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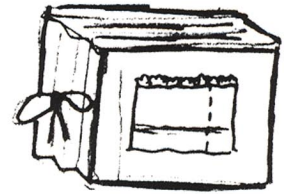
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FABRIC COVERED FILE FOLDER



SUPPLIES File folders come in (at least) 3 sizes:

10" x 12"--use 1/3 yard of fabric

7 1/2" x 9 1/2"--use 1/4 yard of fabric

6" x 12"-- use 8" of fabric

Pockets--use 1/6 yard of contrast fabric

Ribbon--use 24" for each tie

Wonder Under--enough to cover each side TWICE

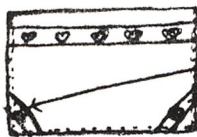
Aleene's Designer Tacky Glue

matching thread; trims as desired



1. Lay the folder on lightweight cardboard twice and trace around it; cut the cardboard out that size.
2. Cut 2 pieces of Thermolam the same size as the cardboard; fuse the Wonderunder to the Thermolam, then fuse the Thermolam to the cardboard.
3. Cut 2 pieces of your main fabric about 3/4" bigger than your cardboard on all sides. If you're adding a pocket, do so now. Pocket suggestions:

The nicest looking pockets are made by putting 2 pieces of fabric right sides together, sewing with a 1/4" seam on all 4 sides with a 2-3" opening on one, turning right side out and pressing. The size of pocket is up to you--a 3 1/2" by 5 1/2" pocket is nice for recipe cards, a 4" by 7" is nice for envelopes and pens. After you make your pocket--remember to cut it out 1/2" larger than your desired finished size both ways--add whatever trims you want to it before you sew it onto your fabric. To center your pocket, finger press your fabric in half from top on bottom and side to, then use the creases to determine where you want your pocket--you may want it up a little higher than the half-way point. I used Hot Stitches to hold the pocket in place (and all the trims on my pocket) to make the stitching-on easier. Be sure and backstitch at the top corners.

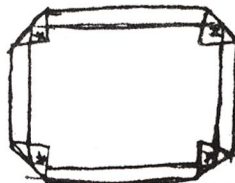
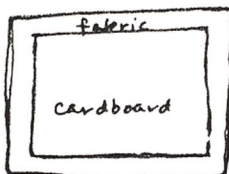


ribbon will hold
recipe card
for easy
reading

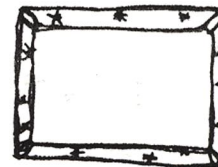


extra rows of stitching make
good slots for pens or rulers -
point writers are fun for
decorating the folders

4. Cut out two pieces of Wonder Under the same size as your fabric; fuse to the fabric. Carefully center the cardboard on the fabric (Thermolam should be against the fabric/Wonder Under); turn the cardboard and the fabric over together, and fuse the fabric to the Thermolam from the fabric side--being careful not to fuse the excess fabric to your ironing surface. Fuse completely and thoroughly; flip the cardboard over and fuse the excess fabric to the back side of the cardboard. To get the nicest finish on your corners, fuse as shown below.



fuse corners
in first



then fuse sides;
easy + neat!

5. Almost done! Cut your ribbon in half; use tacky glue to attach it at the mid-point on the outside of both sides along the upper opening or on each side of the file folder. Apply tacky glue along all edges and in the middle of one side; press your covered cardboard onto glue. Repeat on other side--good work--you're done!

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