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Useful Tips & Tricks for Any Sewing Project

- Learn an easy method for perfect machine embroidery placement every time with no special tools.
- Learn how to starch your fabric for easier cutting, smoother appliqué and a more professional look
- Conquer your fear of zippers using my easy peasy method
- Make a notebook cover with zippered pocket
- Sew with unique materials
- Jazz up plain webbing handles
- Finish the interior of a tote bag for a more professional look

Always A Lady Notebook Cover - Spiral Size

Supplies Needed For Spiral Notebook

- 8" x 10 1/2" Spiral Notebook
- Cotton Fabric
- Pellon 809 Décor Bond Stabilizer
- Zipper
- Grosgrain Ribbon for trim
- Applique Scissors
- Clover Wonder Clips
- Non Permanent Marking Pen
- Normal Sewing Notions

Embroidery Supplies Needed:

- 5" x 7" Hoop
- Sticky Stabilizer
- Black, White and Red Embroidery Thread
- Normal Embroidery Notions



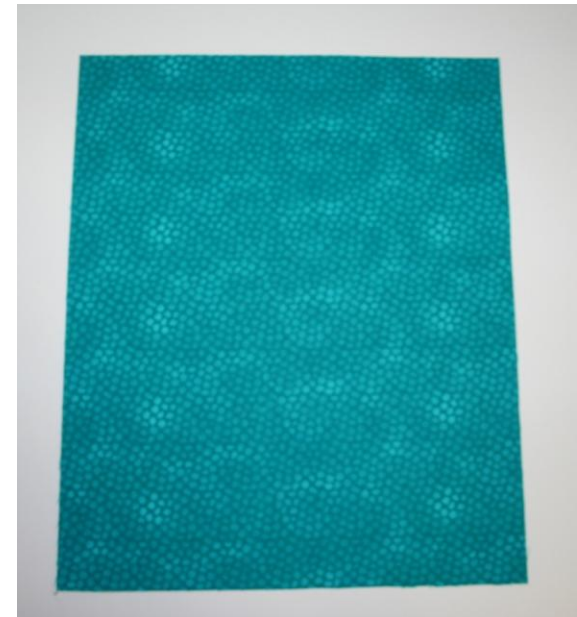
A Little Prep Work



After you've starched and ironed your fabric, cut your fabric pieces out per the instructions. Fuse interfacing on the wrong side of fabric according to the instructions.



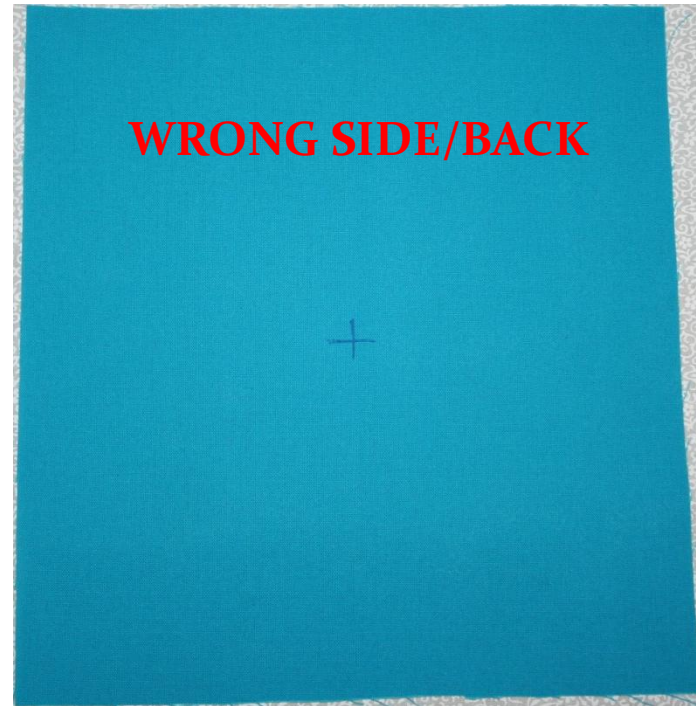
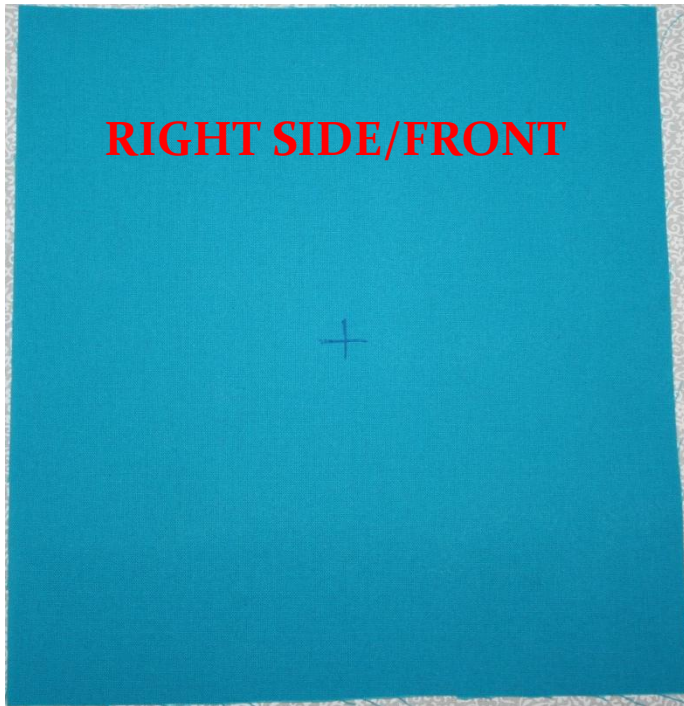
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Spray Starch**



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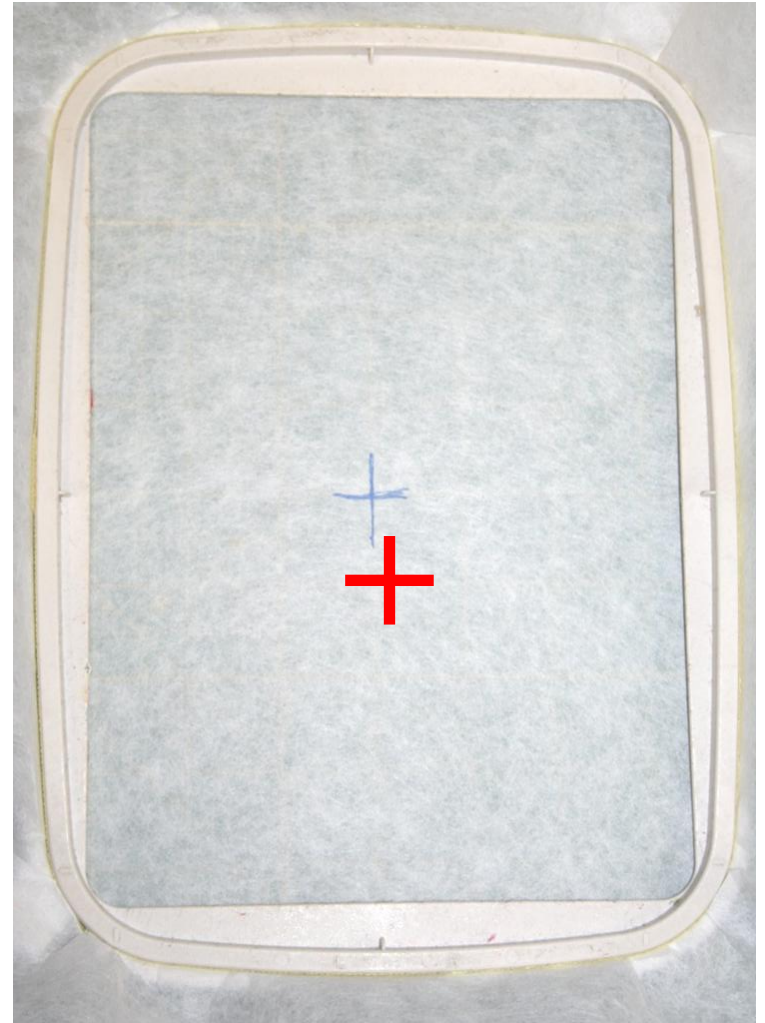
A Little Prep Work

Mark a placement line (aka cross hairs) for the ladybug embroidery design directly on the right side (front) AND on the wrong side (back) of the fabric using your favorite non permanent marking tool.



A Little Prep Work

Mark a placement line/cross hairs directly on the stabilizer in the center of your hoop.



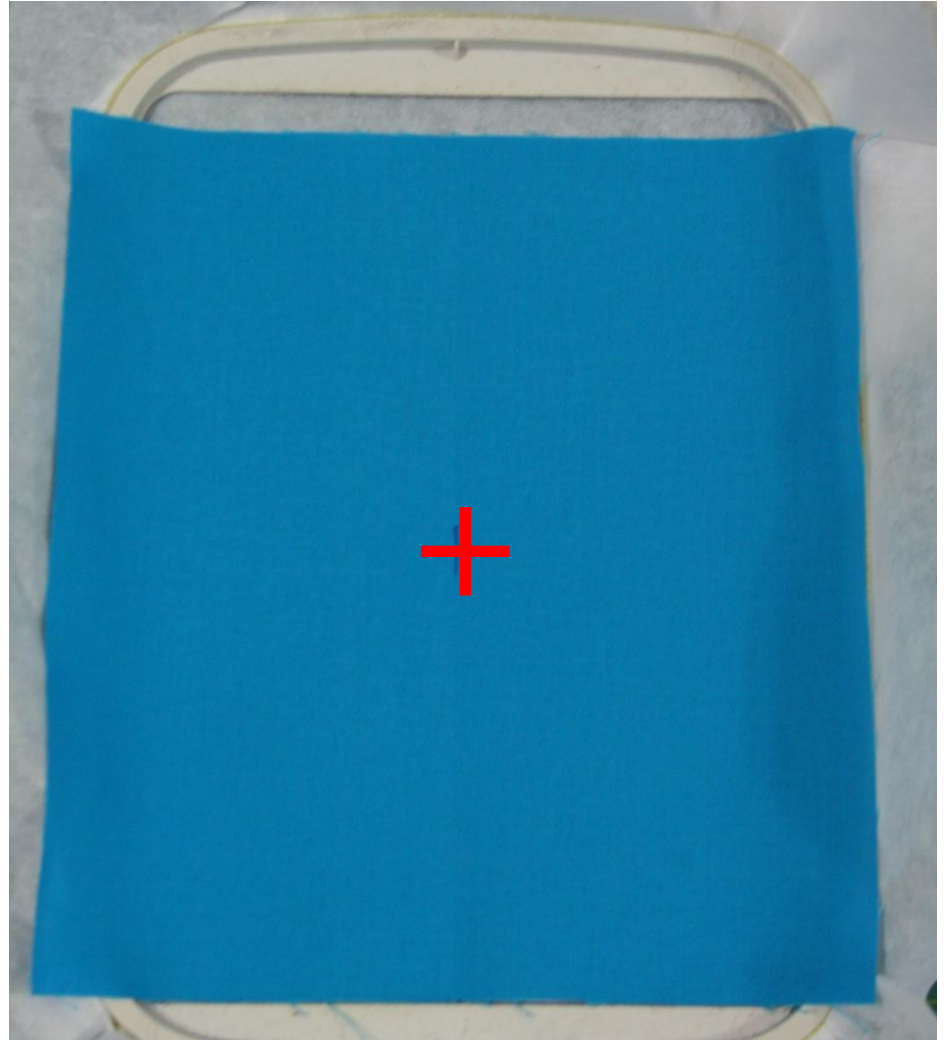
A Little Prep Work

Right sides together, fold the piece of fabric in half. Align the placement line of the wrong side of the fabric to the placement line on the hooped stabilizer.



