



## “Who Loves Baby” Soft-Quilted Book Designer: Susan Weinroth

My 15 month old son – like most babies – LOVES looking at photos of himself and of the people he knows. So I came up with the idea of creating a soft book – just for him – filled with bright colors and with photos of the people who love him. You can easily create a book of your own, personalized with your favorite photos and colors, simply by following along with the directions here.



### Supply List:

Fiskars: 12-8371 7097 18x24 Cutting Mat

Fiskars: 12-9793 7097 45mm Comfort Grip Rotary Cutter

Fiskars: 12-8762 7097 6x24 Ruler

Fiskars: 98887097 Classic No 5 Microtip Scissors

Fiskars: 12-5977 7097 12-in-1 Sewing Multi Tool

Fiskars: 01-002355 A to Z stamps

Fiskars: 01-000068 Stamp Block Set

Other: various patterned fabric, white cotton fabric (to iron photo onto), straight pins, needle, sewing machine, tan thread, iron-on inkjet photo transfer paper, stamping ink, 100% cotton low-loft batting

## Instructions:

Start by selecting a variety of fabric that you'd like to work from. I chose a stack of bright colors (orange, green, blue, red) – my son's favorites!



Next select your photos and size them by cropping them in your photo editing software to 4x4. You will then need to “flip” your photo before printing it. In photoshop this can be done by “IMAGE >> ROTATE CANVAS >> FLIP CANVAS HORIZONTAL”. Photos can then be printed onto your inkjet photo transfer paper.

Directions that follow will be for One Page in Book (repeat for as many pages as desired in your book – I had five interior pages): Trim photo from paper and iron onto square of white fabric according to photo transfer paper directions.



Cut various fabrics for page and loosely piece together (do not pin yet!). White fabric with photo can be trimmed down to measure 5x5, colored fabric (green on this page in example) next to photo measures 5x5, and brown dot bottom fabric measures 10x3. Its ok if measurements are a little “off” as page will be trimmed down exact after its pieces are sewn together.

Use Fiskars A to Z stamps to stamp “Momma (or person on your page)” “Loves” “(baby’s name)” onto solid fabric that coordinates with the patterned fabric you’ve selected for that page. Trim each word out separately and arrange on colored 5x5 fabric square. Machine stitch around edges of each word.



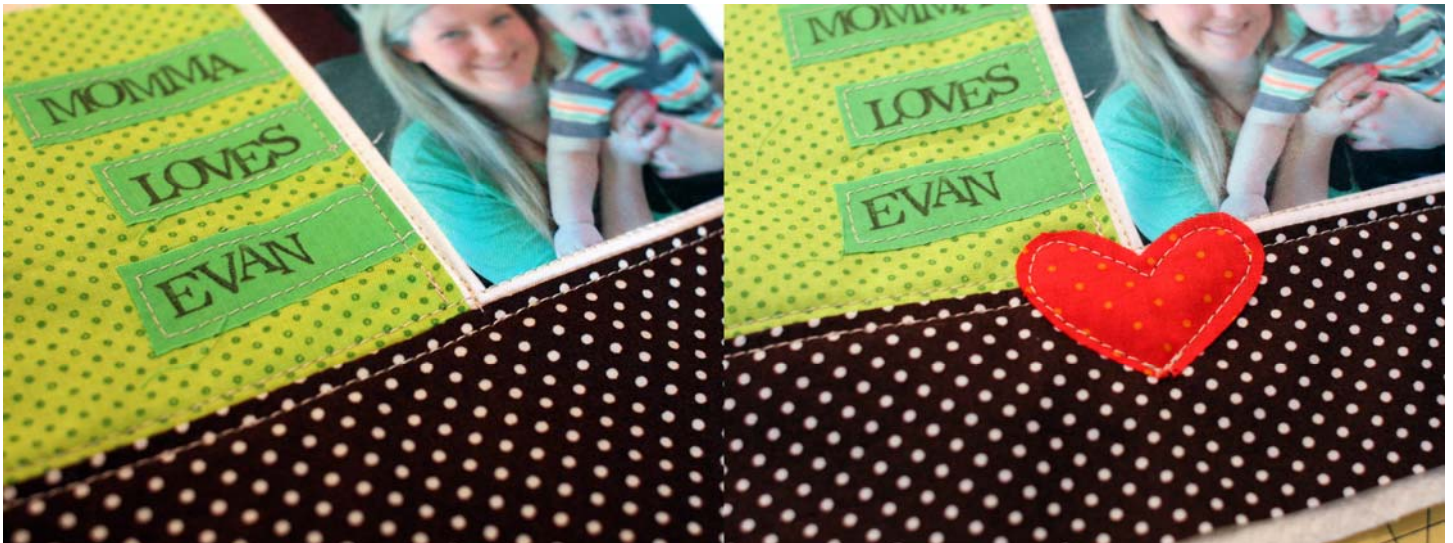
Next you are ready to pin the pieces of your page together and sew them. Start with the top 2 squares – the colored square with the stamped text and the photo square. Stitch touching edge together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam. Press seam in one direction after sewn. Then sew bottom brown polka fabric again using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam. Press seam on backside.



