

QuiltWorks Northwest and Beads & Beyond

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2011 – Holiday Inspiration – Day 23

Cover It Up!



By machine or by hand, cotton or wool, appliqué or fusible? Cover a ruled or gridded composition book with a fun or pretty cover to keep your inspirational notes and drawing in an accessible journal. Using a Fat Quarter (approx 18" x 22"), fold each short edge twice to make a neat seam. Topstitch or use a decorative stitch as shown on the sample, from top edge to bottom edge on both left and right sides. Make two folds along the length of the fabric, one for the top and one for the bottom finished edges, and iron in place. Lay composition book inside the cover and fit side flaps to fit the book when it's closed. Pin the flaps in place, then remove the book and tack the side flaps down with a few stitches near each corner. Fits standard composition book size 9 ¾" x 7 ½".

The weather outside is frightful! Frightfully cold, that is.



You'll use your coat a lot this winter, so why shouldn't it sport a colorful zipper pull? And if you're making a tote or handbag, it's zipper will want a pretty pull, too. Loop a split ring onto a zipper pull. Using approx 12" of S-Lon or similar cord, tie the center of the length of cord to the split ring with several overhand knots. Pass both strands of cord through a focal bead (or beads) and tie several more overhand knots. Finish with an overhand bow knot and cut the thread about a ¼" below the knot. It will fray naturally. Attach and admire!