A Little Prep Work

Open the fabric to the right side and smooth it out on your sticky stabilizer for perfect placement. Now you're ready to embroider.

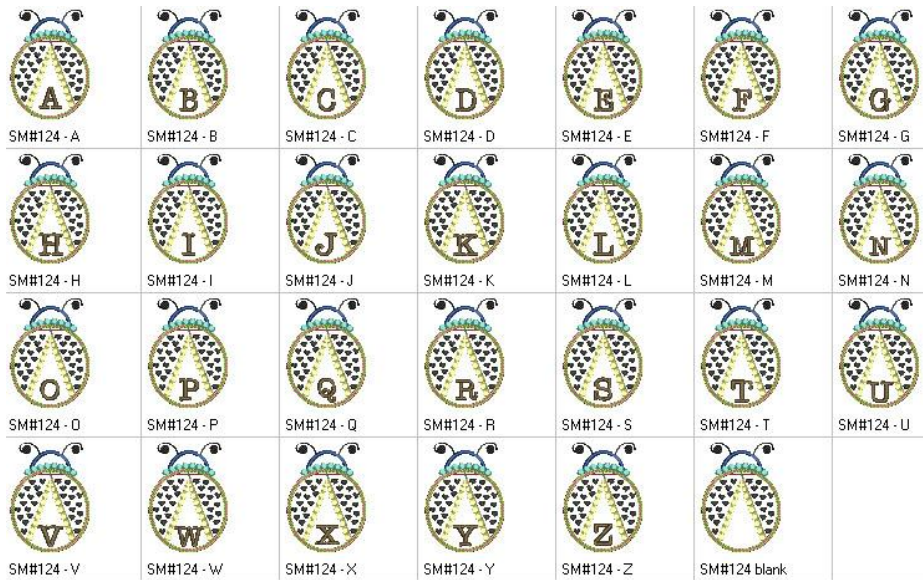


Place Hoop on Embroidery Machine

Place your hoop on your embroidery machine, align the marked cross hairs with your machine.



Load the Monogrammed Ladybug

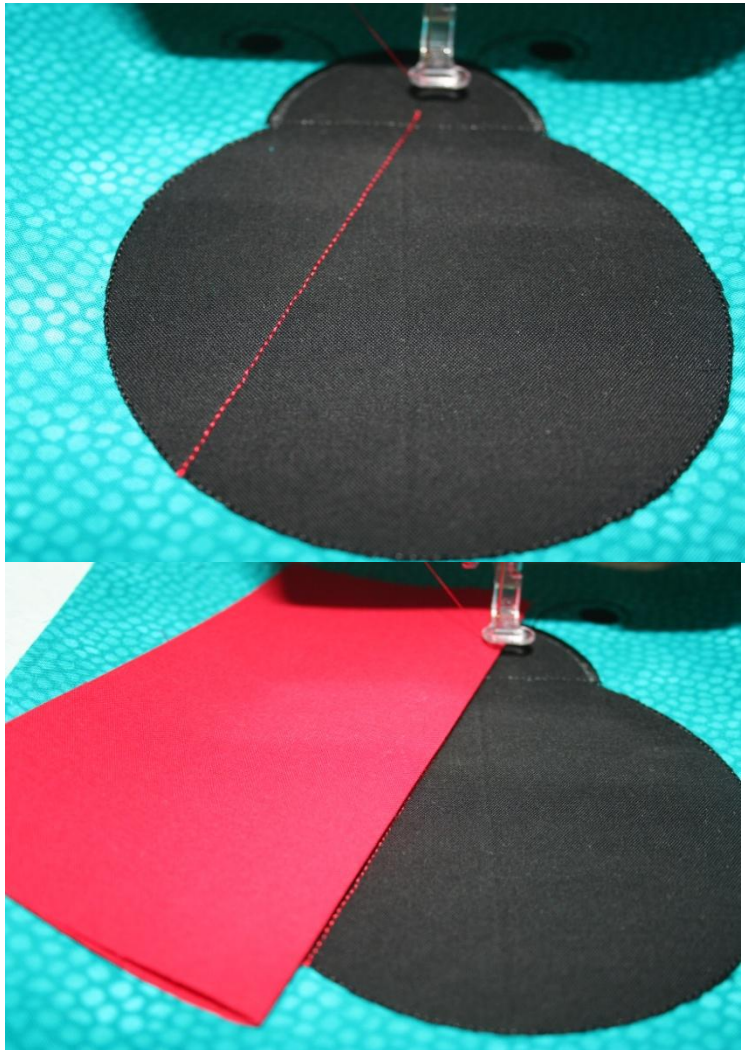


Each monogram is already placed in the design for you for a total of 27 designs, including a blank one for your own favorite font.



Embroider & Appliqué Combined

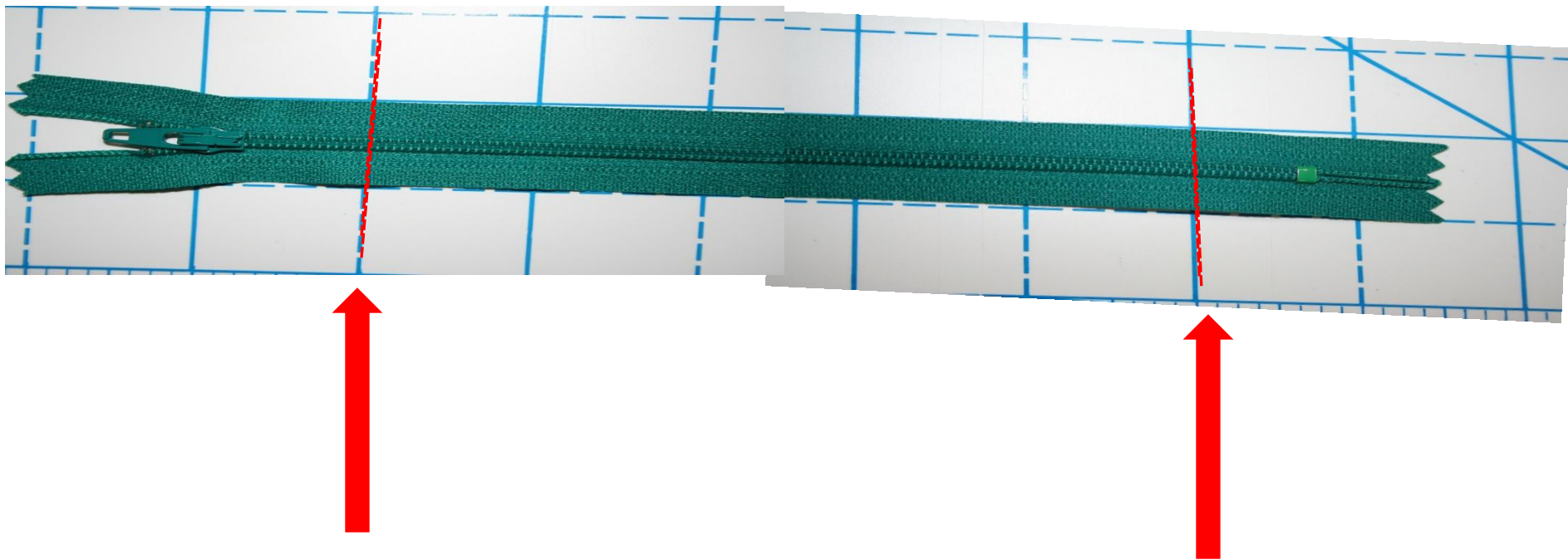
This design is a combination of appliqué and embroidery. Once the embroidery is complete, remove fabric from hoop. Set aside for now.



~~~Conquer Your Fear of Zippers~~~

I prefer to buy longer zippers and cut them down to the size I need using this method.

Place the zipper on a flat surface. Make a mark just past the zipper pull. Measure the required distance from the mark and draw another line at the opposite end of the zipper about an inch from the tack bar.



~~~Conquer Your Fear of Zippers~~~

UNZIP THE ZIPPER PAST THE FIRST MARK
BEFORE STITCHING!!

Drop the feed dogs on your machine and sew across each mark using a tight zig zag stitch.

