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Fabric Bookmark

What You'll Need

- Two pieces of fabric (cotton or denim work well), approx. 6 × 18 cm each
- A piece of ribbon or cord, approx. 15 cm long
- A sewing machine or needle and thread
- Scissors and an iron
- Lightweight interfacing or another stiffening material (optional)



Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Prepare the Fabric

Cut two rectangles of fabric, approximately 6 × 18 cm each. If you're using lightweight fabric, fuse a piece of interfacing to the wrong side of one rectangle to give the bookmark a little extra structure.

2. Add the Ribbon

Place the ribbon or cord on the **right side** of one fabric rectangle. Position one end near the top edge, with the ribbon pointing towards the centre of the bookmark.

Pin it securely in place so it won't move while you're sewing.

3. Layer the Fabric

Place the second fabric rectangle on top, **right sides facing each other**. The ribbon should now be sandwiched between the two layers of fabric.

4. Sew Around the Edges

Sew around the edges, using a small seam allowance. Leave an opening of about 4 cm along the bottom edge — you'll need this opening to turn the bookmark right side out.

5. Turn the Bookmark Right Side Out

Carefully trim the corners close to the stitching, making sure not to cut through the thread. Then gently turn the bookmark right side out through the opening.

Use a blunt tool, such as a turning tool or the closed end of a pencil, to gently push out the corners if needed.

6. Finish the Bookmark

Press the bookmark flat with an iron, making sure the edges are neat and the corners are nicely shaped.

Finally, close the opening with a few small slip stitches by hand. Alternatively, you can topstitch all the way around the bookmark close to the edge — this will give it a neat, finished look and add a little extra durability.