

# desk calendar tutorial

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## Materials

- Linen  
3 squares 3 1/4" x 3 1/4"
- Cotton Print  
2 rectangles 2 3/4" x 7"  
2 rectangles 1" x 7"  
6 rectangles 3 1/4" x 2 3/8"  
2 rectangles 4" x 5"  
1 rectangle 13 3/4" x 6 1/2"
- Bookboard  
2 rectangles 11 1/4" x 4 3/4"
- High Loft Batting  
1 rectangle 11 1/4" x 4 3/4"
- Cover buttons  
50 Size 100 (2 1/2")

\*Tip\* These buttons can get expensive! For a cheaper alternative you can easily use book board of any shape you like and cover them with fabric of your choice using Steam-a-Seam 2!

## Finished Size

- 11 1/4" x 4 3/4"

## Tools

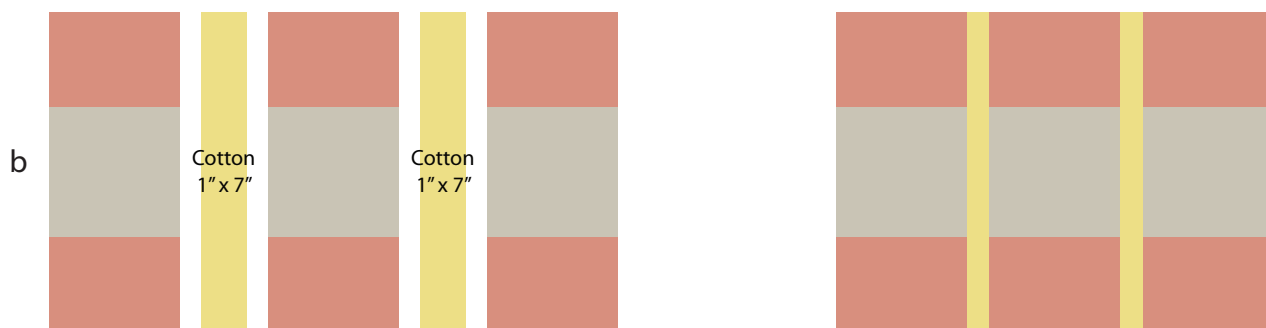
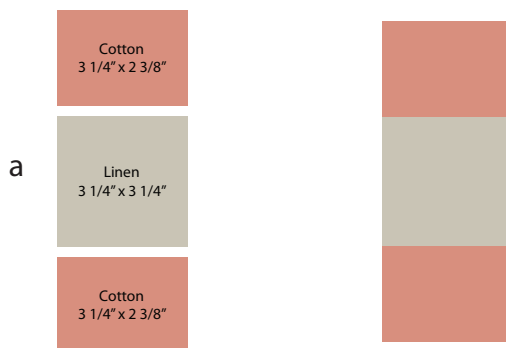
- Steam-a-Seam 2
- Pinking shears or Pinking blade for rotary cutter
- Craft Glue (Mod Podge works!)
- X-Acto knife or box cutter
- Paint brush
- Rubber Stamps and Ink
- Rotary Cutter



## How To

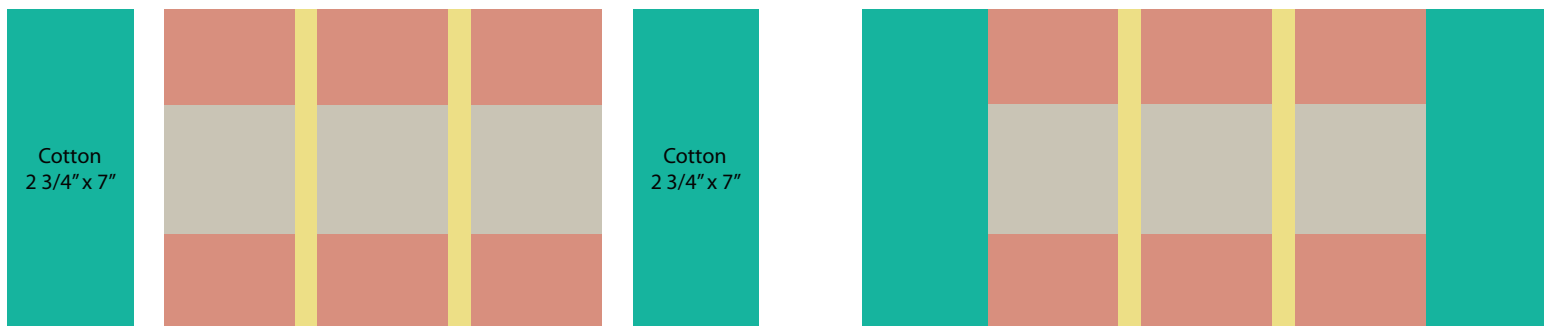
\*1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise stated.\*

1. Cut out all of your fabric and book board. Except for the two 4" x 5" cotton print pieces.
2. Cut out the two 4" x 5" cotton print pieces with pinking shears or a pinking blade. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply Steam-a-Seam 2 to the wrong sides of them also the 13 1/2" x 6 1/2" cotton print and set them aside. Do not remove the paper backing yet!
3. Stitch the cotton and linen pieces following the diagram below. Press all the seams toward the 3 1/4" x 3 1/4" linen squares.