Zig Zag Stitch

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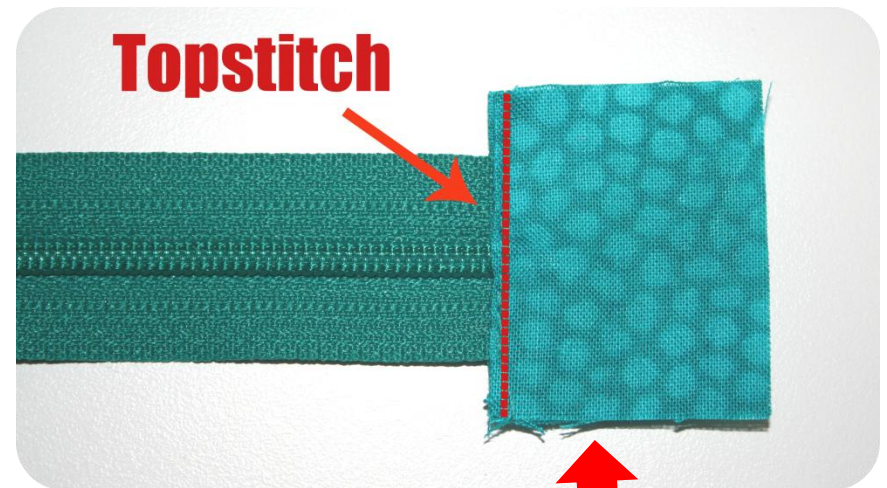
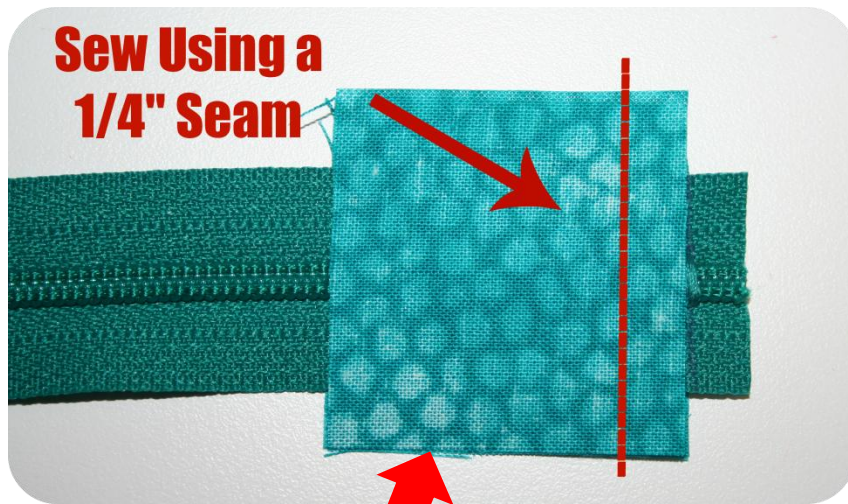
~~~Conquer Your Fear of Zippers~~~

Cut the excess zipper. Leave about $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer on each side of the tacking stitch making the zipper approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " longer than what you need.



~~~Conquer Your Fear of Zippers~~~

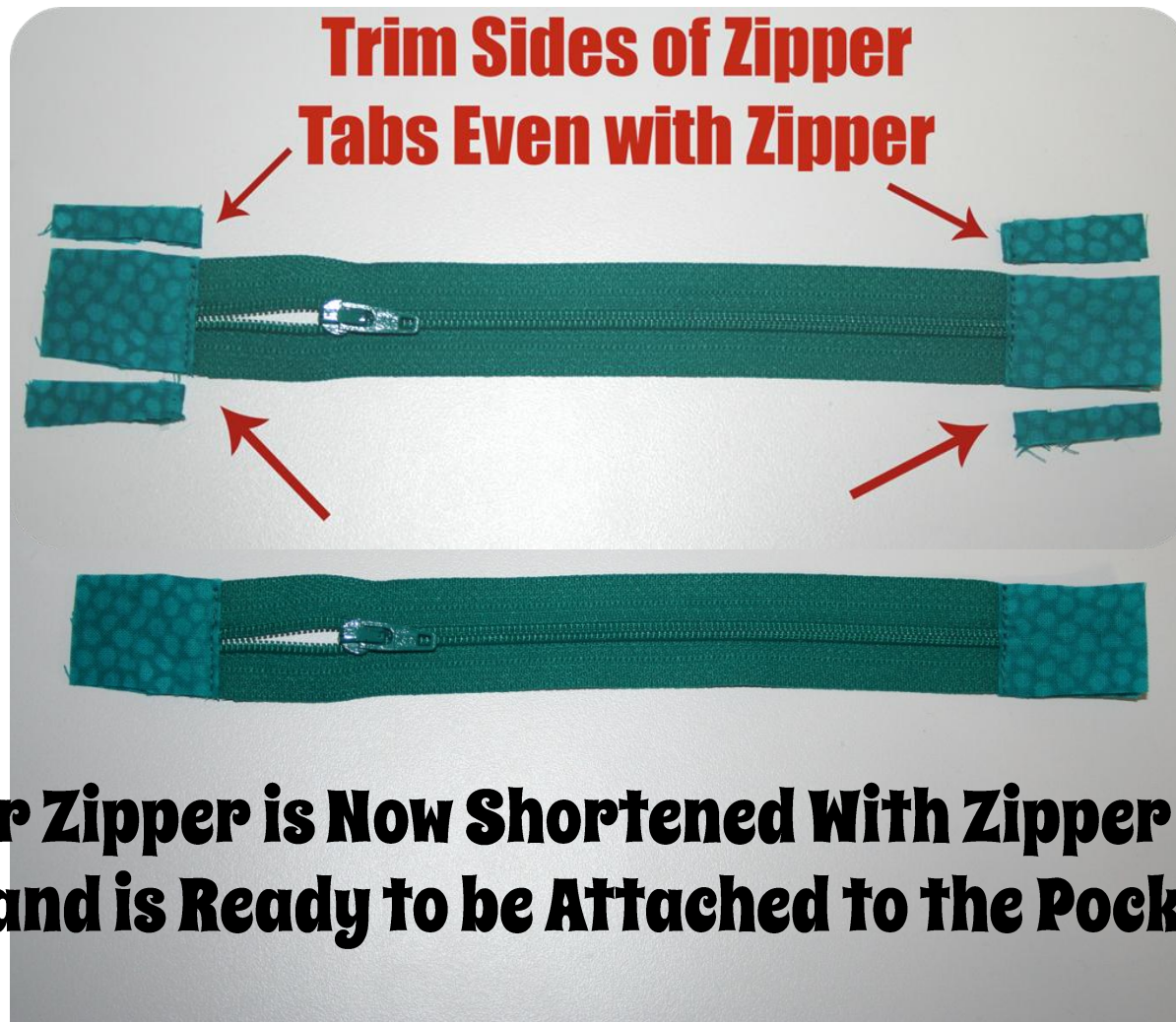
Attaching Zipper Tabs Repeat for Both Ends of Zipper



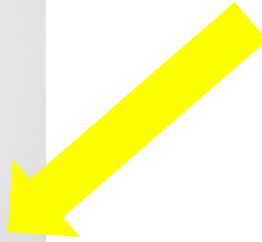
Place Fabric
Right Sides
Together

Fold fabric over to right
side; topstitch

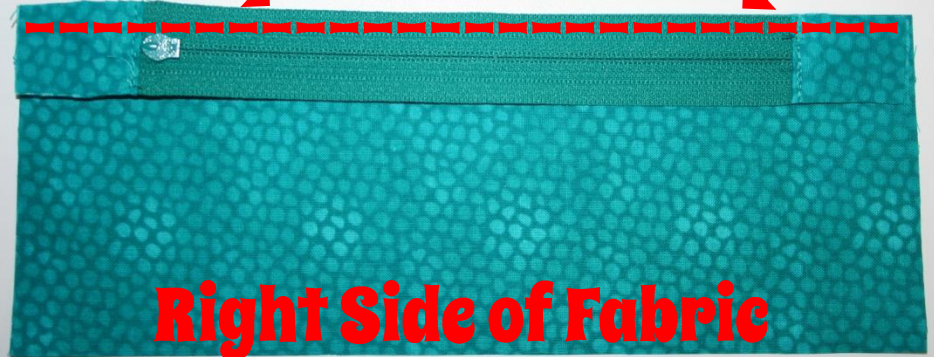
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Make This Lined Zippered Pocket



Sew along the top side of the zipper only.



