

SCENTED BOOKMARK

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Whether you need something to keep your place in your latest read, or you want to make the gift of a paperback more appealing, you'll need this bookmark. It's pretty and useful, and it can smell wonderful if you want it to. The hidden talent of this little bookmark: space inside to place a scented cardboard strip. The bookmark will perfume the pages of your book or you can hang it in your handbag, as I do, to catch a whiff of scent each time you rummage in your purse for something.

MATERIALS

- 2½" x 20" rectangle of cotton lawn, such as Liberty of London, or a similar fabric
- All-purpose polyester thread for construction in a blending color
- Decorative embroidery thread in a coordinating or contrasting color
- 2" x 9" rectangle of heavy interfacing, such as Timtex
- Approximately 12" of narrow ribbon
- Perfume-infused strip of cardboard (optional)

STEPS

Step One

Bookmark Body

Fold the long piece of cotton lawn in half, right sides together, to form a long rectangle measuring 2½" x 10". Fold back a little over a half-inch from the top on each raw end. Press.



Pin in place.



Sew

With the right side of the fabric facing you, topstitch each end ½" from the fold.



STEPS

With right sides together, sew along each long side with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to create a long pouch.



Clip the corners at the folded edge.



Flip it

Turn the tube inside out and push the corners out neatly with a point turner or chopstick. Press.



STEPS

Step Two

Embroidery Stitching

Pick a decorative embroidery stitch for the sides. Thread the needle and bobbin with embroidery thread.



Add Ribbon

Cut a 6" piece of ribbon and place it inside the tube, fitting it snugly against one side seam.



Start embroidering; the ribbon will help you guide the work evenly.



STEPS

As you near the end of the bookmark, use the sewing machine's Securing function at the beginning of the last repeat.



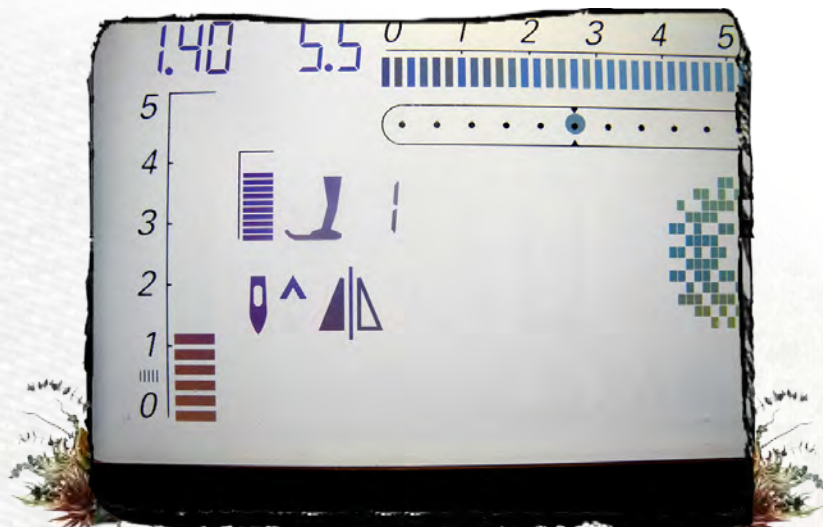
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If you wait too long to press the button, the machine will do one repeat too many, as was the case for the lower line of stitching in the photo.



Hide the ribbon

Place the remaining end of the ribbon inside the bookmark, against the side seam. Take advantage of the machine's Mirror Image function by engaging it before stitching the opposite side.



STEPS

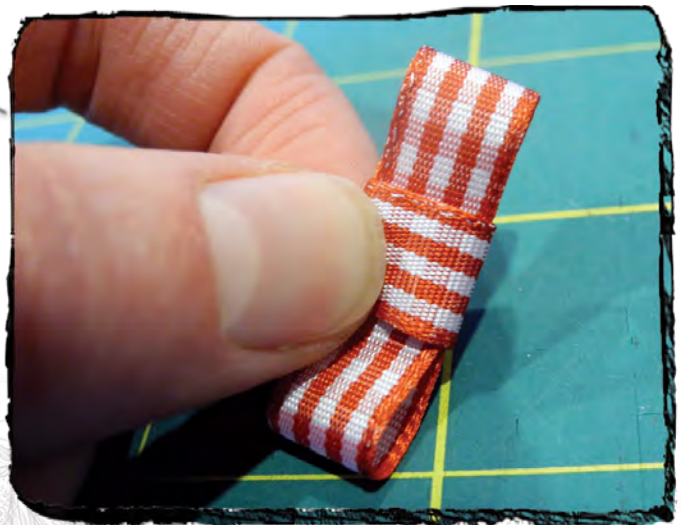
Step Three

Add a bow

Make a little bow out of a folded 3" piece of ribbon.



Wrap it with another 3" piece of ribbon.



Tack the pieces in place with the sewing machine.



STEPS

Step Four

Add the cardboard

Place the 2" x 9" strip of interfacing inside the bookmark. Flexing the edges will help with this task. Slip a strip of perfumed cardboard into the bookmark if you'd like.



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