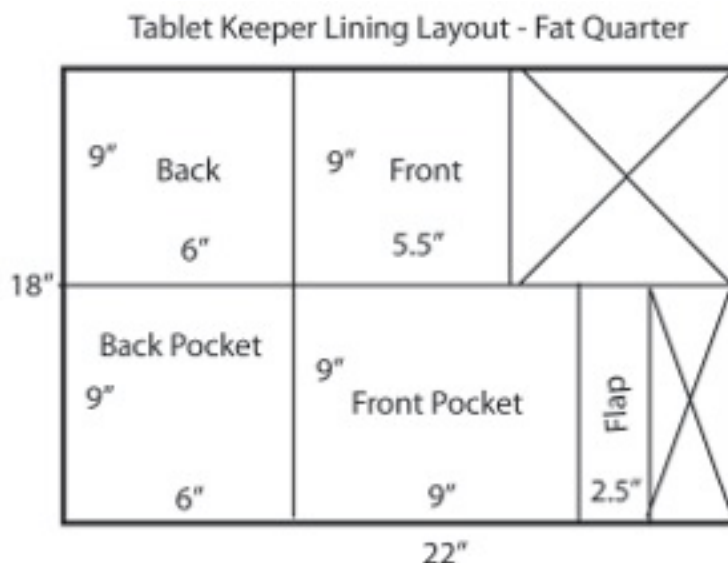


How to Make a Tablet Keeper

This tablet keeper is big enough to hold a small legal pad note pad. You can even make your own tablets by stitching several sheets of paper together on your sewing machine. It's perfect for many uses.

Supplies:

- Created Fabric-Paper - a completed piece measuring 12" by 18" will be large enough for the tablet keeper and several bookmarks, charms, etc. Better too much than not enough!
- Cotton Lining Fabric - if you're careful, you can cut the lining and pockets from a fat quarter of fabric which measure 18" by 22". ***See Layout below and please note that the image is NOT to scale.**
- Decorative thread - King Tut 40 weight variegated machine embroidery thread is used in class.
- 3 yards novelty yarn
- Needle - size 90 sewing machine needle
- Sewing Machine
- Open-toe Appliqué foot
- Scissors
- Pins
- Temporary Spray Adhesive
- Iron
- Parchment Paper - if you iron fabric-paper, protect your surface and the fabric-paper
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Rotary cutting ruler
- Supreme Slider and painter's tape



From fabric-paper (or other sturdy fabric):

1. Cut 1 Front - 5.5" by 9"
2. Cut 1 Back - 6" by 9"
3. Cut 1 Flap - 2.5" by 9"

From lining:

1. Cut 1 Front - 5.5" by 9"
2. Cut 1 Back - 6" by 9"
3. Cut 1 Flap - 2.5" by 9"

Also, cut pocket pieces

1. Back pocket - 6" by 9"
2. Front pocket - 9" by 9"

Directions:

- Spray one side of each lining piece with temporary spray adhesive and stick to corresponding wrong side of Front, Back and Flap. Zig zag around edges - 2.5mm width and length.
- Fold Back Pocket piece in half to measure 4.5" high by 6" wide. Place Pocket on Tablet Keeper back, matching raw edges along bottom. ***See class demo for exact placement.** Pin close to raw edges.
- Fold Front Pocket piece in half to measure 4.5" by 9". Place diagonally across inside of Front. ***See class demo for exact placement.** Pin close to wrong edges of Front.
- Thread sewing machine with same thread in top and bobbin.
- Stitch very close to edge with straight stitch to attach each pocket section in place.
- Carefully trim off all excess fabric from front, being careful not to cut the stitching.

Reset zig zag as follows:

Stitch Width - 4mm

Stitch Length - .75mm (this is not quite a satin stitch)

- Stitch with right side of Tablet Keeper facing up.
- Stitch along both long edges of Back.
- Stitch long inner edge of Front.
- Stitch long inner edge of Flap.

Adjust zig zag as follows:

Stitch Width - 5mm

Stitch Length - slightly shorter than .75mm

- Align Flap next to Back with long edges touching, but not overlapping. To connect, zig zag together. The zig should go in one piece and the zag in the other. Align Front with other side of Back, long edges touching but not overlapping. Repeat zig zag stitching to connect Back to Front.

Edging/Closure

- Find middle of long unfinished flap edge. This is where you begin attaching the novelty yarn. Start about 30" from one end of yarn. Follow instructions below.

Set machine as follows:

Zig Zag stitch

Stitch Width - 4.5mm

Stitch Length - 1.5mm

- From the right side, lay yarn **on** the edge of the Tablet Keeper and zig zag over the yarn all the way around.
- When you reach the starting point, twist the remaining yarn with the beginning yarn and zig zag over them twice to create a cording closure for your Tablet Keeper.
- Fold your Tablet Keeper with Flap over Front and wrap created cord to close. Add beads or tie cord end into several knots for additional interest, if desired.