Right Side of Fabric

Place the folded piece of pocket fabric in half lengthwise, WST. Along the fold, place the zipper face down. Sew along the top side of the zipper only.

~~~Conquer Your Fear of Zippers~~~



Fold/flip the attached side of the zipper over. Topstitch along the pocket for a more finished look.

Attaching the Zippered Pocket to the Front of the Notebook Cover (aka Exterior Piece)



Draw a horizontal line across the exterior piece. This will be our guide line for attaching the pocket.

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Place the folded piece right side facing down along the marked line with the excess fabric towards the top of the exterior piece. Sew along the **bottom side of the zipper only**.



Always A Lady Notebook Cover



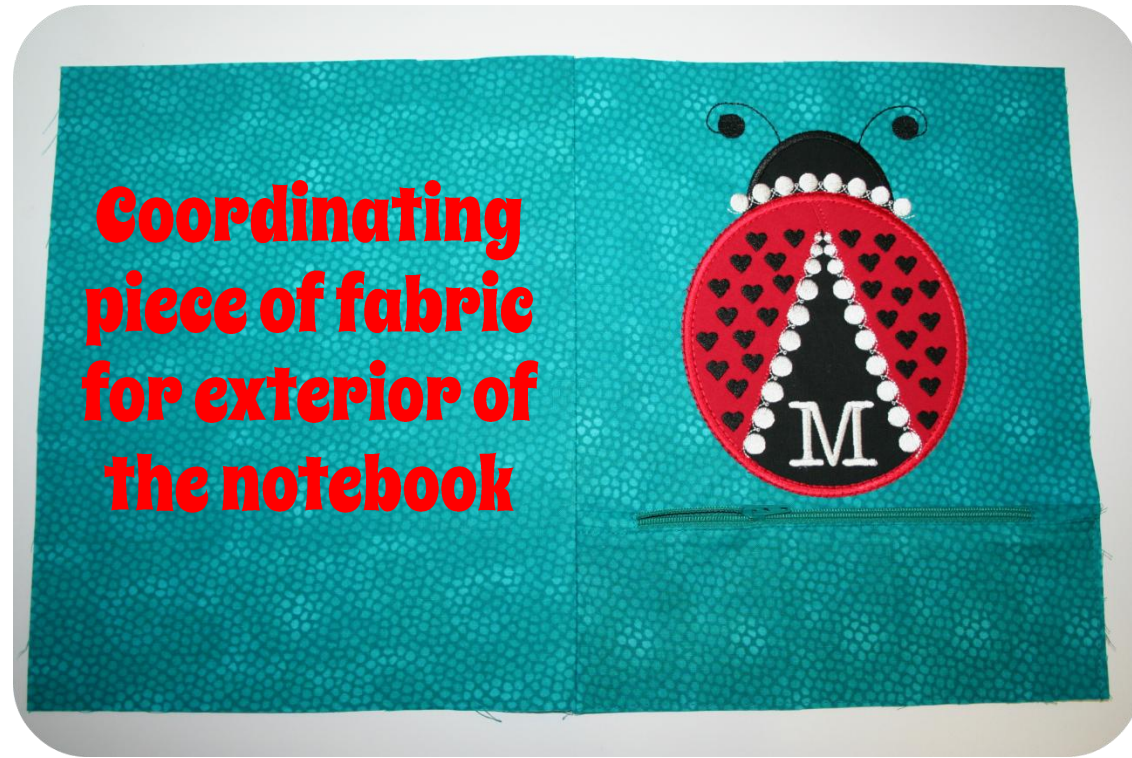
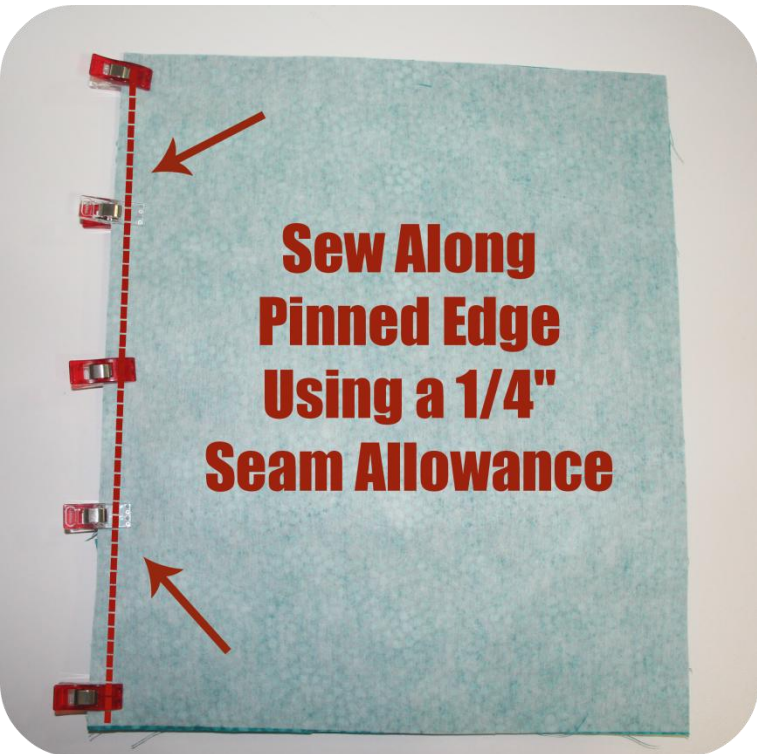
Fold the pocket down over the sewn stitches. Pin in place. Baste along the three raw edges using an $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance.

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Now you have a lined zippered pocket on the outside of the notebook cover. Wasn't that easy?



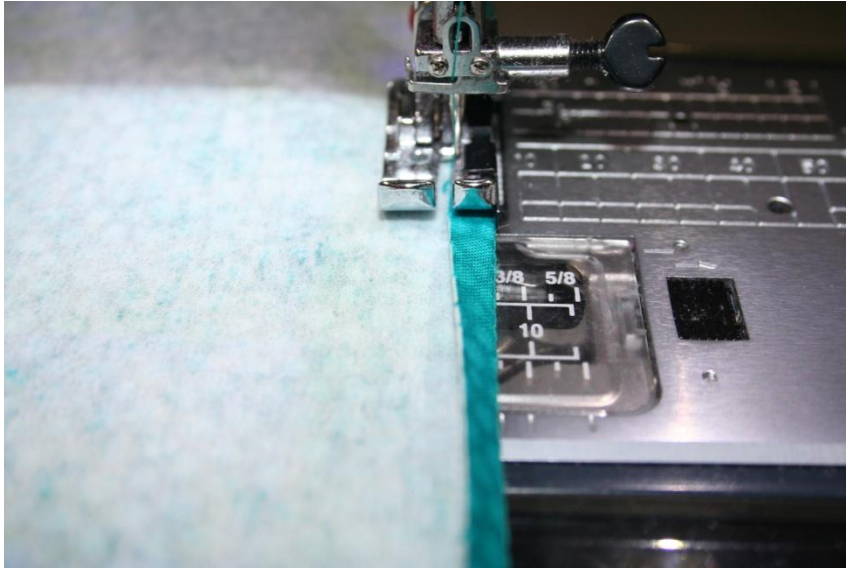
Let's Assemble the Exterior