At this point, trim your sewn-together page base down to 7 inches tall by 9 inches wide. Cut batting for page slightly larger than page and layer underneath and pin together.



Page is now ready to be “quilted”. Top stitch right along either side of your seams. Then trim a heart from red fabric using Fiskars microtip scissors and arrange on page and machine stitch around edge of heart.



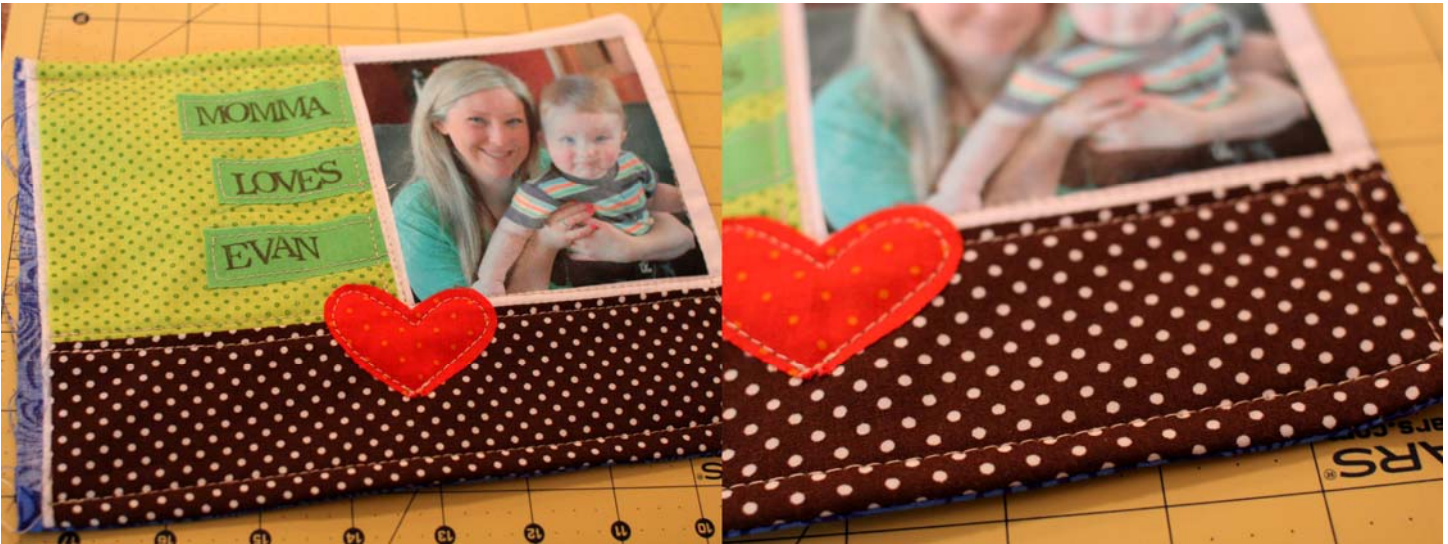
Use Fiskars rotary trimmer and ruler to cut fabric for backside of page (blue in example). It’s ok to cut it slightly larger than your pieced together and quilted front side, as I did here. Pin RIGHT sides of both together, and make sure that you can tell which side will be the left (interior) side of the page – this side will remain unsewn!



