

School Agenda Cover

Cover fits an agenda that measures 8 ½ x 11 inches

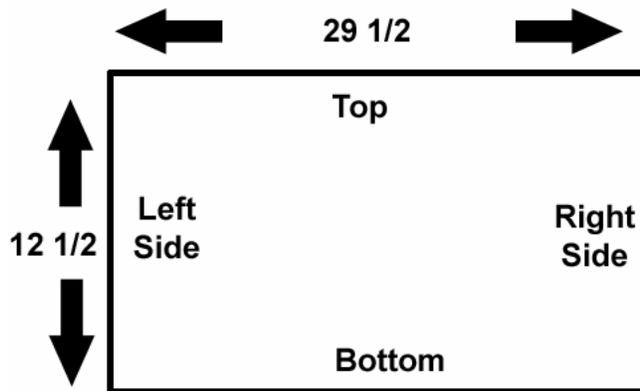
Supplies Needed:

- ½ yard of 45in wide fabric (medium weight, if you can find it)
- Thread to match
- Clear Thread to sew Top & Bottom Edges (optional)

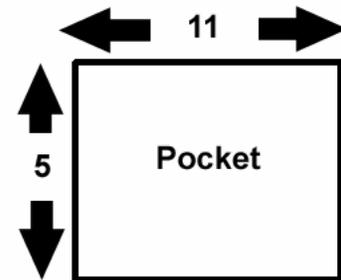


Directions:

1) Cut out cover fabric so that it measures 29 ½ in x 12 ½ in:

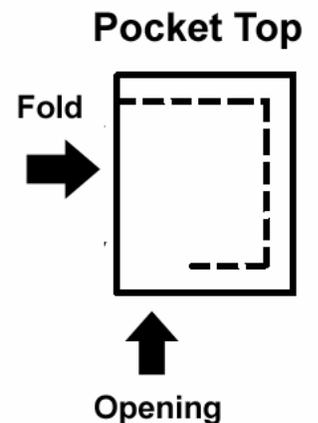


2) Cut out pocket fabric 5 in x 11 in:

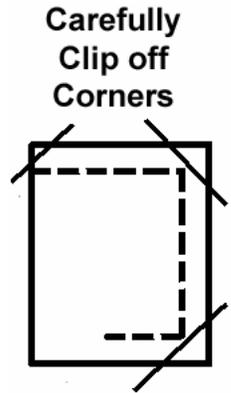


3) Starting with the cover fabric, hem and sew the left & right sides (two short edges) of the cover following the directions at: <http://www.joblack59.com/FCS/Apron/001.html#Sides>

4) Take the pocket fabric and fold it in half (right sides together) matching all raw edges and pin together. It now measures 5 x 5 ½ inches. Sew a ½ inch seam around pocket edges leaving bottom left edge open to turn pocket right side out as shown in the graphic:

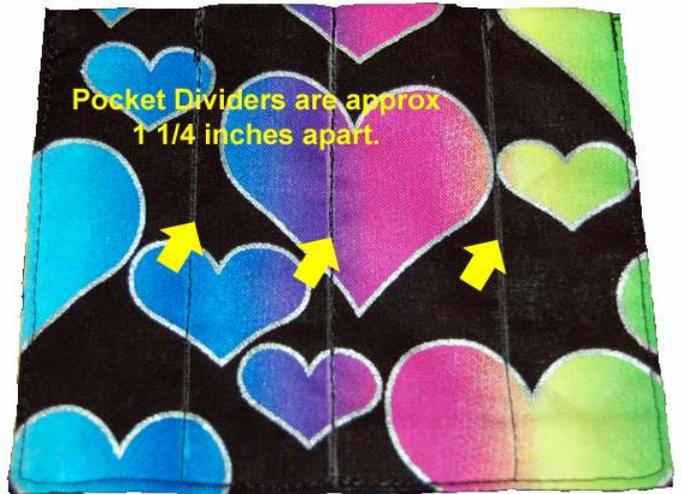


5) Carefully clip the corners close to the line of stitching, before turning right side out. This helps to eliminate bulk in the corners.

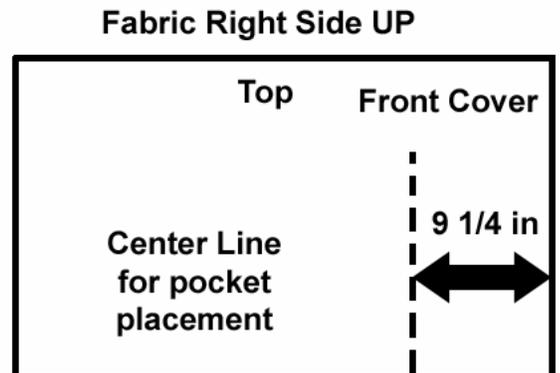


6) After turning pocket right side out, carefully poke the 3 corners using a turning tool, then press.

7) The pocket should measure 5 h x 5 1/2 w inches. Mark pencil dividers using tailor's chalk on pocket. Dividers are approximately 1.25 inches apart. I like to use the iron to press it in half, then press it in half again, then I mark it.

