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Shopping for supplies for your next sewing project? Make your next trip to the sewing store easy and efficient with this small notebook. Jot down your supply list and slip swatches into the clear pocket. Our Brother FREE Design of the month is a beautiful sewing themed outline design. Use it to decorate the front of the cover. This is a quick project to make for yourself, or to give to a sewing friend. Personalize the cover with your name, or your friend's name for a gift they will enjoy using.

Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Sewing and Embroidery Machine](#)
- [Brother Hoop](#), 4-inch by 4-inch or larger hoop.
- [Brother Embroidery Thread](#)
- [Brother Bobbin Thread for Embroidery](#)
- [SA5810](#) Pacesetter® Medium Weight Tear-Away Stabilizer
- [SA190](#) Roller foot, optional but very helpful for sewing vinyl.
- **Note:** You can use foot "J" in place of this foot.
- Brother FREE design.
- Temporary adhesive spray, specifically for embroidery. Be sure to follow directions for the spray.
- Embroidery needle for embroidery.
- Jeans needle size 14 for sewing.
- Solid color cotton fabric for outside cover, two rectangular pieces measuring 5-inches wide X 6 & 1/2-inches long.
- Printed cotton fabric for inside cover, two rectangular pieces measuring 5-inches wide X 6 & 1/2-inches long.
- Medium weight fusible interfacing, two rectangular pieces measuring 5-inches wide X 6 & 1/2-inches long. **Note:** Select an interfacing that is designed for use with suit weight fabrics to give the cover proper stability.
- Medium weight clear vinyl, one piece measuring 4-inches wide X 2 & 1/2 -inches long for inside pocket. **Note:** Do not allow iron to come into direct contact with vinyl. Iron from the wrong side or use a press cloth.
- Satin ribbon 1/4-inch wide, two pieces measuring 6-inches long for holding the notepad in place, and two pieces measuring 8-inches long for the tie closure.
- Mini legal pad, 3 1/2-inches wide X 5 & 1/4 -inches long.
- Low tack tape to hold vinyl in place.
- Basic sewing notions including thread to match fabric.



Inside Finished Cover



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Note: The featured FREE design is from a collection of red work embroidery motifs. *See **Figure #1**. To view and purchase additional [redwork designs](http://www.ibroidery.com) from this collection please visit www.ibroidery.com. While it may be traditional to stitch these in red, these designs are beautiful in any color scheme.

Instructions for Embroidery

1. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of each rectangle cut for the outside cover.
2. Set up machine for embroidery and transfer the free design to your machine.
3. Hoop tear away stabilizer using a four inch or larger hoop. Select one of the rectangles and spray the wrong side with adhesive. Place the rectangle over the stabilizer, centering it in the hoop. *See **Figure #2a** and **2b**.
4. Add lettering to the design as desired. Re-size the lettering as necessary to fit the hoop and coordinate with the design. **Note:** For machines with Edit mode combine the lettering and the design in the layout screen. For machines without Edit mode stitch the lettering separately from the design. *See **Figure #3** for the featured font style and completed design combination.
5. Embroider the design using your chosen thread color. Remove the stabilizer and press lightly.

Instructions for Sewing the Cover

Note: Use a ¼-inch seam allowance for construction.

1. Set machine for sewing. Attach the roller foot if using this option. Select one of the inside rectangles. Place the clear vinyl in the center, taping it in place. Select a multiple zig zag stitch set for width 3.0 and length 1.0. Sew the pocket in place, guiding the center of the foot along the edge of the vinyl, and removing the tape as you stitch. *See **Figure #4**.
2. Select the remaining inside rectangle and the two 6-inch pieces of ribbon. Position one length of ribbon 1-inch from the top edge and one length of ribbon 1-inch from the bottom edge. Switch to the standard sewing foot. Machine baste ½-inch from the raw edge to hold ribbons in place. *See **Figure #5**.

