

Zippy Quilter's Planner Cover

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Supplies

A - 19.5" x 11" Exterior fabric (try making up a fun patchwork version for your exterior piece!)

B - 19.5" x 11" Lining fabric

C - 19.5" x 11" Fusible fleece

D - 11 x 8.5" (2) Zipper pouch lining fabric

E - 6" x 7" (2) Pocket fabric

F - 11" x 6" (2) Notebook sleeve

G - 4" x 5" Business card pocket

H - 11" Piece of elastic

I - 12" Zipper

J - 2.25" x 5" - Zipper tabs (not pictured)

Thank you for joining in the fun and making a Zippy Quilter's Planner Cover of your own! Amanda Kattner from What the Bobbin originally developed this fantastic pattern; it has been a go-to favorite on her blog.

We have updated the pattern for you so that it includes the correct measurements for the 2016 Quilter's Planner.

The pattern includes instructions for a deep zipper pouch, pockets, an elastic and a ribbon bookmark, a pocket for business cards, and a scissor holder.

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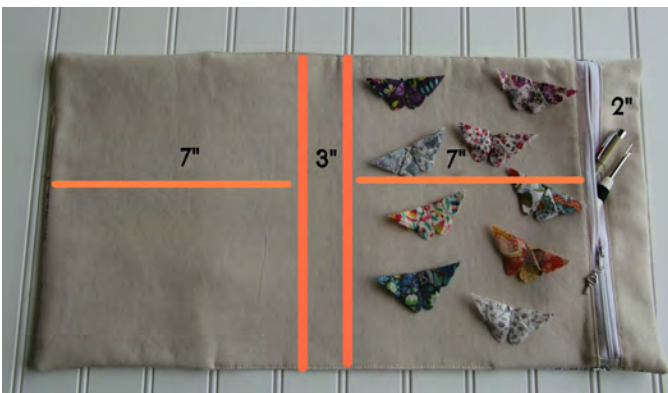


Step 1: Iron your exterior fabric to the fusible fleece.



You can use a solid piece of fabric for the exterior, or you can create a patchwork cover. Over time, we will be adding new patchwork, EPP patterns and Quilt As You Go patterns to our website www.quiltersplanner.com for your covers.

If you choose to embellish or piece your exterior before fusing, here is a diagram of a completed cover to show you approximately where the front and back of the planner falls on the exterior fabric.



Step 2: Cut a 2" strip off the right side of your fused exterior fabric. This is where you will insert the zipper for the pouch.



(Optional: You can still decide to add embellishments like a top-stitched ribbon, embroidery, or applique to your exterior fabric piece after fusing; see my example below where I top-stitched a ribbon onto the front.)



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Step 3: With scissors, trim the zipper to 11". Make sure you pull your zipper to the middle before you do. Be careful not to pull the zipper off after you have cut off the metal stops. (Not that we have ever done this.)



Step 5: Place the zipper tabs on either end of the zipper, overlapping the edges by about 1". Stitch the zipper tabs to the zipper, sewing about 1/8" away from the folded edge. (see the picture in step 6).

Step 6: Place the exterior fabric face-up, and the zipper on top, face-down, with the zipper on the left. (Note: This is the side of fabric that you trimmed the 2" strip off in Step 2). Try to center it on the exterior a little better than you see here in this picture.



Step 4: Make zipper tabs. Fold the zipper tab fabric the long way, and sew 1/4" seams around the 3 open sides, leaving a 1.5" opening for turning. Trim corners to decrease bulk. Turn right-side out, using a chopstick to press the corners out. Fold the open raw edge under 1/4". Very little of this tab will show in the end, so don't worry if it's not perfect.



Then place one of the zipper pouch lining fabrics on top, right-side down. Clip or pin the three layers together.



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Step 7: Stitch with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. You do not need a zipper foot. Make sure you're sewing both the exterior lining and the pouch lining to the zipper's edge. (Note: The zipper tabs may stick out a little, and that's ok. You may find they get in the way if you're using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot with a guide. If this happens, remove your guide, and continue sewing the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam).



