

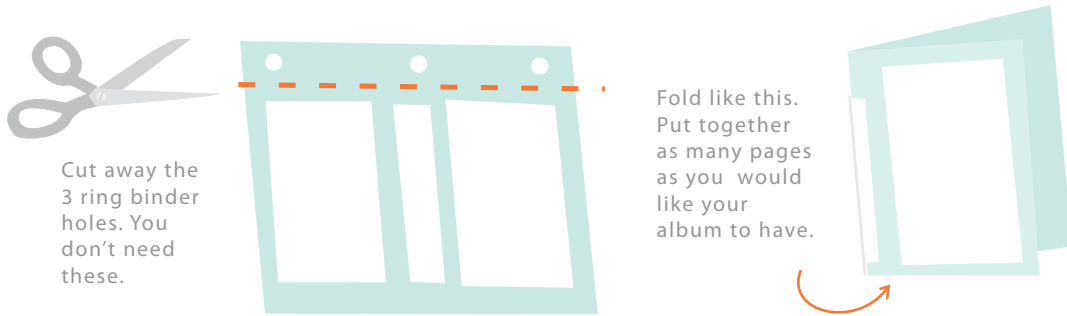


Make Your own mini PHOTO ALBUM

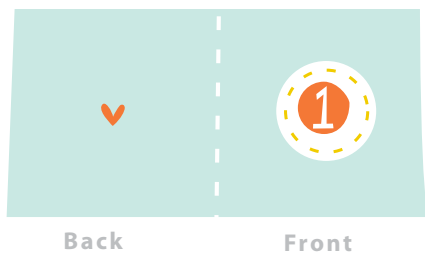


You will need: plastic photo album refill sleeves, wool felt pieces a little bigger than your photos, scissors, needle, embroidery thread and a sewing machine.

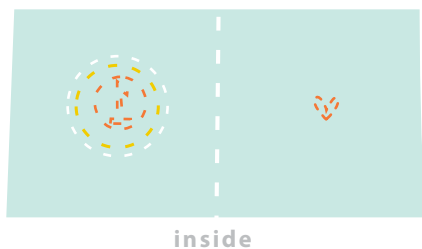
- 1 Buy some photo album inserts. You can find them at most craft stores. I used the 4"x6" photo size, but you can use any size. Cut off the holes for the ring binder and then fold the entire sheet in half. I used the middle label part as the space to sew my album together.



- 2 Now you can cut and prepare your felt cover. I prefer pure wool felt, it has such a nicer feel than polyester felt, but you can use that if you wish. I use the polyester felt for the applique pieces, since it is nice and thin. Cut out the size you would like your cover to be. Mine is 6.5"x11", just so it is a little bigger than your pages. Now you can decorate the cover however you wish. I hand embroidered and appliquéd mine.



Have fun with it! You can do anything. Write your child's name, make an animal face or let your child design the cover. Anything goes!



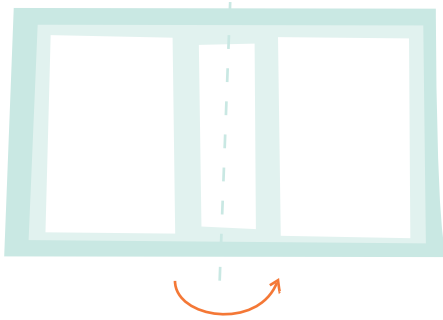
The back of your stitches will be visible on the inside of the cover. I left mine uncovered, I like the "bad" side almost as much as the good. If you don't like how it looks, you can simply top stitch some nice fabric here.



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- 3** Fold everything in half and top stitch along the left hand side of your album. Use a wide stitch setting to make sure the stitches are not too close together or the plastic sleeves might rip.



Stack all the pages together on top of the felt cover then fold the entire thing in half.

If you don't have a sewing machine you can also try to staple the pages together. Let me know how it works!



- 4** Your mini photo album is done! Now you can fill it with happy memories that you can cherish forever.