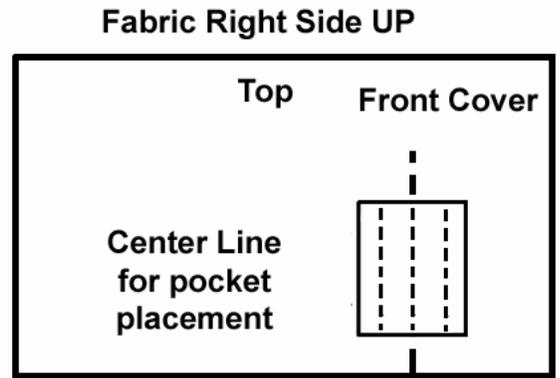


8) Pocket Placement: With the right side of the fabric up, measure 9 1/4 inches from the right edge, using tailor's chalk or pins to mark the line.

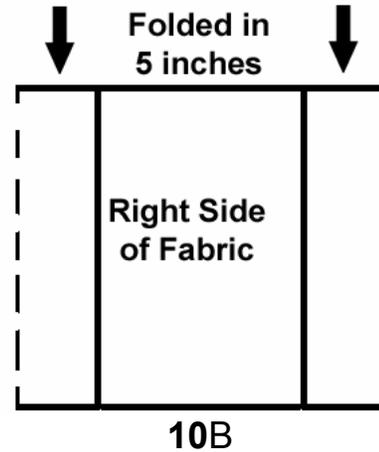
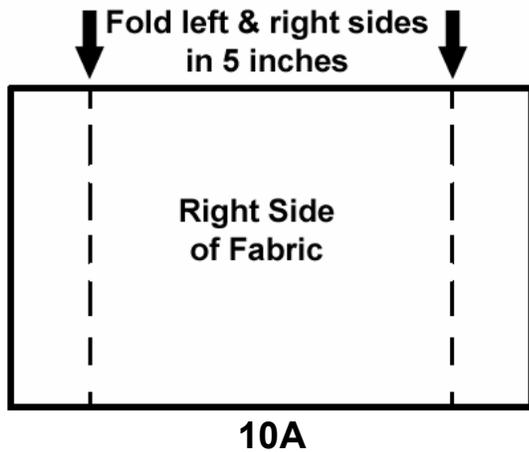


9) Place the center of the pocket on the centerline divider mark that you marked in step 8. Make sure to place the pocket 1 inch to 1 ¼ inches up from the bottom edge.

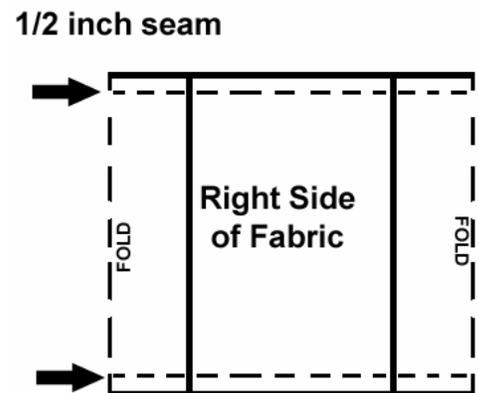
Secure with 4 pins, and sew the pocket close to the edge of the pocket. Then sew down each of the divider marks (see step 7 graphic).



10) Inside flaps:
With the right side of the agenda cover facing up (**10A**), fold over the left and right sides 5 inches and pin (**10B**)



11) Sew the top edge and bottom edge at ½ inch using a long stitch length. You want to do a long stitch because this will allow you to adjust the size of the cover and be able to easily remove stitches if you need to make the cover larger or smaller.



12) Slide your cover onto your agenda. Check to make sure it fits to your liking. You can adjust the size by making smaller seams or larger seams. Once you get it to fit properly, change the stitch length on the sewing machine to a standard sewing length and re-sew the seam; remove the old seam line if it is not the same.

13) Turn the cover wrong side out, and carefully clip the corners close to the line of stitching (just like in step 5). This helps to eliminate bulk in the corners. Turn cover right side out and properly press.

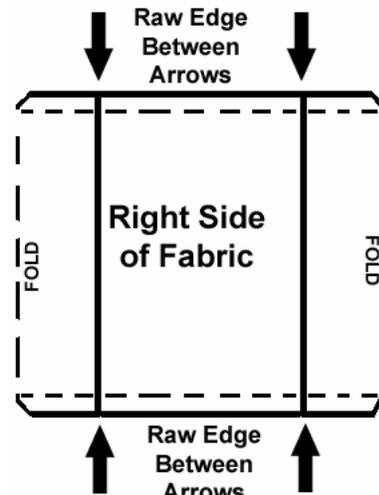
14) Finishing the raw edge at the top and bottom of the cover:



14A

You will have a line of stitching (1/2 inch from the raw edge) to use as your guide. Turn under the raw edge toward the wrong side of the cover using the line of stitching and press. Fold under the raw edge again and now you have a hem about 1/4 inches wide (14 A)

Using needle and thread, slip stitch the hem down. I started about 1 inch in from where the flap edge starts (see arrows on graphic 14 B, which indicates the flap edge).



14B

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