

Fabric Bookmarks

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Supplies:

Thermoweb HeatnBond Featherlite
EZPrint
Thermoweb Pressing Paper
Thermoweb HeatnBond Extra Firm
Fusible Interfacing
Bookmark words printable (or use your
own)
Light colored fabric (for the words)
Fabric Scraps (for the bookmarks)
Ribbon Scraps
Iron
General sewing supplies

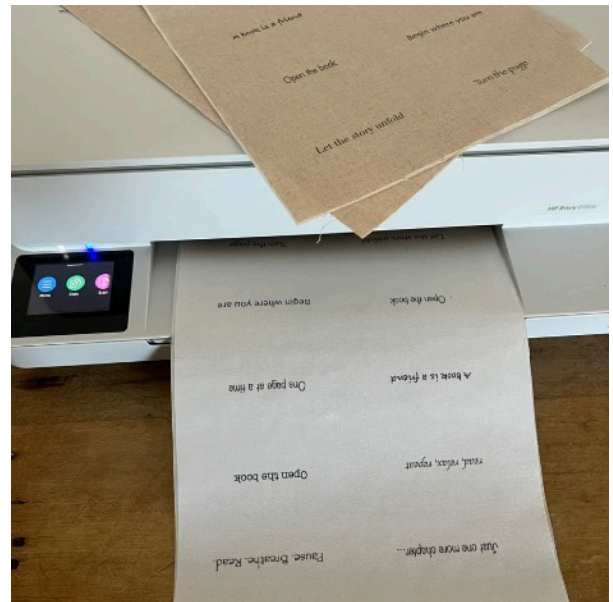


General Instructions



Step One: The very first step is to prepare our fabric piece for printing! If you have not printed to fabric before, you will have fun with this step! Take your light colored fabric and cut it to 8.5" x 11". Using Pressing Paper, iron a sheet of the EZ Print interfacing to the back of the fabric, making sure it fully adheres. Do not remove the paper backing. You now have a piece of fabric "paper" ready to print!

Step Two: Place your fabric in your printer, exactly as you would a piece of paper. Using my printable words, (located at the end of this tutorial) print to the fabric. I've never had a problem with the stabilized fabric running through the printer; it works exactly like a sheet of paper.



Step Three: Once you've printed the words to your fabric, cut them out to the size desired. Leave the paper backing until you are ready to iron it to your bookmark.



Step Four: You will use two fabric pieces for each bookmark. Cut them to size: 3" x 8". Cut as many as you plan to make. I started with ten, cutting twenty pieces of fabric.

Step Five: Cut twenty pieces of the extra firm interfacing to size 2.5" x 7.5".

Step Six: Adhere the sticky side of the interfacing to the center of the wrong side of each fabric piece. There will be approximately 1/4 inch space around all edges of the interfacing. (I use Pressing Paper for this step.)



Step Seven: Now you will adhere your words to the front side of the fabric. Remove the paper backing, place the iron-on word patch in the middle of the bookmark and using Pressing Paper, press the word to the bookmark. Sew around the fabric word. I sewed mine with two rows of straight stitching, about 1/8" apart. You can sew with a zig-zag stitch if you prefer.



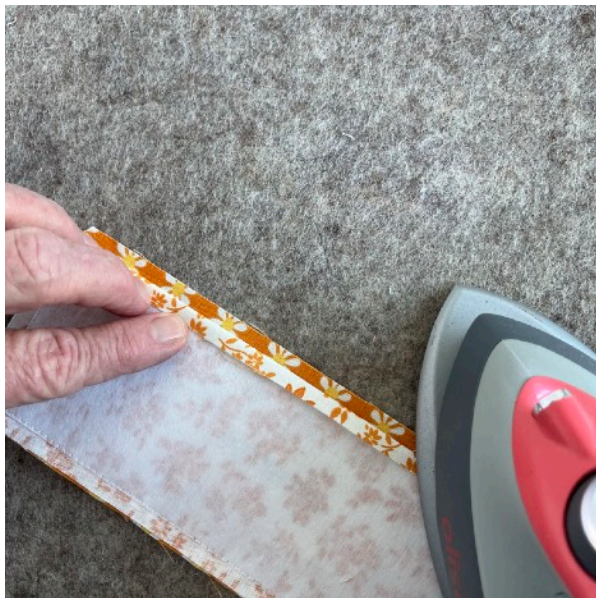
Step Eight: Cut ribbon to 3 inches. Fold ribbon in half and place at the top middle of the bookmark, right sides and raw edges together. Hold in place with a sewing clip and sew in place with an 1/8 inch seam.



Step Nine: Place two fabric pieces right sides together, use clips to hold in place if necessary. Sew a 1/4 seam all the way around, leaving a 3 inch opening on one long edge. Clip the corners.



Step Ten: Before turning the bookmark right side out, iron both of the raw edges of the opening towards the wrong side of the fabric. (This will help a lot when you go to sew that seam closed.)



Step Eleven: Turn the fabric right sides out through the opening, carefully pushing the corners out. At the opening edge of the bookmark where you pressed both seams in the last step, press that area well. Using your Pressing Paper again, iron the entire bookmark.



Step Eleven: Topstitch 1/8" from the edge all the way around the bookmark, closing up the opening as you go. Press again and your bookmark is complete!



One of the things I love the most about this simple project is how quickly you can make a large stack of bookmarks! I use an assembly line set up and it goes so quickly! You can put a book marker in a simple plastic sleeve and they make the very best gifts!



Just one more chapter...

Pause. Breathe. Read.

read, relax, repeat

Open the book

A book is a friend

One page at a time

Open the book

Begin where you are

Let the story unfold

Turn the page

