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# Composition Book Cover **by Sue Bleiweiss**

I like using these inexpensive composition books to keep my notes in. They're a comfortable size to write it but the downside is that the outsides are not very attractive. This easy-to-make cover gives you a lot of options for customizing your own notebook cover.

I like to use Pelmet Vilene for this project but you could easily substitute Timtex if you prefer.

Cut a piece of Pelmet Vilene 11" x 16 1/2" and fuse your outside fabric to one side. Add any decorative stitching or embellishments you like but keep your embellishments 1/2" away from the edges because you'll be doing some satin stitching in this area later.



To embellish the outside, consider stitching over the surface either randomly or in a grid fashion. You could also appliqué, bead or hand embroider over the surface. For my outside embellishment, I added some appliqué shapes that had been foiled.

When you have finished embellishing the front of the book cover, fuse your lining fabric to the other side. I prefer to use a cotton fabric for this.

To make the inside pockets that hold the book in place, cut two pieces of fabric 11" x 13" (I used the same cotton that I used for the lining). Fold these in half, wrong sides together, and press to make two pieces measuring 11" x 6 1/2". Place them on the inside along the two ends matching the raw edges and baste them in place using a scant 1/4-inch seam allowance.

## Supplies

Composition book (9 3/4" x 7 1/2")  
Pelmet Vilene  
Fabric for the cover & lining



Now all you have to do is satin stitch around all the edges. I stitched around my edges twice using the widest zigzag stitch setting on my machine. I used a rayon 40wt thread in both the machine and the bobbin. You could also do a hand blanket stitch around the edge, which I think would look very nice especially done in a contrasting color.



Once you've finished the edges, fold the cover in half, right sides together, slip the comp book in and you're done!