Step 9: Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the zipper. This will keep the pouch lining from getting stuck in the zipper when in use.



Step 10: Lay the second pouch lining fabric right side up, then place the exterior fabric on top, with the zipper right side up. Now, place the 2" strip of exterior fabric on top, right side down. Clip or pin all three layers together.

Step 8: Flip the pouch lining over, wrong side facing the wrong side of the exterior fabric. Press flat at the top near the zipper.



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Step 11: Sew together with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. (Note: Again, the zipper tabs may stick out to the right a little).



Step 12: Flip the lining out and press flat with an iron.



Step 13: Stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the zipper.



Step 14: Place the two sides of the pocket lining right sides together, and sew the bottom edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



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Step 15: (OPTIONAL) To make the business card pocket, take the 4"x5" piece of fabric and fold it in half, so it is now 2.5" tall. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " around all 3 open sides, leaving a 2" hole for turning.



Optional: Hand stitch on an embellishment like a button or charm. Set the pocket aside to attach later.



Step 16: Lay out your interior piece, sleeve pieces, and pockets as shown below.



Clip the corners, turn right-side out and press out corners with a chopstick. Optional: Hand stitch on an embellishment like a button or charm. Set the pocket aside to attach later.

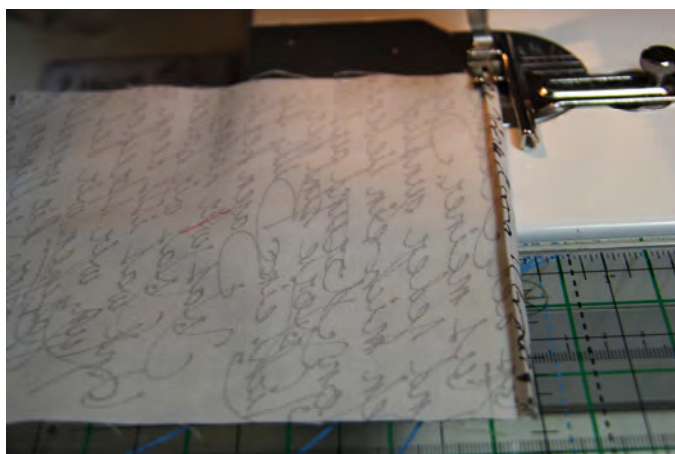


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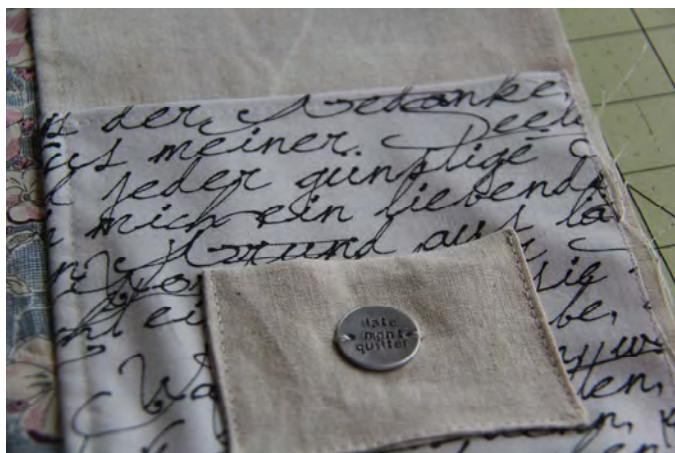
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Next we will finish the interior pockets. Sew a rolled hem along the top of each interior pocket piece. Fold the fabric under 1/8" and again another 1/8" to give a finished edge for the top of the pocket.



Step 17: (OPTIONAL) Center the business card holder on the right side, on one of the pockets. Place the opening (where you turned the pocket) at the bottom, so it's less noticeable. Pin in place, and sew 1/8" away from the edge, around the sides and bottom, closing the open seams.



Step 18: (OPTIONAL) Stitch a small square of batting or colorful felt to the top of one of the sleeve pieces (this will serve as a needle minder).



Clip or pin the pockets you finished in Step 15 to the sleeve pieces.