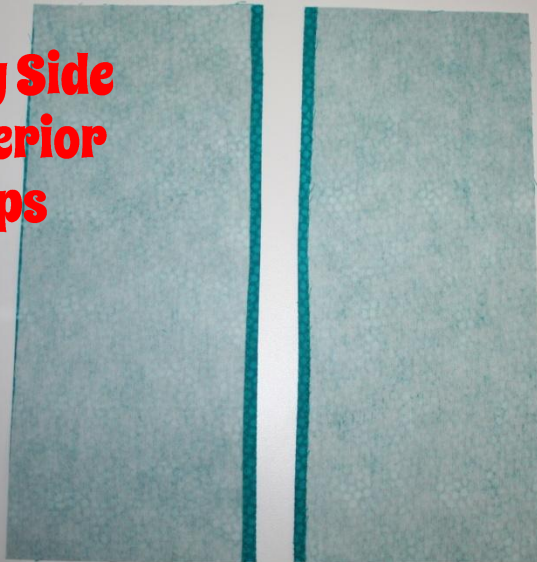
Place the embroidered piece and the other coordinating piece of the exterior fabric RST. Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance along the raw edge only. Press the seam open. Let's call this the joined piece.

Interior Flaps

Fold **ONE** long edge of each interior flap over $\frac{1}{4}$ " to conceal the raw edge. Stitch.



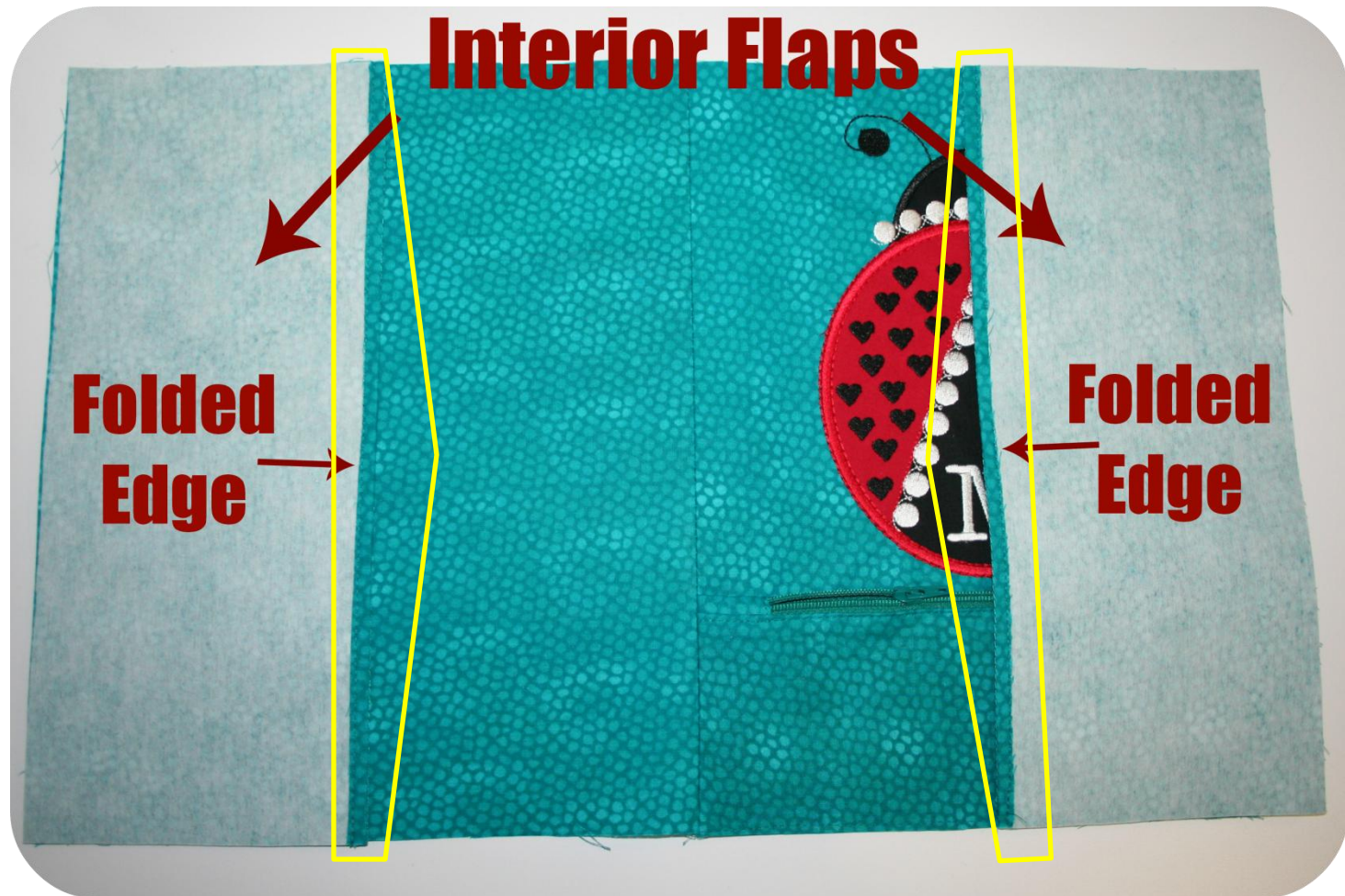
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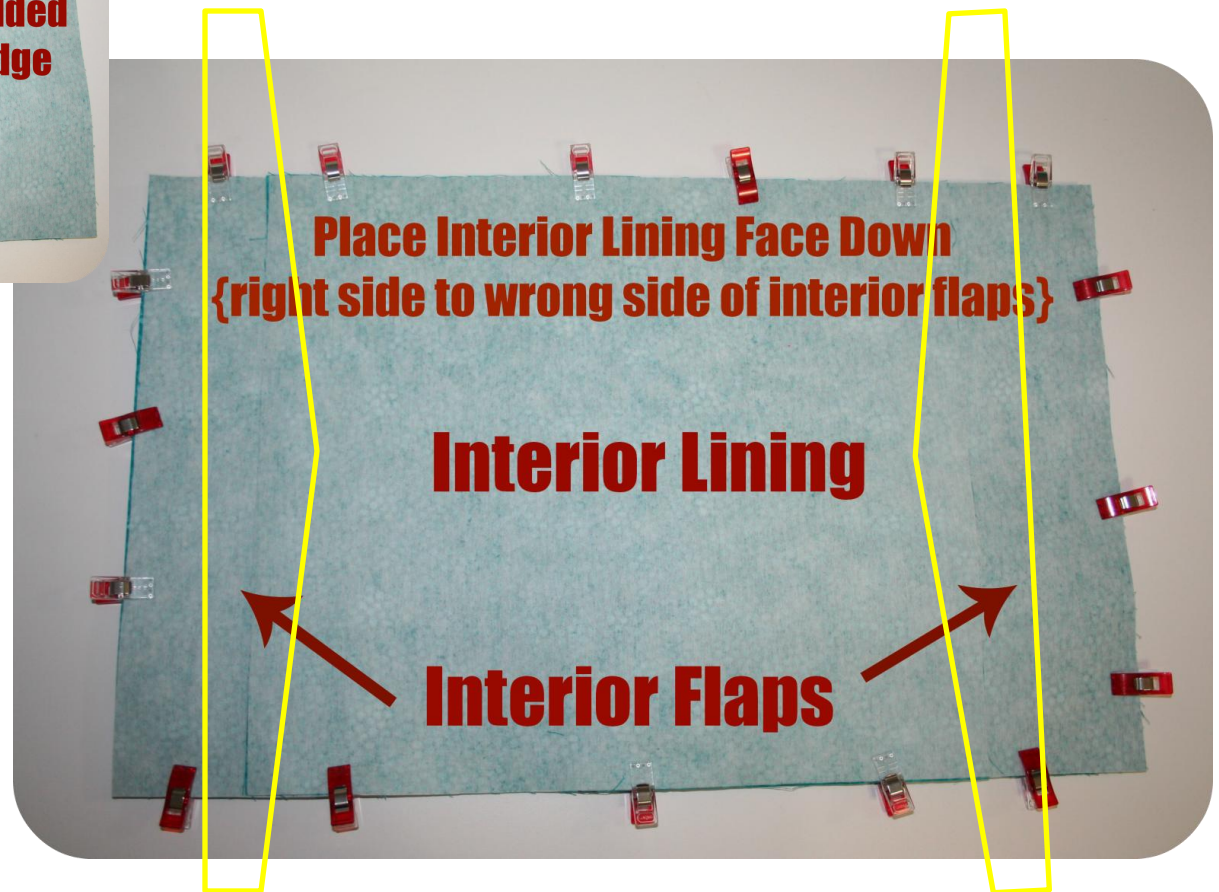
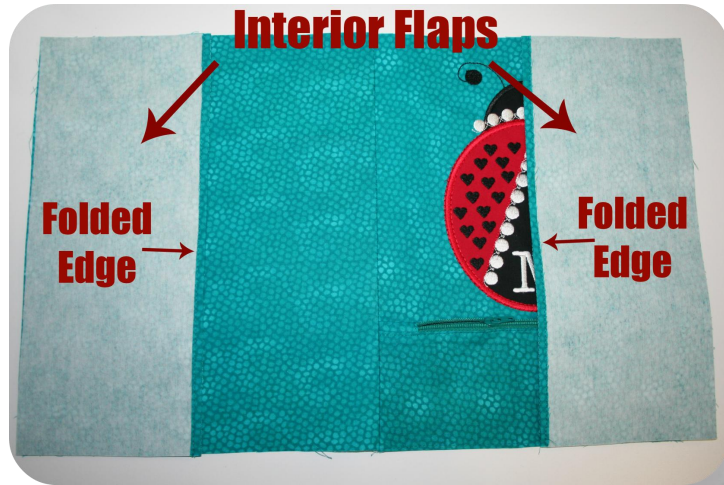
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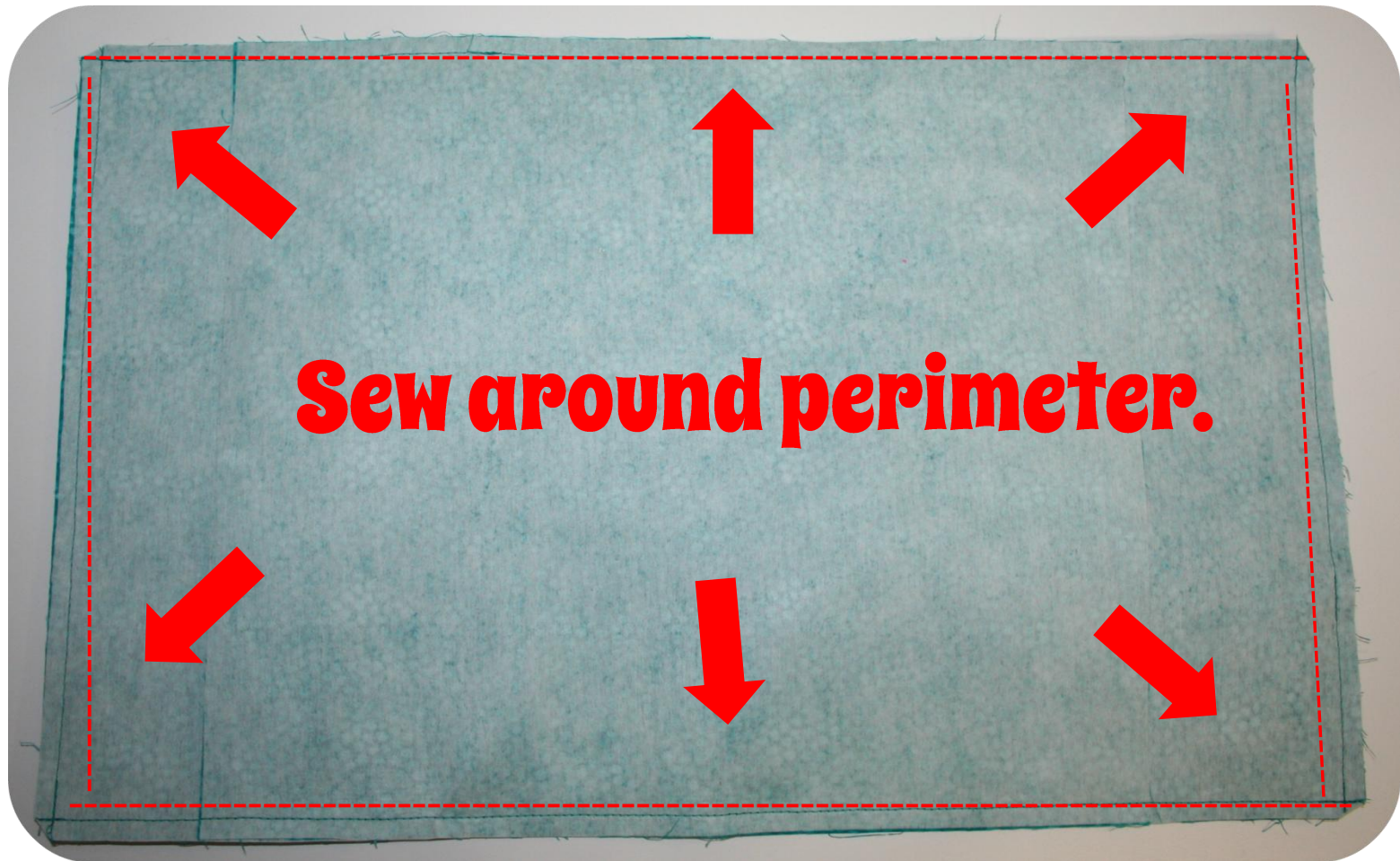
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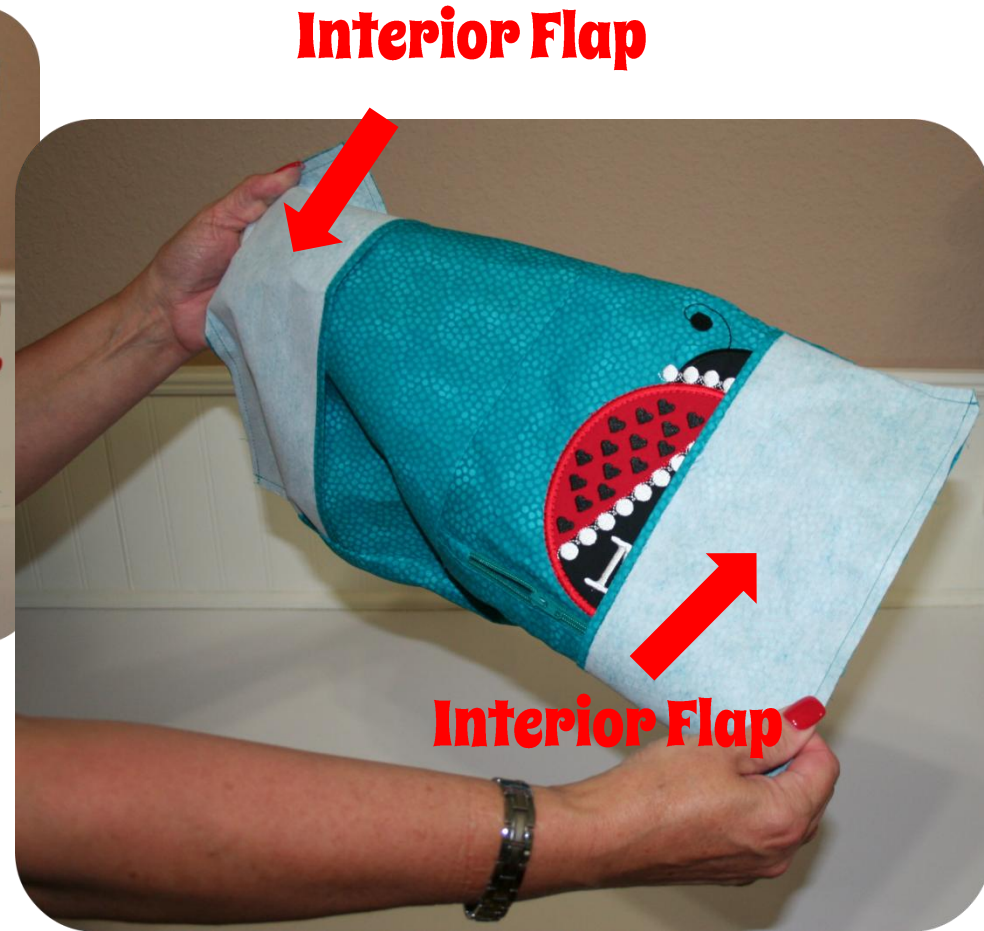
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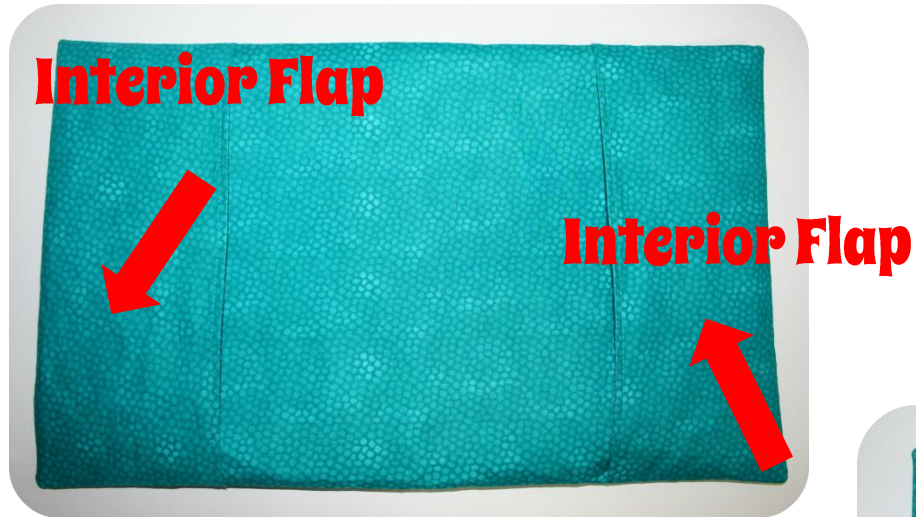
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Turning the Notebook Cover Right Side Out



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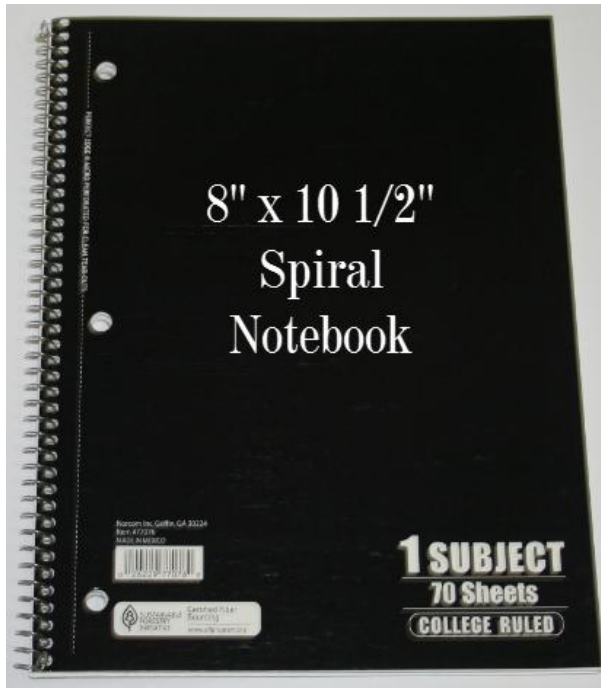


Turn the interior flaps on each end right side facing out.

Press both sides of your notebook cover.



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Insert the spiral notebook cover.

Adorning the Lady



