectangle with raw edges aligned (**Diagram 4**). Using a ⅛" seam allowance, sew around three sides that have raw edges, leaving folded edge unsewn, to make an inner pocket unit.
5. Repeat Step 4 using pink print 12×16" rectangle and solid orange 12×16" rectangle to make a second inner pocket unit.
6. Fold an inner pocket unit in half, wrong side inside, to make an 8×12" rectangle. Referring to **Diagram 5** for placement, layer folded pocket atop outer cover, matching raw edges on three sides; pin. Sew together along pinned raw edges, leaving folded edge unsewn.
7. Repeat Step 6 with remaining inner pocket unit and opposite edge of outer cover.
8. Using a short zigzag stitch, sew around entire rectangle (**Diagram 6**). Trim corners and turn right side out; press.
9. Tack down the seam allowance at the top and the bottom of the center fold. Insert notebook to complete notebook cover.

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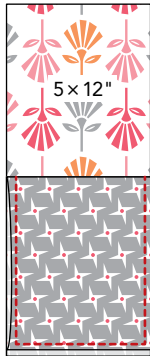


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2



DIAGRAM 3

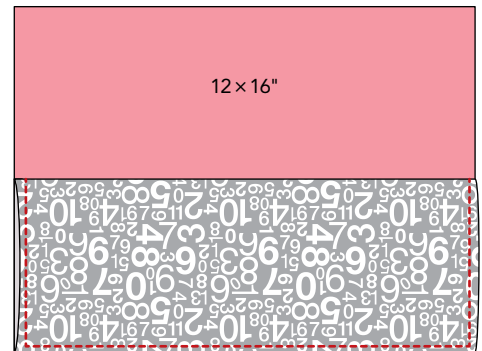


DIAGRAM 4



DIAGRAM 5



DIAGRAM 6