

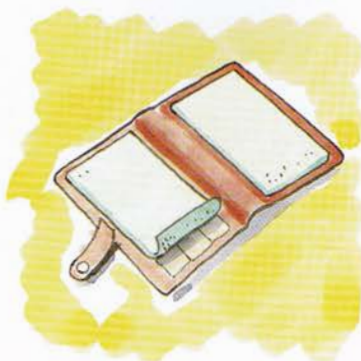
Linen Organizer

It's not difficult to give your personal organizer a new look — just cover it with fabric. Here an old black and white family photo, transferred onto white cotton, forms the centrepiece. The cover is made from natural linen with a blanket stitched border. Inside, two pretty pockets have been created to store your keepsakes.

Materials and equipment

- PERSONAL ORGANIZER
- THIN FOAM
- LINEN AND RIBBON
- SEWING THREAD, NEEDLE AND PINS
- BIAS TAPE
- 2 BUTTONS
- FABRIC PHOTO (TRANSFER PHOTO ONTO FABRIC AT A PHOTOCOPY OR PRINT SHOP)
- DOUBLE-SIDED CARPET TAPE
- SCISSORS
- IRON

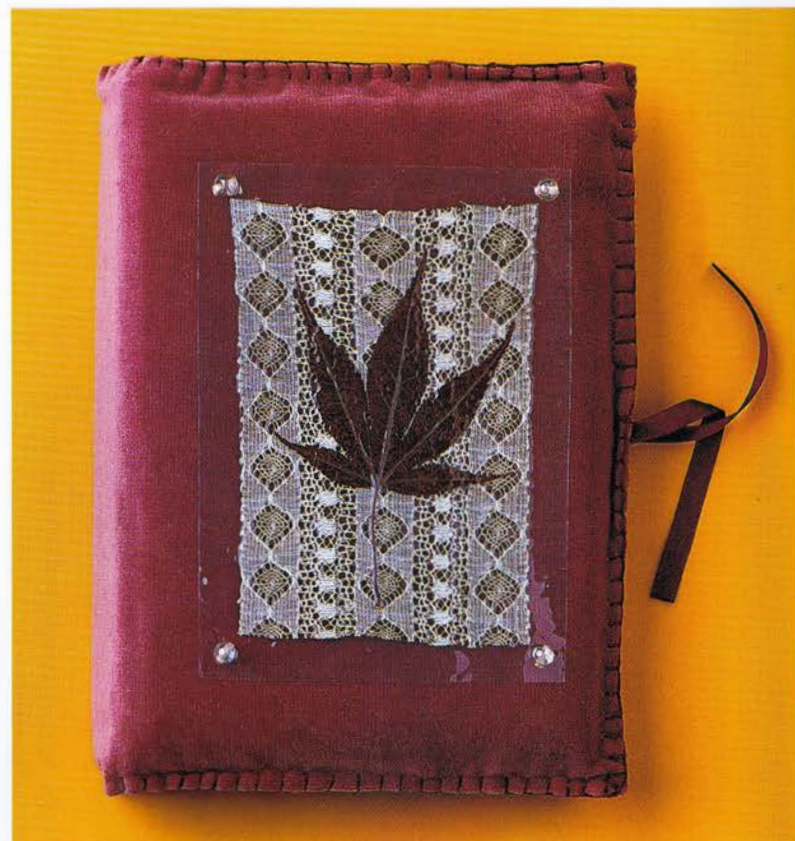
CREATE THE LOOK



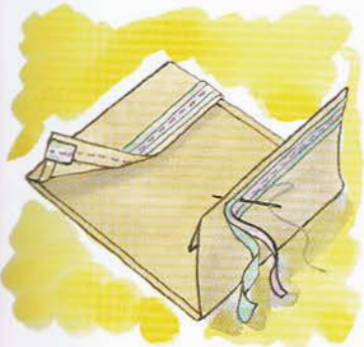
one Cut any snap fasteners off the covers. Stick two sheets of foam sized $\frac{1}{2}$ in (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cm) smaller than your personal organizer onto its front and back.

two Cut the linen $1\frac{1}{2}$ in (4 cm) wider than the organizer and long enough to wrap around the inside of the covers to create pockets.

VARIATION



BELOW You can buy different types of paper to fit personal organizers – choose them to suit the colour and style of your cover.



three Turn the two short ends back and iron flat, remembering to tuck under the edge for a hem. Turn over $\frac{3}{8}$ in (1 cm) at the top and bottom. Pin two strips of ribbon in place along the edges. Stitch in place with running stitch, securing the hem on the underside.



four Sew a piece of bias tape vertically in the middle of the linen piece, adding two buttons to make the spine. Then cut a length of tape long enough to wrap round the file and tie into a bow. Sew this to what will be the middle of the back of the outside cover.



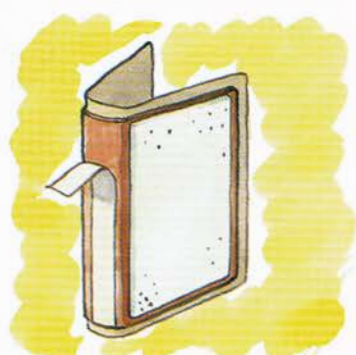
five Fray the edges of the fabric photo transfer. Stitch it into position over the ribbon as the centrepiece of the front cover.

LEFT To create a different look for your organizer, use velvet to cover it. Arrange a slip of lace and a dry leaf between laminating sheets. Position over the book cover and punch holes in each corner with a hole punch. Secure the sheets onto the velvet with glass beads large enough to obscure the holes.

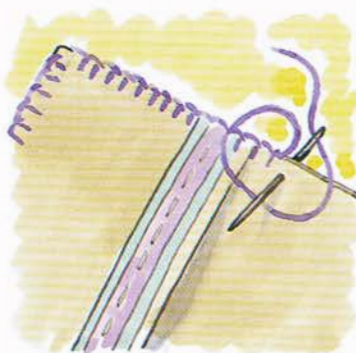




six Cut out a piece of linen large enough to line your organizer with a $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2 cm) border. Cut a slot from the centre of the fabric the same shape as the ringbinder, but slightly smaller. Iron back a $\frac{3}{8}$ in (1 cm) hem all round.



seven Iron the lining in place, stretching it over the ringbinder and sliding the edges under. Hold in place with double-sided carpet tape.



eight Iron a $\frac{3}{8}$ in (1 cm) hem all the way around the cover fabric. Place a $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2 cm) strip of double-sided carpet tape along the outside spine to secure the cover. Pin the cover in place and use blanket stitch all around the edge with the sewing thread.

LEFT Personalize your organizer with a favourite photograph or picture. Your local photocopy or print shop can transfer it for you. Stitch the cloth onto the front as decoration. Choose thread and fabric ties to complement your picture.