

SINGER® PROJECTS

Quilt-As-You-Go Needle Book

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Every sewist needs a needle book to keep up with all their different needles they use. So why not create a fun and useful way to store our needles and practice some quilting as well. I also love making these as gifts for my sewing friends.

Join Singer Educator, Bethany McCue, on a live zoom class Thursday, January 18th at Noon CST to learn how to make this project. Bethany will be featuring the brand new Singer SC220 Sewing machine during this class.

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL: ■ ■ □ □

Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

PROJECT SUPPLIES:

- Singer sewing machine
- Quilting Cotton - 5 Fat Quarters in coordinating prints
- Fusible Fleece
- Felt
- 80/12 Universal Needle
- ¼" Piecing Foot
- Thread
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
- ¼" Elastic or Ribbon
- 1 Shank Button
- Hand sewing needle
- Small scissor snips
- Point Turner

Cut Materials:

- Fusible Fleece - 11.5" x 7.5"
- Outside Book Cover - 1.5" wide strips that are 8" long (12x)
- Inside Book Lining - 10.5" x 6.5"
- Optional Pocket - 8" x 10 5/8"
- Felt Pages - 5 ¼" x 8" (x2)
- Elastic or Ribbon - 4"

Project Instructions:

1. Beginning with the outside book cover, we are going to work left to right across the fusible fleece to piece together the strips in a "quilt as you go" method to create a quilt block. Make sure the fusible (bumpy or rough) side is face up on your table.

2. Now we need to decide what order and pattern our strips will go before we start attaching them to the front of the quilt block.
 - a. PRO-TIP lay out your strips on top of the block either diagonally, vertically or horizontally to determine the order and direction you want to attach your strips to your fusible fleece.
3. Once you have your design planned, begin by laying your first piece on the block. For this example I will be doing a vertical pattern starting on the left side of my block. The first piece will be placed facing the right side up ensuring it covers the entire edge of the fusible fleece.
4. Iron the first piece to the fusible fleece to secure it in place.
5. Take your second strip in your design and place it right side down over the first strip lining up the edges of the strips. Sometimes it helps to pin the strips down when moving over to your sewing machine to hold them in place.
6. Place the block under your $\frac{1}{4}$ " piecing foot starting at the edge of the fusible fleece and sew a 2.5mm straight stitch along the right edge of your two strips of fabric as you sew across to the other edge of the fusible fleece.
 - a. PRO-TIP: It is important that you start and stop sewing at the edge of the fusible fleece avoiding the extra back fabric that will be used at the end of the project to finish the edges.
7. Once your first two strips are sewn together, fold the top strip over so it is face up and gently press with your iron. Ironing the strips down to the fusible fleece as you go will secure them in place as the iron heats the adhesive to the back of each strip.
 - a. PRO-TIP: Be sure to avoid touching your iron directly to the fusible fleece as this will leave the adhesive residue on your iron creating a mess on



your iron.

- b. You will have excess fabric hanging off each strip of your block. We will trim these later so just leave them for now.
8. Take your third strip in your design and place it face down over the previous strip lining up the edges.
9. Sew the edges together from one side of the fusible fleece to the other just like you did before.
10. Back at the iron, press the newly added strip down to the fusible fleece to secure it in place.
11. Continue to repeat this process until you reach the opposite corner of your block from where you started and all of the fusible fleece is completely covered with strips.
12. With a ruler, rotary cutter and on a cutting mat, Trim the quilt block down to be a 10.5" x 6.5" size rectangle. This is the outside book cover.



13. (Optional Pocket) Fold the pocket piece in half wrong sides together and press with iron. It will end up being 4" x 10.5". (Fold the 8" side in half)

14. Sew a top stitch along the folded edge.

15. Place the pocket right side up to the right side of the inside lining piece. Align the pocket so the raw edge of the pocket piece is matched up with the bottom edge of your lining piece. Clip in place.

16. Fold the elastic or ribbon piece in half to make a loop. Place the two ends of the

elastic fold on the left side in the center. The loop should be laying on top of the fabric as pictured.

17. Place the pocket and lining pieces right sides together to the outside cover piece you quilted. Clip all together.

18. Sew a 2.5mm straight stitch with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance all the way around the rectangle but leave a 3" opening across the top of the rectangle

(opposite edge from the pocket). When you sew around the edge you should catch the elastic in your seam.

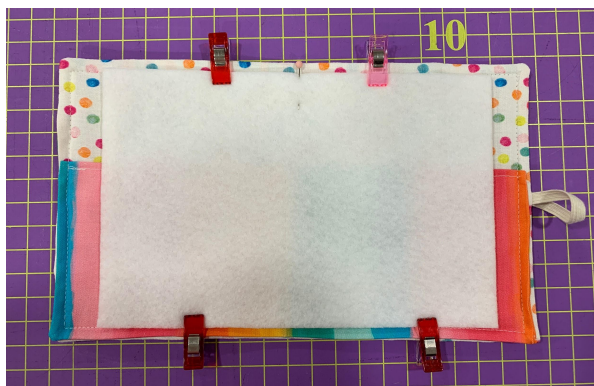
19. Trim your corners, elastic tails and seam allowance down to a $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

20. Turn the rectangle right side out and use the point turner to push out the corners and seams. Your elastic loop should be on the outside of the rectangle now. Give the entire rectangle a really good press.

21. Fold in the edges of the opening and pin or clip to hold it closed.

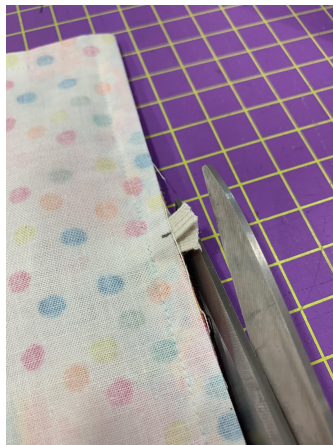
22. Top stitch all the way around the rectangle making sure to enclose the opening as you go around the edges.

23. Place both pieces of felt on top of each other. Fold in half and use a pin to mark the center.



24. Fold the book in half and find the center. Align the center of the felt pages with the center of the book and pin the felt pages on top of the lining and pocket.

25. Sew a 3mm straight stitch down the center of the felt pages to secure them to the center of the book. This will also divide the pocket to have two smaller pockets on both sides of the felt pages.



26. Fold the book closed and fold the elastic loop over to the front of the book. Use a pin to mark where the button needs to be placed on the front of the book.
27. Using a hand sewing needle and thread, attach the shank button to the front of the book.



Your needle book is complete and ready to keep all of your needles organized! Utilize the pockets for additional needle packs, scissor snips or other small sewing supplies. A great tool for your sewing room.

