

Binder Cover:

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Fabric:

- Use old jeans. I watch for the weight of the jean to be the same when using more than one pair. The back of the leg works well for the pieces that need to be larger - as the front or the spine protector.

Method:

Take careful measurements. To every measurement, add a 1/2 inch seam allowance for the ragging to be "fluffy".

1. Measure the cover of the binder. Add 1 inch easement to the height (if you wish it tighter, you may use 1/2"). Add 1 inch easement to the width. Cut 2 , one for the front and one for the back.
2. Measure the spine. Add 1 inch easement to the height (or 1/2 inch), but no easement needed for the width. Cut 1.
3. Measure for the inside flaps. Add 1 inch easement to the height of the binder. The width will be approximately 2/3 the width of the cover. Cut 2.
4. Inside spine protector. Measure the height of the binder plus 1 inch easement. Width is approximately 2 inches shorter than the width of both covers and the spine. Cut 1.
THIS MAY SEEM UNNECESSARY, HOWEVER IT IS THE DIFFERENCE THAT MADE IT STURDY AND A GOOD COVER - THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HANDMADE AND HOMEMADE!
5. Pocket: Use the pocket of the jeans, and cut around it leaving enough room to sew it on the cover, plus the 1/2 inch to rag the seam. Sew the pocket to the cover - you can use a pocket both front and back if you wish.
6. Sew the covers and the spine together.
7. Finish one edge of the flap - fold over and Zig Zag or another method.
8. Place the spine protector on top of the cover, centering it. Place the inside flaps aligned to the outside edges of the cover, and overlapping the spine protector. Sew all layers together, using a 1/2 inch seam.
9. Cut to rag edges. Wash. Put on book or binder.