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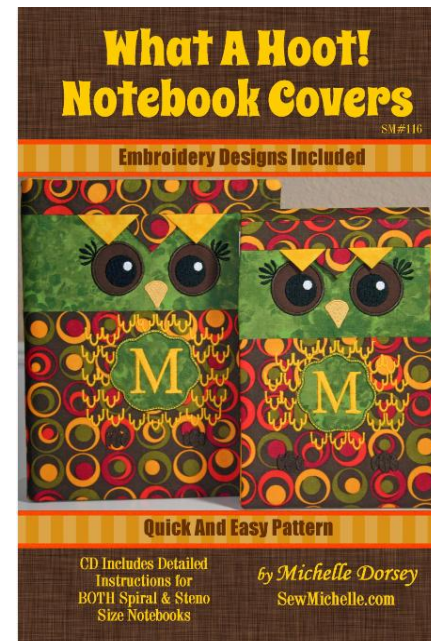
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Size



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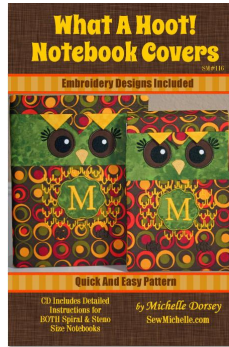
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# The Sassy Screen Tote Bag



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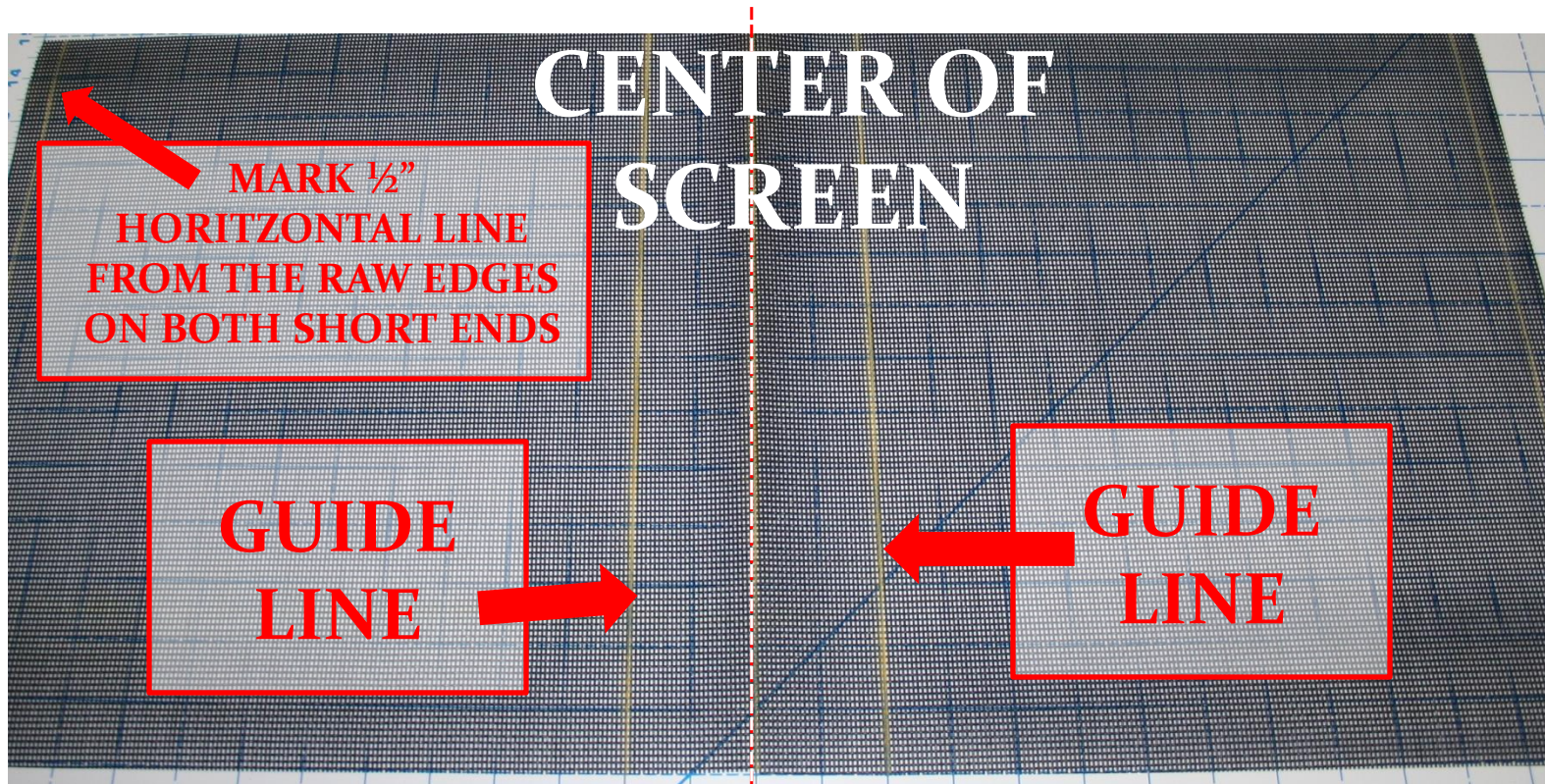
- .½ yd of Pet Screen/Vinyl Coated Mesh
- .Cotton Fabrics
- .1” Webbing for Handles
- .Pilot Frixion Marker
- .Chalk Marker
- .Coordinating Threads and Matching Bobbins
- .Point Turner
- .Size 16 or 18 Needle
- .Clover Wonder Clips
- .Edge Stitch Foot (Optional But Helpful)
- .Normal Sewing Notions



# Preparing the Screen

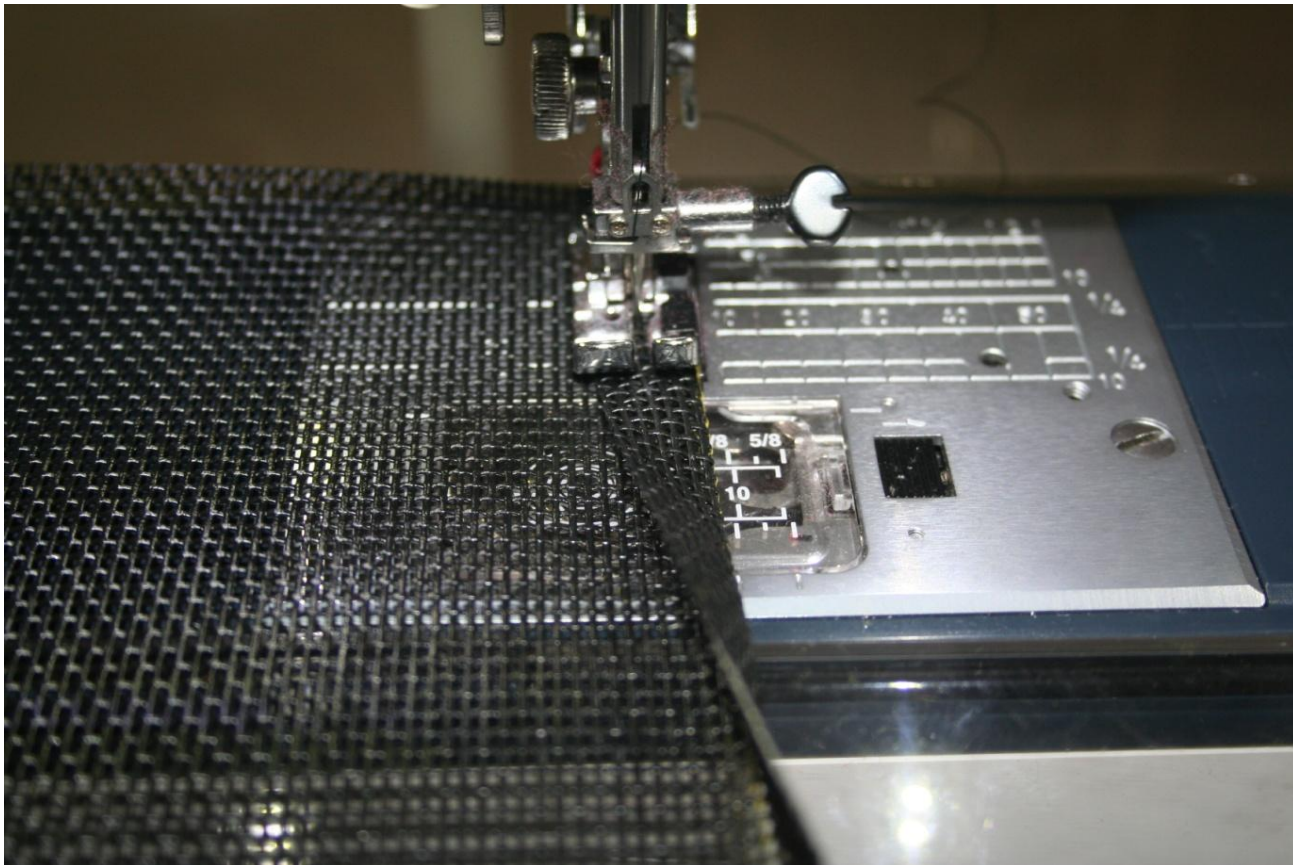


Place the piece of screen on a flat surface.  
Cut to the desired length and width.  
Mark the center of the screen and a guide line  
on each side using a chalk marker.



# Preparing the Screen

Fold each short end of the raw edge under on the marked line; stitch.





# Let's Jazz Up the Handles



1. Fold a strip of fabric in half length wise, wrong sides together. Press to make a crease in the center of the strip.

2. Fold each raw edge to the center crease. Press.



