

# Diary Quilt Block Keeper

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## Materials and Cutting Directions

Front:

1 Diary Quilt block 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" (I used the Button Basket on p. 81)

2 squares 5"x 5" crosscut to make 4 setting triangles

Back: 1 square 9 1/2" x 9 1/2"

Backing: (Inside lining of Block Keeper) 1 rectangle 10" x 20"

Left Inside Pocket: 1 rectangle 9 1/2" x 14"

Right Inside Flap: 1 rectangle 8 1/2" x 17"

Binding: 2 strips 2 1/4" x 40"

Batting: 1 rectangle 10" x 20" for quilting

Fleece, felt or batting: 1 rectangle 8" x 16" for inside "pages"

1/4" wide Ribbon: 1 1/2 yards

## Sewing Directions

1. Start with one 6 1/2" Diary Quilt block.
2. To make the front, sew triangles to the four sides of the Diary Quilt block. Trim this square to 9 1/2" x 9 1/2".
3. Sew the front to the back with a 1/4" seam.
4. Layer front, batting, and backing and quilt by machine.
5. Trim batting and backing even with the front.
6. On left inside, fold left pocket in half with wrong sides together to measure 9 1/2" x 7". Place it on the left inside lining and sew around the outside edges to form a pocket.
7. To make right inside flap, fold the rectangle in half with right sides together and sew the two opposite sides. Turn right side out and place it on the right inside lining and sew along the right edge. Sew two buttonholes 1/2" from the center edge. Sew buttons under the buttonholes. You could also use snaps or Velcro dots.
8. Cut two ribbon strips 9 1/2" long. Sew these under the right inside flap to hold your blocks in place under the flap. Cut two ribbon strips 14" long. Sew these to the center of the inside left and right edges to make the ties.
9. Sew binding around the edges, finishing off the pocket and flap, and covering the edges of the ribbon.
10. Place the 8" x 16" piece of fleece, felt, or batting on the inside and sew through the center to make two "pages" to keep your pieced blocks.

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