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Step 19: Sew a rolled hem on the inside edge of the pocket/sleeve pieces for a finished look.



Step 20: (OPTIONAL) To add a simple holder for mini scissors, center and stitch down the short sides of a 2" piece of ribbon on the right sleeve lining. Then with your fingernail, mark the center of the 2" ribbon. Sew two diagonal lines in a v-shape, as shown in the picture. Notice that the seams come to a v at the bottom of the ribbon, but they don't touch—they are about 3/8" apart, leaving room for the tip of the scissors. You may also choose to attach a 1" piece of elastic instead of ribbon.



Step 21: Lay down the interior fabric lining, right side up. Place the completed sleeve pieces (with pockets attached) on top, right-side up. Clip or pin around all sides, and sew with a 1/8" seam allowance. This will tack the sleeves to the interior lining so that things do not shift in the final stages. These stitches will be in the seam allowance and will not be seen.

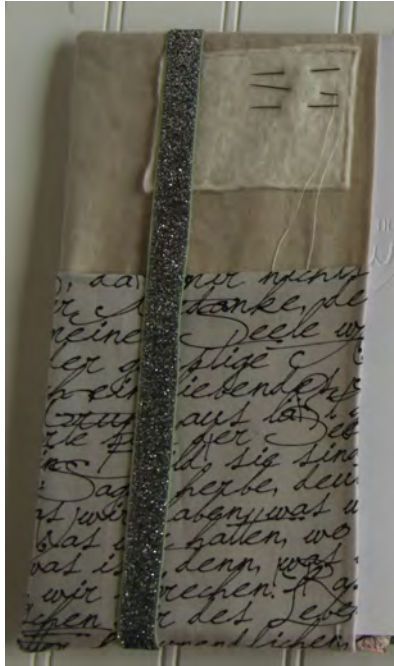


Step 22: Place the elastic band approximately 1.5"-2" away from the left hand edge of the sleeve. Tack the top and bottom of the elastic down, 1/8" away from the edge. Again, these stitches will be in the seam allowance.

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Step 23: Lay the exterior piece on top of the interior lining, right sides together. The zipper should fall directly over the elastic. Pin or clip the two pieces together. Place a pin 7" in from the right hand side, at the top, to remind you to leave a 4 inch opening for turning. This pin also marks the placement of the bookmark ribbon. Sew around all 4 sides using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Leave a 4" opening on top for turning.



Step 24: Clip corners and turn right side out, gently pressing the corners out with a chopstick.

Step 25: Insert 1" of the ribbon into the opening at the top of the cover, approximately 7" away from the right side. Sew across the top with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance.



Sew an identical $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam across the bottom for a symmetrical appearance.



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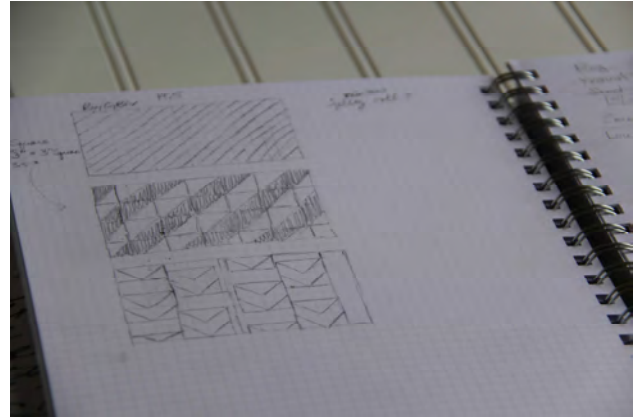
At last! Put the beautiful cover on your planner!



Enjoy the handy zipper pouch to store your pencils, highlighters and binding clips!



I love the pockets for keeping a ruler handy for my sketches on the graph paper. And it's wonderful to have so many pockets for cards, and a place for my scissors and favorite needles.



I will primarily keep this on my desk at home, so I couldn't resist covering this one in Liberty of London fabric folded butterflies (stay tuned for a tutorial on how to make these).



I can't wait to see what you make! Show me pictures on Instagram or Facebook with the hashtag #quiltersplanner!