Chenille Paperback Book Cover

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A beautiful book cover to hide your favorite Romance Novel and take it wherever you go.

Sewing Supplies:

¼ yard of channel quilted fabric or fabric you have quilted. (If buying pre-quilted fabric, make sure the quilt pattern is in a continuous line not waffle quilted. We quilted ours in a wave design. You must be able to slice through in a continuous line.

1 yard of purchased piping or make your own
1/3 yard of webbing for handle
½ yard of 3/8” ribbon for ties
Sewing thread
4”Gingher Pocket Scissors
Husqvarna Viking 6” x 24” Ominigrid Ruler
Husqvarna Viking Rotary Cutter
Zipper foot

Cut:
From quilted fabric:
One rectangle 9” L and 12” W
Two rectangles 9”L x 5”W
From Webbing:
Two pieces 12 inches long
From Ribbon:
Cut two pieces 9 inches long

Sew:

1. Look at your 9 x 12 inch rectangle and make sure that your sewing lines are spaced ½ apart. If not, sew another row of stitching between the rows (the closer the spaces, the denser the chenille will be).
2. Using a small, sharp pair of scissors, cut through the middle between each row of stitching, through the top layer of fabric and the batting only, being careful not to cut the bottom layer of fabric.

3. When done cutting, run a row of straight stitch ½” from the edge, around the perimeter of the rectangle.

4. With raw edges even, place piping around sliced side of rectangle. Attach your zipper foot and stitch the piping in place. Finish by crossing the ends of the piping where they meet.

5. Turn under ½” on one of the two long sides of your 5 x 9 rectangles, and sew down using a zigzag stitch as shown.

6. Place the 9 x 12 inch rectangle right side facing up, measure in 2 ½” in from each end of the 9-inch sides, place a webbing handle, the loop facing inside, baste in place (Straight stitch, SL 6.0). Measure in 4 ½” from same side, and place one end of ribbon tie facing in as well and baste as shown.

7. Place the 5 x 9 – inch rectangles at each end of the 9 x 12-inch rectangle, right sides together, making sure that the folded edges are facing the center. Sew through all layers, using a ¼” seam allowance.

8. Turn cover inside out. Topstitch down the exposed piping edges that are not covered by the 5 x 9-inch rectangles. Note: Your cover will look larger than it should, it will shrink when dried.

9. Wet the book cover and place it in your dryer with a towel until dry. Remove and fluff up the chenille.