Sew around the 3 edges of the batting (which is showing on the wrong side of the front pieced together part of your page) using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam. Then trim edges of those 3 sides using scissors – this will making “flipping the page inside-out” much easier.



After flipping, topstitch around edge of page using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam. Page is now complete and ready for binding as soon as rest of pages and cover are completed as well.



Cover Directions: Trim piece of brown polka fabric to 7x9 to use as cover. Trim smaller piece of red fabric, and then trim baby's name from various colors using micro tip scissors. Stamp "who" "loves" onto solid fabric and trim each word out separately. Trim hearts from patterned fabric. Arrange on brown cover. Layer batting underneath and then topstitch in sections.



Cut backing fabric (I used brown polka for back too) and assemble in same fashion as previous page directions. Topstitch with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam same as previous page directions, also. Cover is now complete.

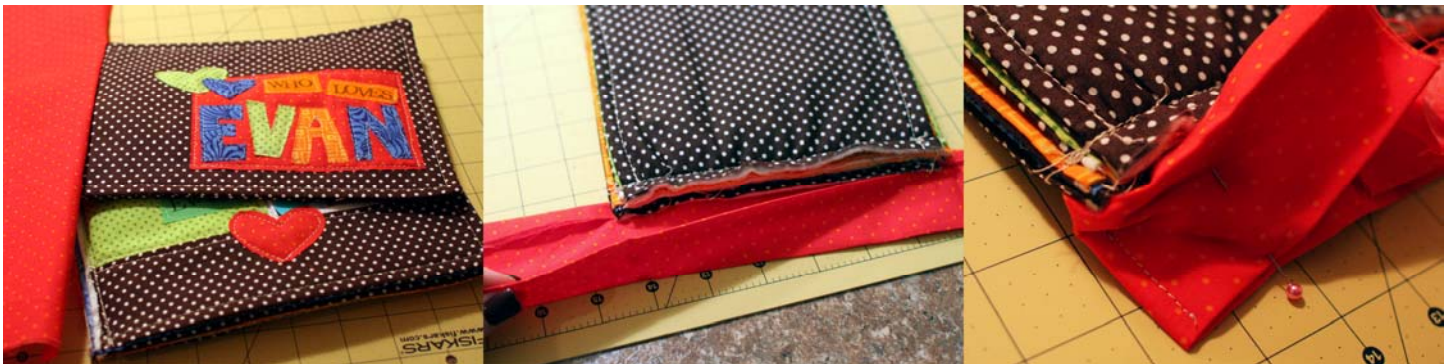
Binding Directions: Trim a strip of red fabric to 7.5 inches tall by 6 inches wide. Fold in half lengthwise and press/crease with iron. Pin open side of strip (not creased side) to rough edge of cover, then machine stitch along edge.



Set cover aside, and start to machine stitch rough edges of interior pages together. I was able to stitch the first 2 together and then build on that with a page, then another, then another (= the 5 pages of my book). If your machine can't handle this, hand stitch until all pages are stitched "bound" together. Left / Rough edges of interior pages will still be visible.



Lay cover on top of interior pages and either machine or hand stitch it to the bunch of interior pages – make stitches inside of where you previously stitched the binding strip to the cover.



Then fold red binding back and wrap around to the back cover of your book. Fold extra binding in once lengthwise, and then fold each end in and stitch a little line to secure, trim excess.



Fold binding strip onto backside of book, pin, and use a blind stitch to stitch in place. Book is complete! Give it to your baby to enjoy!!