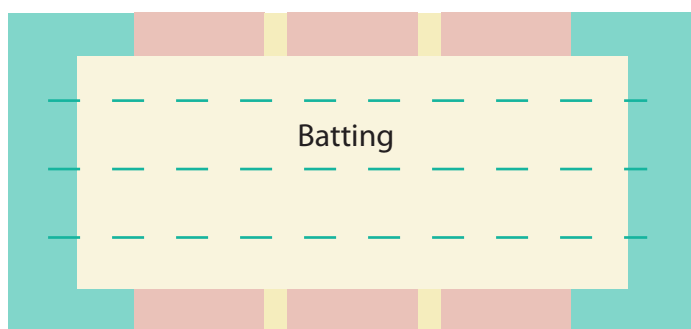




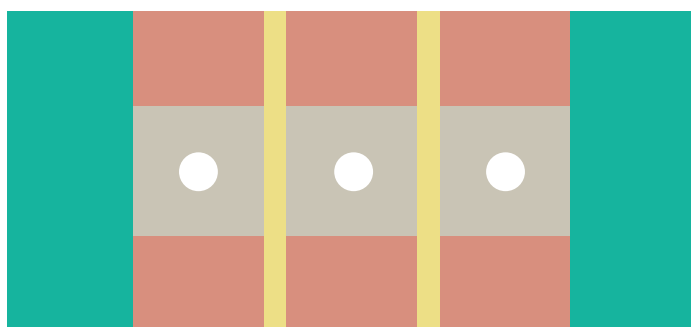
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5. Center the batting over the wrong side of your patchwork and hand baste. I quilted around the linen squares. But feel free to quilt as you like. I also used to pieces of batting, but it's fine if you use just one. Remove the basting threads once you've completed your quilting.

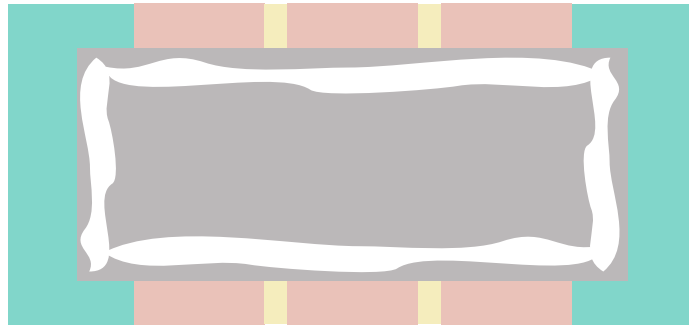


6. Stitch your velcro coins with a zig-zag stitch to the front of the patchwork in the center of each linen square.

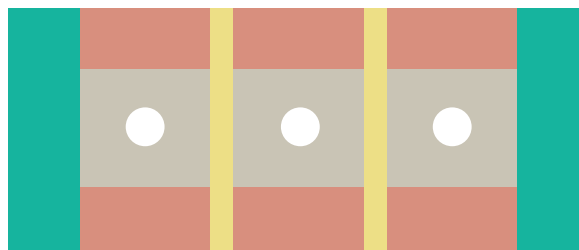
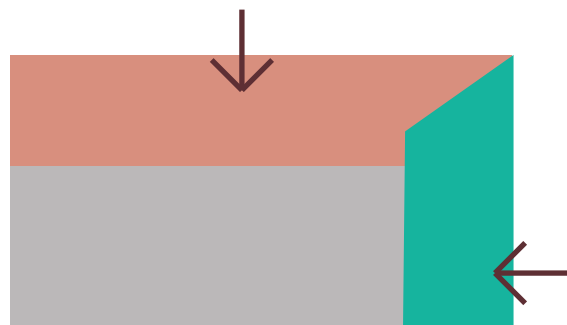




8. Lay your patchwork right side down. Place one bookboard piece on top of the batting and making sure that it is centered. Apply glue on the edges of the bookboard with a paint brush.

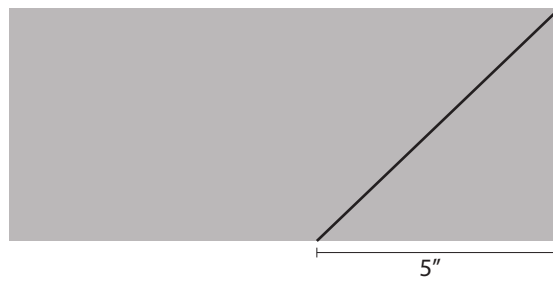


9. Quickly fold the long edges of the patchwork over the bookboard and firmly press and smooth it out. Then continue with the short edges, folding the corners of the fabric as if wrapping a package. Apply more glue underneath the fold to secure. Set aside to dry. You've just finished the front of your calendar!

