

LITTLE BIRD ZIPPERED BOOK COVER | SEWING



Technique:	Sewing and Appliqué
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	An evening

Zip up your book your book in this quilted book cover with a cute bird applique on the front. Great for travel!

Finished Size of Project: As shown 7½" w x 9½" h x 1" (19 cm x 24 cm x 2.5 cm)

NOTE: Fabric and notion requirements may vary depending on the size of your book to be covered.

Supplies

- Dual Duty XP® all-purpose thread in matching and contrasting colors
- Coats Polyester All-purpose Zipper, 22" (56 cm)
- (A) Linen or muslin (cover) ½ yd (.45 m)
- (B) Cotton or muslin (lining) ¼ yd (.23 m)
- (C) Assorted orange fabrics (bird) scraps
- (D) Assorted green fabrics (grass) five 5½" (14 cm) squares
- (E) Fusible Fleece ¼ yd (.23 m)

Additional Requirements

- Paper backed fusible web ¼ yd (.23 m)
- Paper for patternmaking
- Pencil and fabric marking pen
- Pinking Shears
- Sewing Machine
- Iron
- Basic Sewing supplies

Instructions

Create Book Pattern:

Measure the width of the front and back covers and spine of the book to be covered. Measure the height of the book.

Measurement A: Front cover + Back cover + Spine

(example: $7\frac{1}{2}'' + 7\frac{1}{2}'' + 1'' / 19\text{ cm} + 19\text{ cm} + 2.5\text{ cm}$).

Add the measurement of the covers plus the width of the spine

Measurement B: Height of the book

(example: $9\frac{1}{2}'' / 24\text{ cm}$).

Draw a rectangular pattern on paper using the measurement A and B

Example: Measurement A = 16" (40.6cm) x Measurement B = 9½" (24 cm) Add ½" (1.3 cm) for seam allowance on all sides.

Cutting

Cover: Cut 1 of book pattern.

Zipper Side Facings: Cut 2– strips 2" x 28" (5 cm x 71 cm)*

Zipper End Facings: Cut 2– $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ (8.9 cm x 8.9 cm)*

Lining: Cut 1 of book pattern

(C) Bird: Cut 3 – 2" x 5" (5 cm x 12.7 cm) strips

(D) Grass: Cut 20 – $1\frac{1}{4}''$ (3.18 cm) strips (4 from each 5"square)

(E) Fusible Fleece: Cut 1 of book pattern

*If Measurement A + Measurement B is more than 25", add length to the Zipper End Facing. If it is less, shorten the zipper and reduce length of facing.

Assembly

For Bird and Grass strips: use $\frac{1}{4}''$ (.64 cm) seam allowances.

For Cover and Lining use: $\frac{1}{2}''$ (1.2 cm) seam allowances.

1. Sew long sides of each Grass strip together making one continuous piece to span the width of your cover.
2. Sew long sides of each Bird strips together to make one appliqué fabric.
3. Apply paper backed fusible web to back of Grass section following manufacturer's instructions, pink the top edge if desired.
4. Fuse Grass along bottom edge of Cover fabric.
5. Trace Bird and Wing appliqué pattern to paper backed fusible web. Apply web to back of Bird section following manufacturer's instructions. Cut 1-Bird and Wing appliqué shape.
6. Fuse Bird to Cover following photo, place and fuse wing on Bird.
7. Layer Cover, fusible fleece and lining, adhere following manufacturer's instructions.

Optional: To prevent raveling, pink, zig zag or overcast edges of this unit and zipper facings.
8. Using contrasting thread hand or machine appliqué Grass and Bird in place. Add zigzag lines of quilting on grass. Straight stitch lines for bird legs and feet.
9. For Zipper Side Facings, fold strips in half lengthwise and press. Using matching thread edge stitch long edges to zipper tape.

10. For Zipper End Facings, fold pieces in half crosswise and press. Stitch to ends of zipper for a clean finish.
11. Fold Cover in half, as it will appear on book. Mark center of book spine.
12. Open cover and position one long edge of Zipper Facing to Cover, right sides together; pin and stitch.
13. Follow Step 12 for other side of zipper. This can be tricky so open and close zipper as needed while stitching in place. Trim and notch seam allowance on corners to help zipper lay smoothly.
14. With Cover inside out, match Zipper Facing Ends to meet book spine. Pin in place. Trim excess Facing Ends if necessary to fit. Stitch.

Finishing

1. Turn Cover right-side out, zip closed.
2. Lightly press Cover to shape it if necessary.



