

# COVER-ALL

## MATERIALS

- 1 purchased 3 ring binder, 1/2" or 1" thick
- 3/8 yard of cover fabric
- 3/8 yard of lightweight fusible batting or flannel
- 8" by 17" accent fabric for pockets and binding
- thread for assembly and machine quilting

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Layer the cover fabric on top of the batting/flannel with the right side facing up. If you are using a fusible product, press the layers together following the manufacturer's instructions. If you are using a non fusible product, baste the layers together to prepare for quilting.

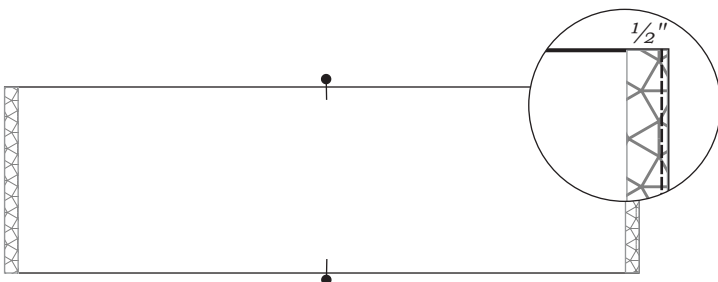
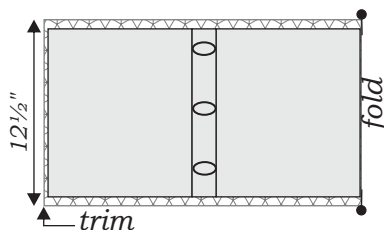
2. Machine quilt the layers together. This is an excellent opportunity to sharpen your machine quilting skills. Try a new technique or experiment with threads! Quilt the entire length of the fabric.

3. Trim the quilted cover fabric to measure 12 1/2" by the full width of the fabric. Most purchased binders measure 11 5/8" - 11 3/4". The 12 1/2" measurement allows for seam allowances and a bit of bulk. If your binder is taller than 11 3/4", adjust the width of your fabric strip to compensate for the difference.

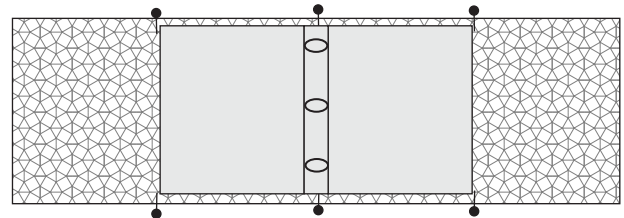
Fold the trimmed cover fabric in half to find the center. Mark with a pin on the top and bottom.

4. Open the purchased binder on a flat surface and measure the full width. Measuring from the fold of the fabric, trim the cover fabric 1/2" larger than the width of the binder.

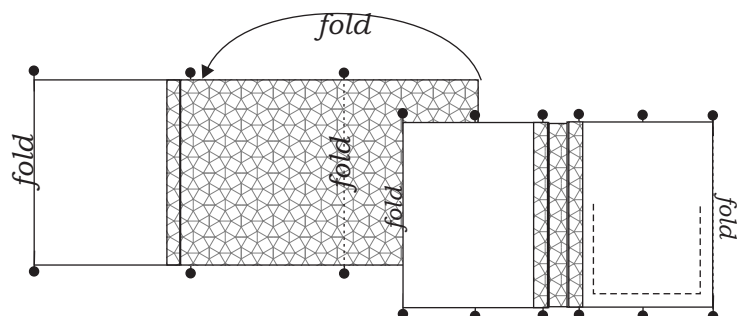
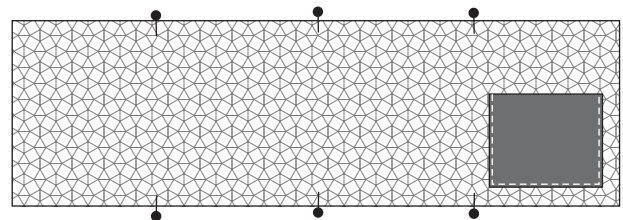
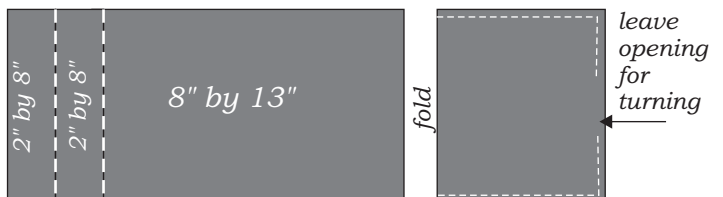
5. Fold 1/2" on both ends of the cover fabric to the back. Press and top stitch along the fold.



