

20-Minute Checkbook Cover

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Honest to Pete, this checkbook cover only takes about 20 minutes to make, including cutting your fabric! It holds standard size checks and a checkbook register. Before you know it, you won't be able to stop making them, they're so easy!

Definition: **WOF** means "width of fabric" or the distance from selvage to selvage; usually about 42" - 44" across.

Use accurate 1/4" seams throughout the project unless indicated otherwise in the instructions.

Diagrams are not to scale. Please read through all instructions before beginning.

Instructions are written in good faith. In the event of an error, please contact us. We will post any corrections on our web site at www.MerryMayhem.com

SUPPLIES:

Rotary equipment: mat, cutter & ruler (we recommend using a 9" or 9 1/2" square ruler)
Sewing machine with new size 90/14 needle
Walking foot for your machine
Spool of machine sewing thread to match your Outside fabric
Basic sewing kit (including pins, a seam ripper, and a removable marking device)
Iron and heat proof ironing mat or ironing board

FABRICS:

Prewash and iron all fabrics. Good-quality, 100% cotton is recommended.

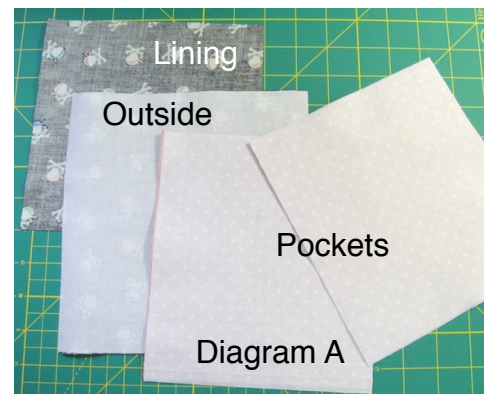
- Outside of Checkbook Cover & Lining: Think "jazzy" or quiet, depending on your personality, or that of the person you will be giving this to. You will need a Fat Eighth of fabric for this. A Fat Eighth measures 9" wide by about 22" long.
- Pockets: A Fat Eighth of this will be just fine, too.
- Lightweight Fusible Interfacing: A Fat Quarter-size piece, OR a 7 1/2" wide strip by WOF is plenty.

CUTTING:

- Outside of Fabric & Lining: Cut ONE 7 1/2" by 8" rectangle for the Outside of your Cover. Cut ONE 7" by 7" square for your Lining.
- Pockets Fabric: Cut TWO 7 1/2" by 6 1/2" rectangles.
- Lightweight Fusible Interfacing: Cut ONE 7 1/2" by 8" piece to stabilize the Outside of your Cover, and TWO 7 1/2" by 6 1/2" rectangles for your Pockets.

ASSEMBLY:

1. First things first: Please install a new needle in your sewing machine.
2. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to fuse your interfacing onto the wrong side of your Outside Fabric (7 1/2" by 8" piece). Repeat, fusing the interfacing onto the wrong side of each of your Pocket rectangles.
NOTE: Your Lining fabric does NOT get a layer of fusible interfacing.
3. Square off the Outside fabric to 7" by 7 1/2". Square off each Pocket to 7" by 6".
4. Fold each Pocket in half, wrong sides together, so they now measure 7" by 3". If desired, top-stitch close to each of the folded edges.
5. Lay out your pieces on your work table in the following order, as



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shown in Diagram B at right:

- Outside of your Cover (this is the piece with the interfacing), right side up. (You can see it between the Pockets in the photo.)
- Pockets on opposite ends of your Cover, with raw edges along the 7" edges of your Cover, & folded edges toward the center.
- Lining, wrong side up, with ONE END aligned with the 7" edge of your Cover. We turned this layer back so you can see more clearly that this piece does NOT go all the way to the top of the other layers.



6. Pin on all four corners through all layers. If you wish, you may use the base of a spool of thread to round off two of the corners on one end, as we did. See Diagram C. This helps us to identify the front of the checkbook later on.

7. If you have not already done so, install the walking foot on your machine.

8. Sew a 1/4" seam ALL THE WAY AROUND the perimeter of your Checkbook Cover, as shown in Diagram D at right.

9. Trim corners to reduce bulk.

10. Now, PAY ATTENTION because this is where the "easy-peasy" part comes in!

a. Turn the Lining so it is right side out through the opening at one end. See Diagram E at left.

b. Next, turn the Pockets to the other side of the Checkbook Cover. This encloses

all the raw edges. In Diagram F we are showing one of the pockets (bottom one) has already been turned. The top pocket is pushed back so we can show you the opening where you did your initial turning.

c. Use a point turner or blunt object to push out the corners of your Checkbook Cover.

11. Guess what??? Your Checkbook Cover is ready to be used!



Thank You for making our pattern! Enjoy the many compliments you receive on your beautiful new

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