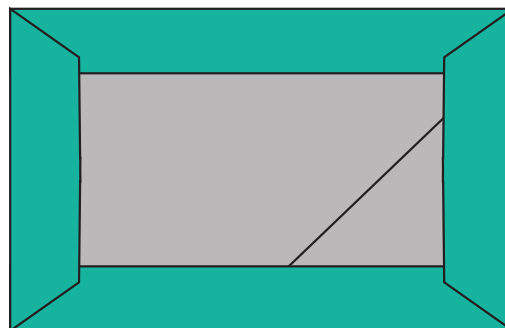
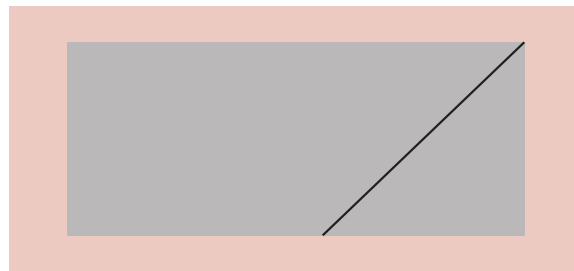




10. Take the remaining  $11 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 4 \frac{3}{4}''$  bookboard and lay it in front of you. Measure 5'' from the bottom right corner and mark with a pencil. Using your X-Acto knife carefully slice into the bookboard from the upper right corner to the 5'' mark, making a crease, but don't cut all the way through.

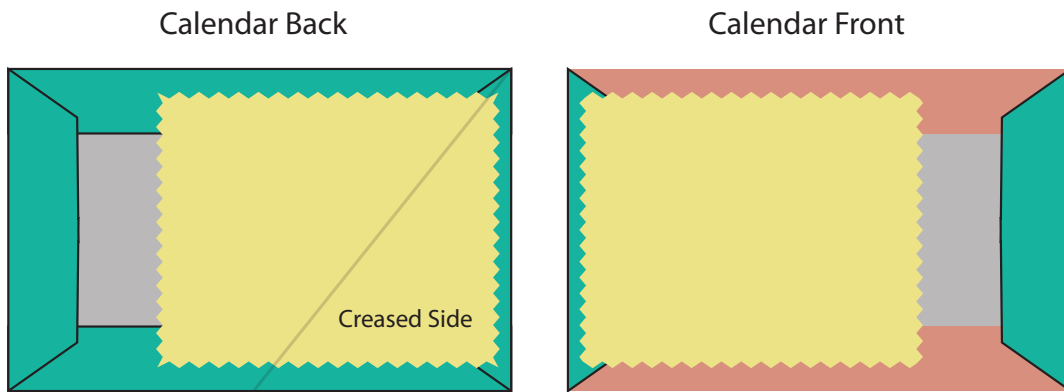


11. Remove the paper backing from the  $13 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 6 \frac{1}{2}''$  cotton print and place it in front of you wrong side up. Place the book board centered on top of the cotton print. Fuse the cotton print to the book board and fold the corners as you did in Step 7. You could also brush a little glue under the corners if you like. and let dry.

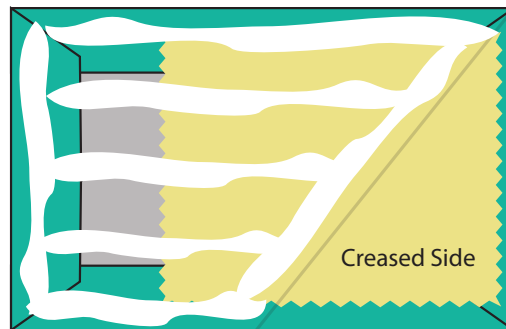




12. Once your book board panels have dried, remove the paper backing from the two remaining pinked cotton pieces and fuse them to the backs of the panels as shown in the diagram.



13. Almost done! ^\_^ Brush glue on the back (or you can use a glue gun for this if you don't want to wait for it to dry later.) on three sides of the calendar back as well the larger half as shown.



13. Finally, sandwich the two panels together with the pinked corners facing each other and let dry. I like to place clothes pins around the edges while it dries, to ensure a secure fit.

14. Cover your buttons using the manufacturers instructions (or fuse fabric to bookboard shapes if you'd like to take the cheaper route. . Remove the hooks on the back with a pair of pliers and stamp the months, days of the Week, and numbers to the fronts of the buttons. Apply the velcro coins with glue to the backs and you're all set!



## *Where to Buy*

[paper-source.com](http://paper-source.com) - Bookboard, Chipboard, & PVA glue, Bone folder  
[shop.hobbylobby.com](http://shop.hobbylobby.com) - Craft Mirror

## *Fine Print*

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