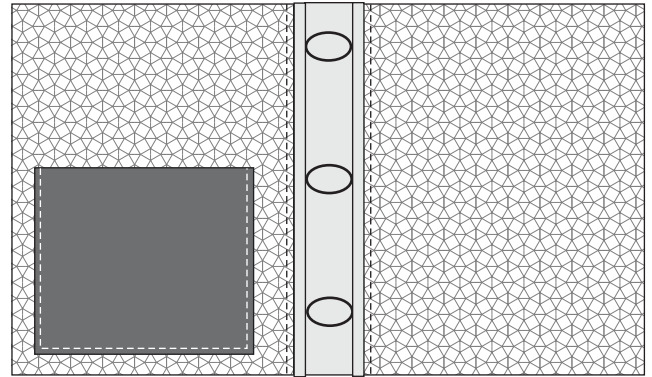
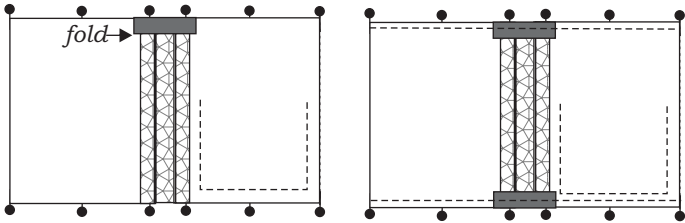
6. Spread the cover fabric on a flat surface, with the fabric side facing up. Center the binder on top of the fabric using the pins as your guide. Mark the right and left side of the binder with pins on the top and bottom.



7. Cut the pocket fabric into 3 pieces as shown below. Fold the larger pocket fabric in half with right sides together. Stitch, leaving an opening for turning. Clip the corners, turn right side out and press. Position the pocket on what will be the inside front cover of the cover fabric. Have the pocket 1" from the bottom edge and 1" from the finished edge. Top stitch in place.



9. Fold the 2" strips of pocket fabric in half, lengthwise, with right side facing out. Press. Position the fabric strips, with raw edges even, spanning the space between the finished edges of the cover. Trim the strips so that they are approximately 1" larger than the space between the outer flaps. Pin in place.



10. Stitch the top and bottom edges, backstitching on the corners and finished edges. Turn the cover right side out and press.

11. Fold the binder back to insert it into the end flaps. Position the cover so that the pocket is on the inside front cover.

Enjoy!

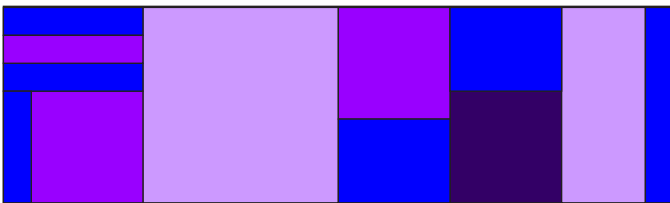
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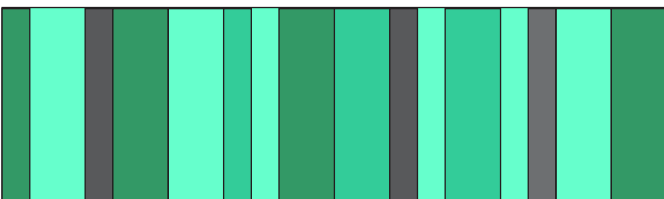
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## Creative Ideas:

Use your leftover or "practice blocks" to make the fabric for your cover. Piece the random units together as needed to create the length and width necessary.



For a quick and easy cover, try strip piecing the fabric directly onto the batting. This "flip and sew" method will create the fabric and quilt the cover at the same time.



Get creative with the specialty stitches on your sewing machine! The Cover-All is an excellent place to try new techniques, decorative stitches or twin needles.

Experiment with string piecing or crazy patch and embellish the seams with specialty threads and decorative stitches.

Make a cover to use as a scrap book or photo album. Kids will love choosing novelty fabrics to cover their school notebooks!

Add page protectors to your binder to hold fabric scraps, small pattern pieces or templates for your designs.

Create a feature stripe as shown in the photo to personalize your cover. Add embroidery to customize the binder to identify what it will hold.

The possibilities are endless!