

## Mrs. Langley's Notepad Cover Pattern



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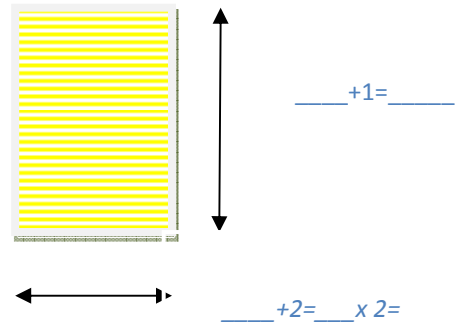
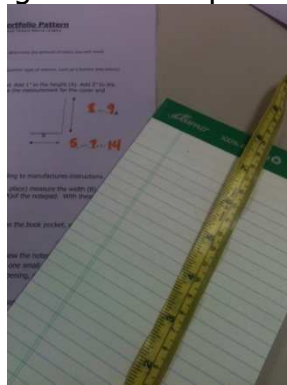
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## Materials needed:

- Fabric – see #1 under sewing directions to determine the amount of fabric you will need.
- Fusible fleece – see #1
- Thread to match
- 1 yard or coordinating ribbon, optional (or another type of closure, such as a button and elastic)

## Sewing Directions:

1. Select a notepad; measure the notepad. Add 1" to the height. Add 2" to the width, then double the number. These measurements will be the measurement for the cover and lining of The Notepad Cover.



(For Example, I used the small 5x8 notepad. My pattern measurements were 9 inches tall by 14 inches wide. I wrote the pattern so that any size notepad may be used.)

2. Using your new found measurements

Cut fabric as follows:

- Cut one cover
- Cut one lining/interior
- Cut one fusible fleece

3. Iron the Fusible Fleece to the cover fabric according to manufactures instructions.

4. To create the notepad pocket (to hold notepad in place) measure the width of the notepad and add one inch.

Then measure the height of the notepad. Subtract 1 1/2" from the height of the notepad. With these new measurements you will cut two for the notepad pocket (Example: My pocket was 6"x 6 1/2")

5. Make the pen/pencil pocket 4 1/2 inches tall by the width of your notepad. Cut two for the pen/pencil pocket.

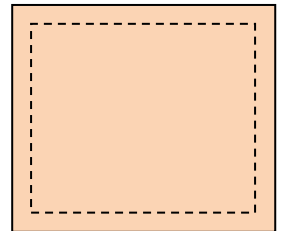
6. Take the height of the note pad and add 1 inch. Cut a piece at this measurement by 3 1/2 inches. This will be a contrasting spine to the cover.

You should have 7 pieces of fabric cut and one fusible fleece.

Here's the list: Cover, lining, 2 notepad pockets, 2 pen pockets, spine, and one piece of fusible fleece.

7. Using 1/4" seam allowances throughout the project sew the notepad pocket pieces right sides together around the entire rectangle, leaving one small opening about an inch. Turn the pocket right side out through the small opening, poke the corners out well and press.

8. Use the same method for the pen/pencil pocket...right sides together, sew around leaving a small opening, turn, press.

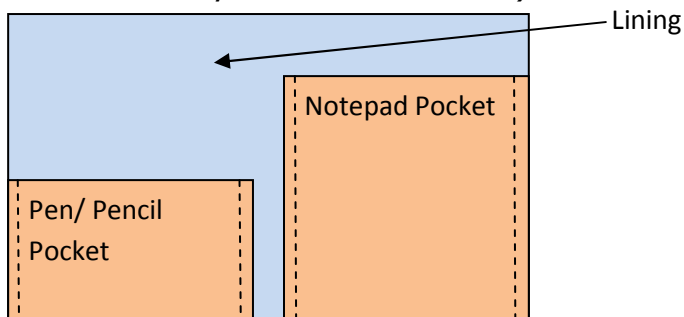


You should now have two nicely pressed rectangles. Find the top of your pockets. Hint: the skinnier pen/pencil pocket will be laid wide. The larger notepad pocket will be turned up and down. Now that you have decided which way the tops are, topstitch close to the edge along the top only. This simply gives it a finished, professional look.

*Note: You can have the notepad pocket on the right or the left, depending on your preference, for your lefties out there just switch it on over to the left side.*

9. Position the notepad pocket right along a (short) side and right along the bottom (long side) of the lining fabric (the one with no fusible fleece). Pin. Repeat with the pen/pencil pocket on the other side of the lining fabric.

10. Using a straight stitch on the sewing machine, sew the pockets to the lining by sewing on two sides as shown below, using the edge of the presser foot as a guide. Leave the top open to use as a pocket. Do not forget to backstitch. (You will close the bottom later as you sew the cover on)





*Note: to hold a spiral or side opening notepad leave the pocket open on the side.*

11. Using tailor chalk (or eyeball-it), draw vertical lines onto the tool pocket to mark divisions for pens pencils or other supplies. Sew along the drawn lines from the lower edge of the pocket to the top edge. Back stitch at the beginning and end of each row.



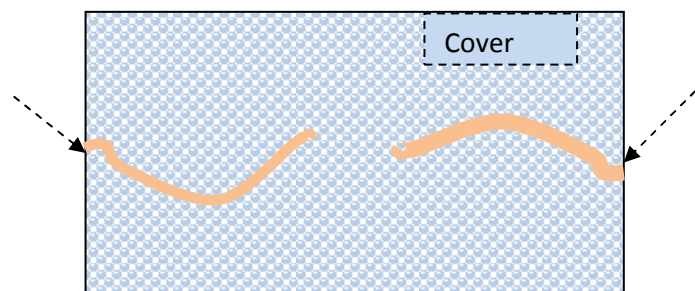
12. Set the lining and pockets aside for a moment. Take out the cover (which should have the fusible fleece on it already).

Take the spine fabric and turn long edges under  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch. so that no raw edges are showing on the long sides and press flat.

Fold cover in half putting the two short edges together. Mark the middle with a pin. Lay it back out flat fabric side up. Position your spine fabric in the middle and pin in place. Sew down the two long sides to secure in place.



13. Find the middle of the short sides; mark with a pin. Take about 18 inches of ribbon and place the end lined up with the raw edge of the fabric. One end should be free for tying. Pin in place. On the opposite short edge of the cover, do the same thing, mark halfway down, place ribbon and pin in place. (Note: you may use elastic and a button or another type of closure, or no closure at all, the choice is yours. I used a short piece of elastic on the photo above and will add a button on the front).



14. Now, make a nice little sandwich by placing the lining and pockets in front of you right sides up. Place the cover/outer fabric right side down, on top of the pockets and lining, tucking the ribbon ends inside and away from the seam line. Pin in place. Sew using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance, leaving a 2" hole near the bottom center.

15. Turn right side out, poke out corners well and press. Topstitch with a ¼" seam allowance, all around the edges making sure to tuck in the edges of the opening (where you turned it).

16. Insert notepad and pens and pencils into pockets. And now you are ready to enjoy your new notepad portfolio.

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