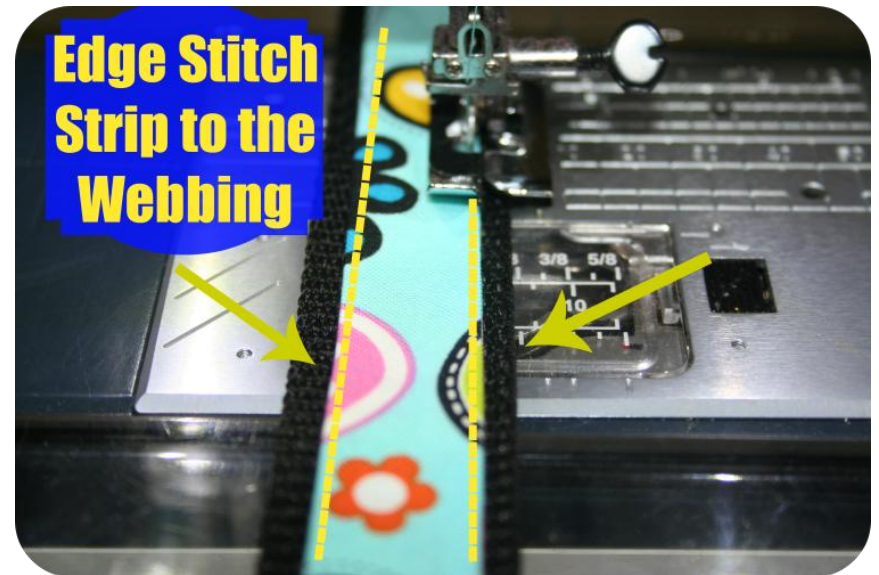
3. Fold again to conceal all the raw edges lengthwise; press.

# Let's Jazz Up the Handles

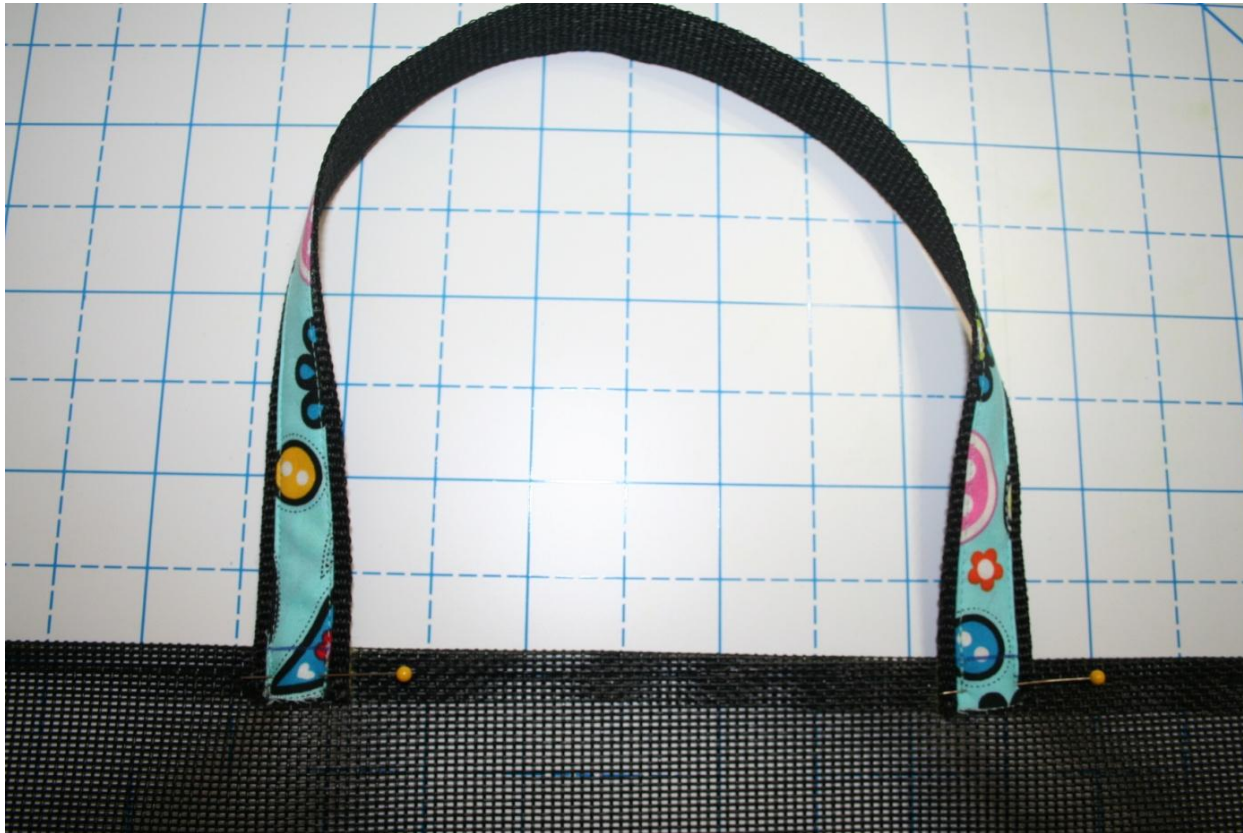


Place the folded strip of fabric in the middle of the 1" webbing; pin.

Edge stitch both long sides of the strip to the webbing.

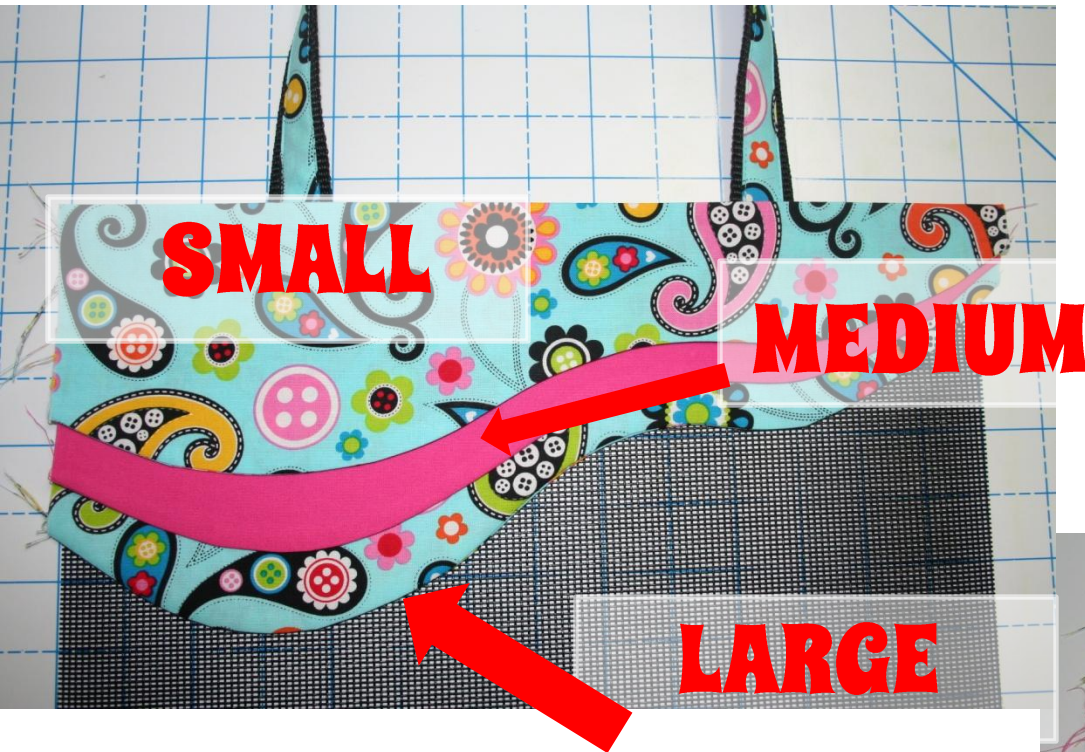


# Attaching the Handles



Align the ends of the handle on the folded edge of the screen. Pin and sew. Attach remaining handle to the other side of the screen in the same manner.

# Cutting Accent Layers



3 sizes of Templates are included with the pattern.

Cut out all accent layers/pieces.



# Sewing Accent Layers



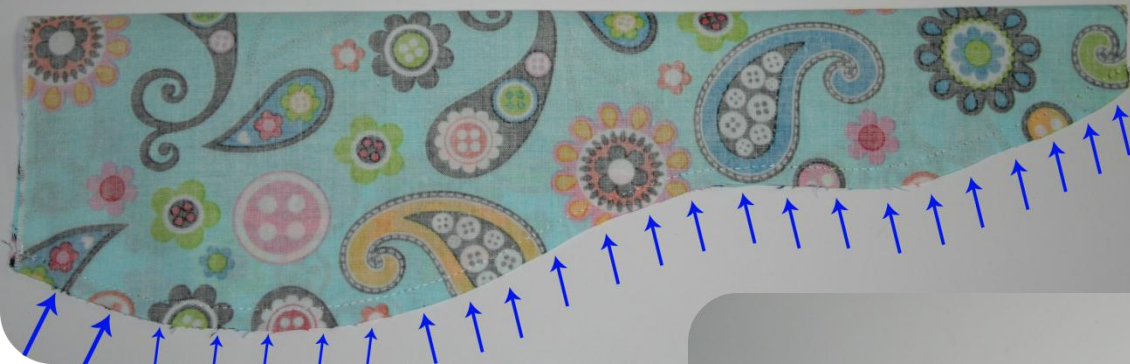
Stitch along curve using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, leaving the sides open for turning.

Fold and pin one accent layer right sides together.



# Clipping the Curved Seam

**Clip the Curved Seam**



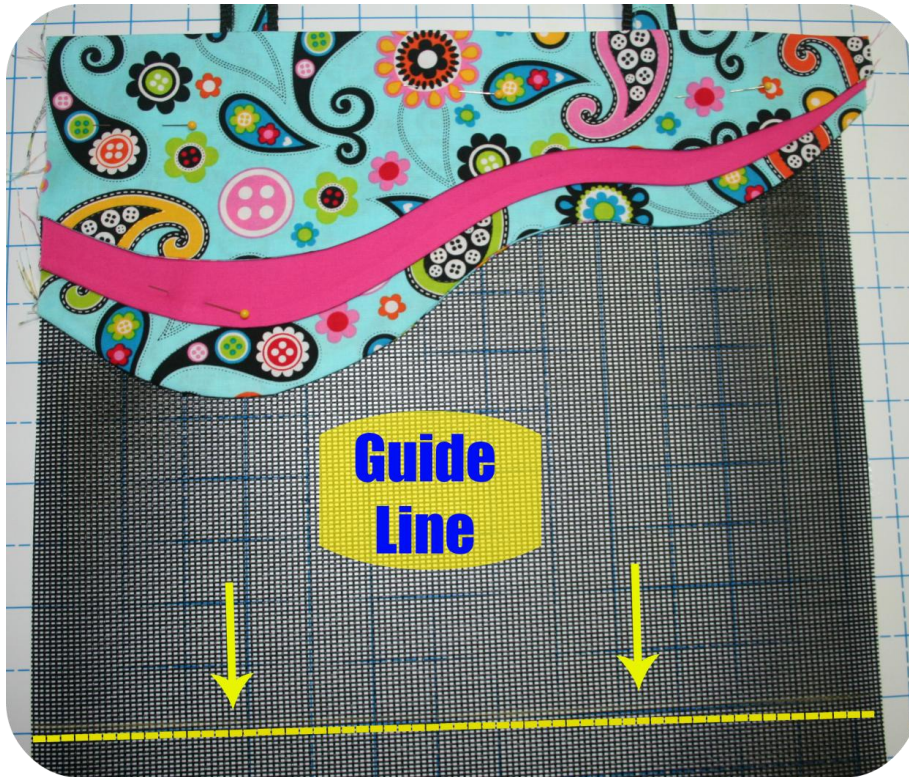
Turn right side out  
and press each  
accent fabric layer.



# Assembling the Layers



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# Attaching the Layers



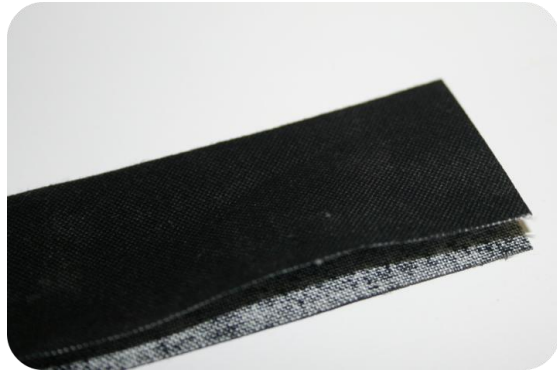
Sew 2 rows of topstitching on each set of fabric layers to attach them to the screen. Backstitch over the handles.

