

How to make a block book ©Allgäumdädel 2009

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First off: you can design your book any way you like. Scrappy, crazy, embroidered, appliquéd or whatever else catches your fancy. This project is ideal to use up leftovers.

Then you have to decide on a size for your book. I took the following pictures while I was making a book for 6inch blocks. Of course, you can make it bigger for collecting larger blocks.



Make your book cover and reinforce with a firm interfacing.

Trim your books cover to the desired size and make the lining. Again, there are no limits to your creativity. You can sew it like the outside or just use a matching piece of fabric, as I have done. I used spray adhesive to attach the lining to the back of the interfacing. Attach the binding.



Cut the pages from flannel. Since flannel has a napped surface your blocks will stick to it. Use double pages and be careful to cut them to a size slightly smaller than your book cover. To prevent the pages from sliding around I layered them and sewed through the center once.

Now I determined the center of the book cover and placed the opened pages on it. I used bias tape to attach the pages to the cover.



Now you can easily close or leaf through your book. I also attached a button and loop to close my book - done!

Have fun making your own!

