

BOOK COVER

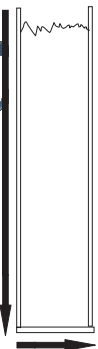
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MATERIALS NEEDED:

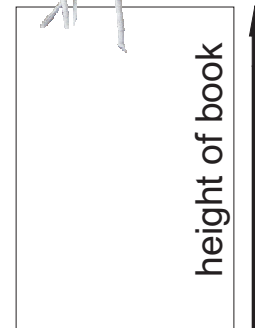
old jeans or other material
Good fabric scissors
seam ripper (optional)
pen and ruler
sewing machine
old shoe strings
6" of velcro

MEASURE YOUR BOOK

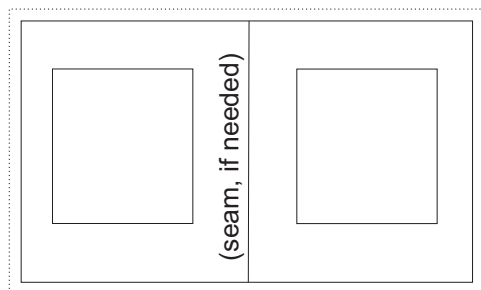
With the book closed, measure down one side, across the spine, and up the other side (X) and the height of the book (Z). Add 1" to each measurement for seams and cut out the rectangle. If you piece this rectangle, put the seam in the middle of the spine of the book. (Grandma used a seam in old jeans for the middle of this piece.)



= X "



= Y "



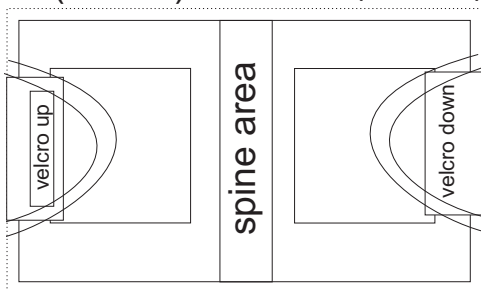
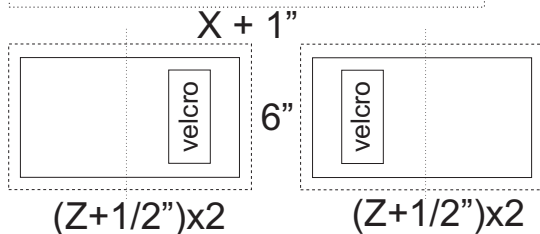
ADD POCKETS

Grandma used pockets from old jeans. You can also make your own pockets and add flaps on them if you want. Be sure your pockets are away from the outside seam line and also away from the spine area.

MAKE HANDLES AND VELCRO FLAPS

Measure across the book opening and cut 2 pieces that are $(Z + 1/2" \times 2)$ long by 6" wide (or choose a width that fits your book.) Sew velcro (one side sticky, one side soft) on each of the pieces. Fold each piece in half (wrong side out) and stitch along the Z sides. Trim corners and turn right side out. Place in the middle of each side above the pockets.

Cut 2 handle pieces that are $16 \frac{1}{2}" \times 3 \frac{1}{2}"$. Fold and iron $\frac{1}{2}"$ on one long side of each handle and 1" on the other side. Fold the $\frac{1}{2}"$ folded edge so it covers the raw edge on the 1" folded side. Iron and stitch the edge down to form handles. Place handle ends on the outsides of the velcro flaps and pin.



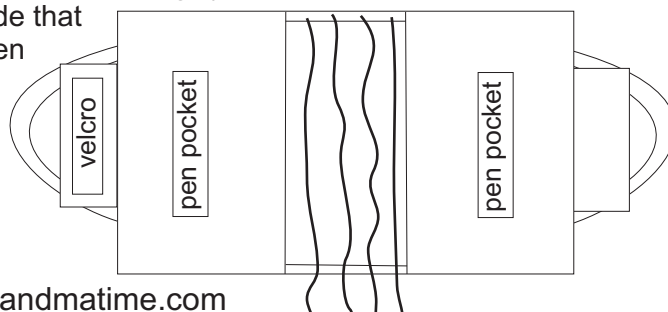
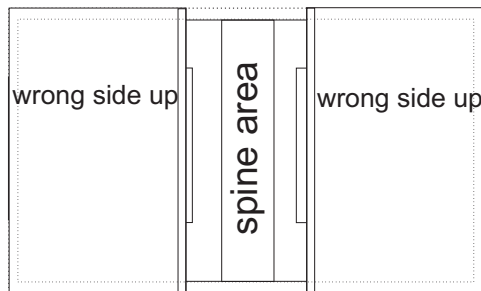
ADD INSIDE FLAPS

Measure the depth of the book cover (B). Cut 2 pieces that are $(Y + 1")$ by $(B \times 3/4)$. Fold under and stitch down $\frac{1}{2}"$ of the $(Y + 1")$ side of each piece. If desired, add a pocket for a pen on each inside flap. Place these flaps on the book cover and stitch $\frac{1}{2}"$ around all sides of the inside flaps. Trim corners and turn right-side out.

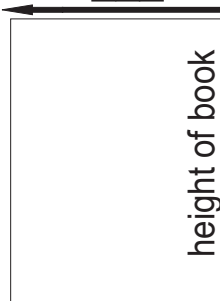
ADD SHOESTRING BOOKMARKS

Iron down and topstitch the flaps at the top and bottom of the spine area. Bleach/wash old shoestrings and stitch them down in this topstitching. (Be sure to put them on the same side that your pen pockets open on!)

Fold the covers of your book back and carefully insert them into the book cover.



= B "



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