# Assembling the Tote Bag

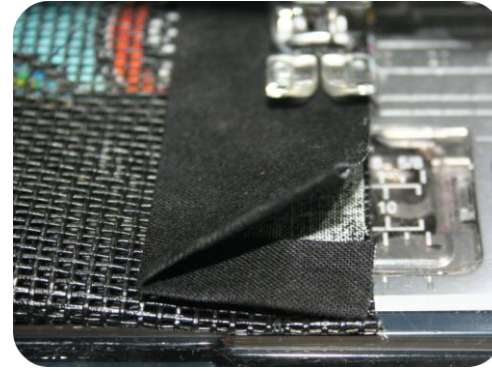


Place tote bag right sides together, trim any excess fabric. Pin to hold in place. Sew both the left and right side of the bag.

# Making it Look Professional



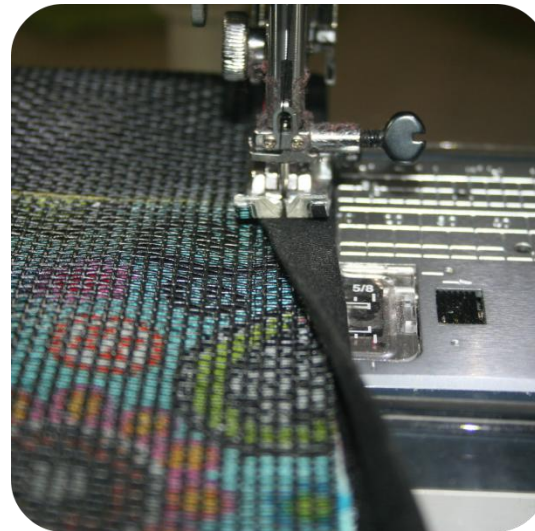
Fold the strip of matching screen fabric in half lengthwise wrong sides together; press.



Place raw edge of strip along raw edge of screen; sew.

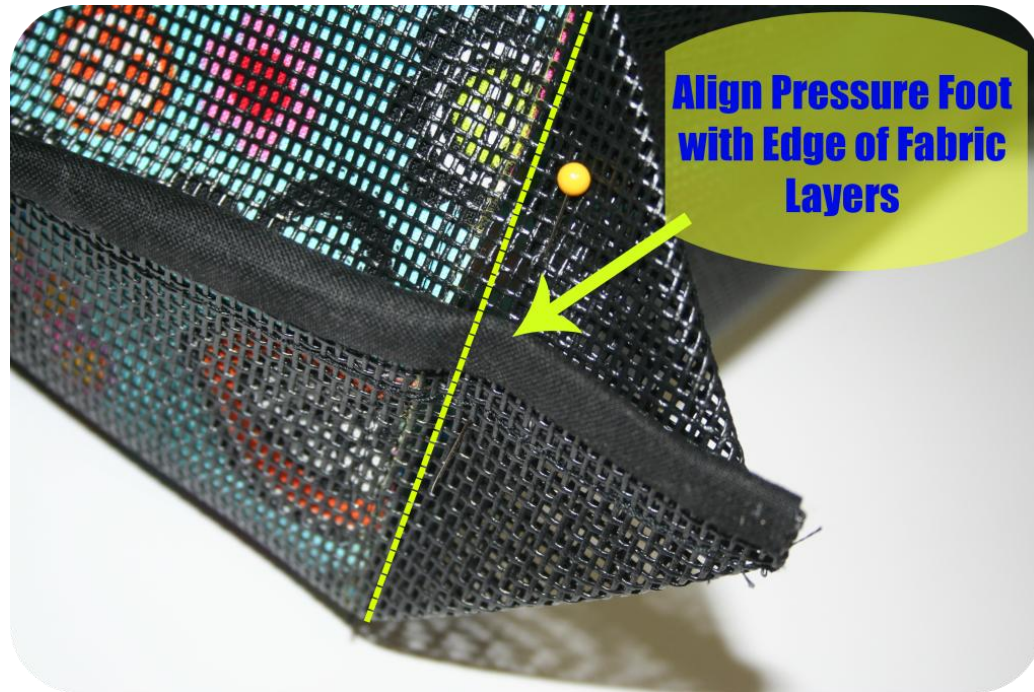


Fold the top and bottom edge of each strip to conceal the raw edges before attaching.



Fold the fabric over and sew to bind the raw edges. It gives the inside seam a nice clean professional finish.

# Boxing the Corners



Pinch the bottom corner of one side of the screen to form a triangle. Stitch across the base of the screen, aligning pressure foot with the edge of the fabric layers. Repeat step to box the corner on the other side.

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**Super Fun!!**

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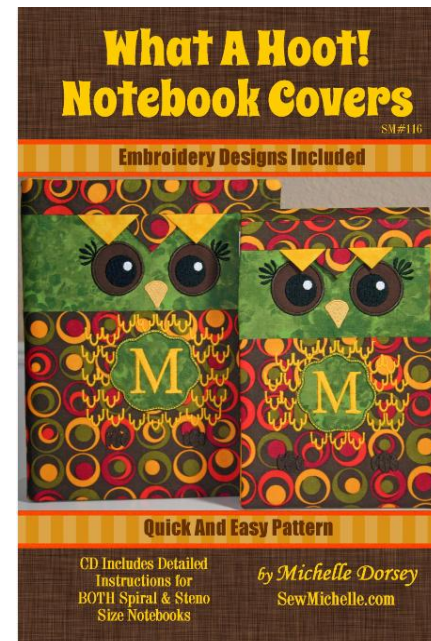
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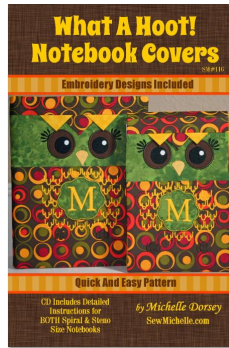
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