Figure #1

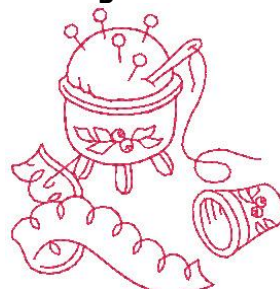


Figure #2a



Figure #2b

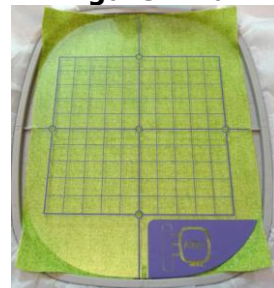


Figure #3

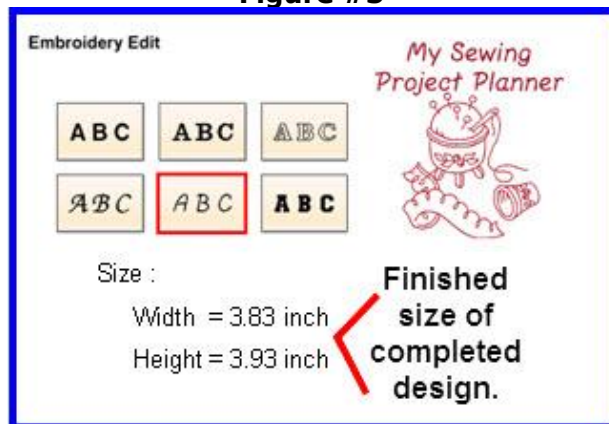
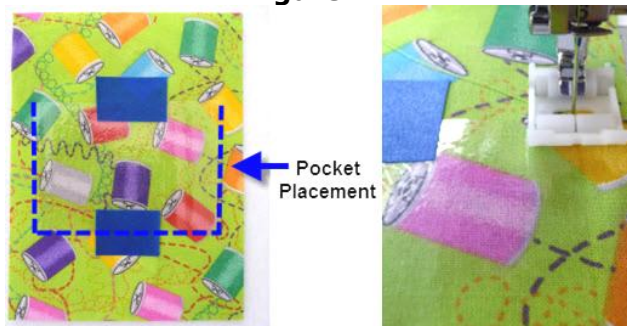


Figure #4



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3. Sew the two inside rectangles together along one long edge, leaving an opening approximately 3-inches long for turning the finished cover right sides out. Observe that the pocket is positioned on the left side of the inside cover. *See **Figure #6**.
4. Select the two outside rectangles. Place right sides together and sew along the long edge. *See **Figure #7**.
5. Press the seams flat on both inside and outside cover pieces.
6. To finish the cover, place the outside cover on a flat surface, having the right side facing up. Position the two 8-inch pieces of ribbon at the center of each long open edge, smoothing the ribbon toward the inside. Place the inside cover on top, having right sides together, raw edges even, and sandwiching the ribbons in between. Sew around all edges, using a short (1.8 – 2.0) stitch length and reinforcing the corners. Clip corners and trim excess bulk. Turn right side out and press carefully.
7. Close the opening with hand or machine stitches.
8. Insert the note pad by slipping the cardboard backing through the ribbon loops. Slip a pencil inside if desired. Tie the front closed and you are finished!



Options and Ideas:

- If you are making this as a gift for a friend consider slipping a gift card into the clear pocket. Your friend will appreciate the chance to splurge on new sewing supplies.
- Add lace or other trim around the outside edges.

Figure #5

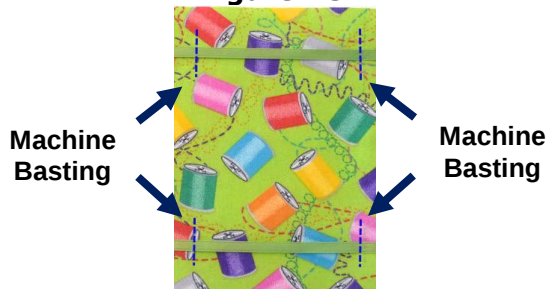


Figure #6

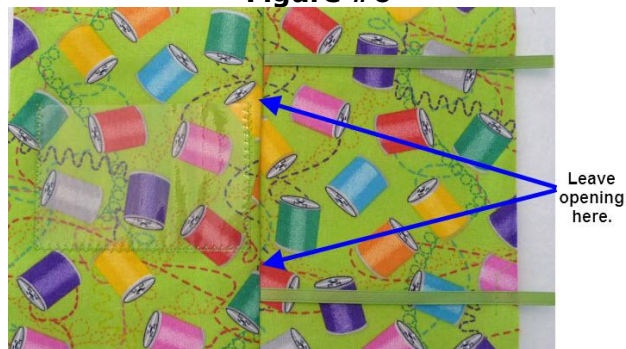


Figure #7

Place right sides together and sew along this edge.



Figure #8

