

DIY Cookbook

What You Will Need:

Ring binder

Sheet protectors

Divider inserts

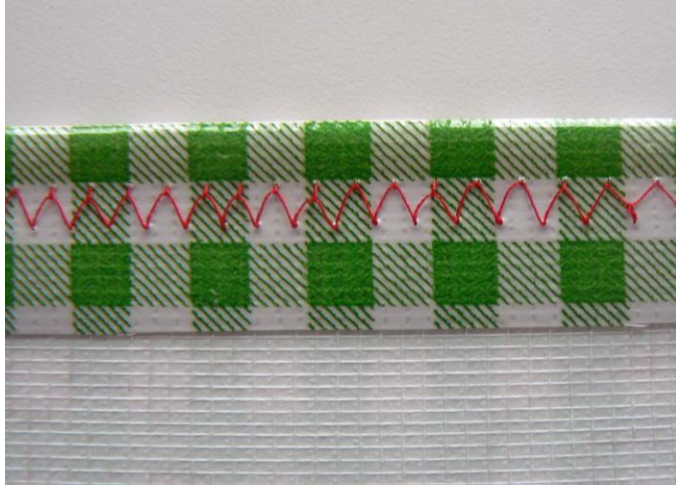
1 yard of oilcloth

Thread/sewing machine

Step 1: Trace the outline of your binder on the backside of the oilcloth. Add about 1” to the top and bottom, and about 3” to the sides.

Step 2: Pin and sew a 1” hem on the top and bottom; I used a zigzag stitch. Make sure to reverse stitch at each end. Your binder should lay on top with very little extra at the top and bottom.



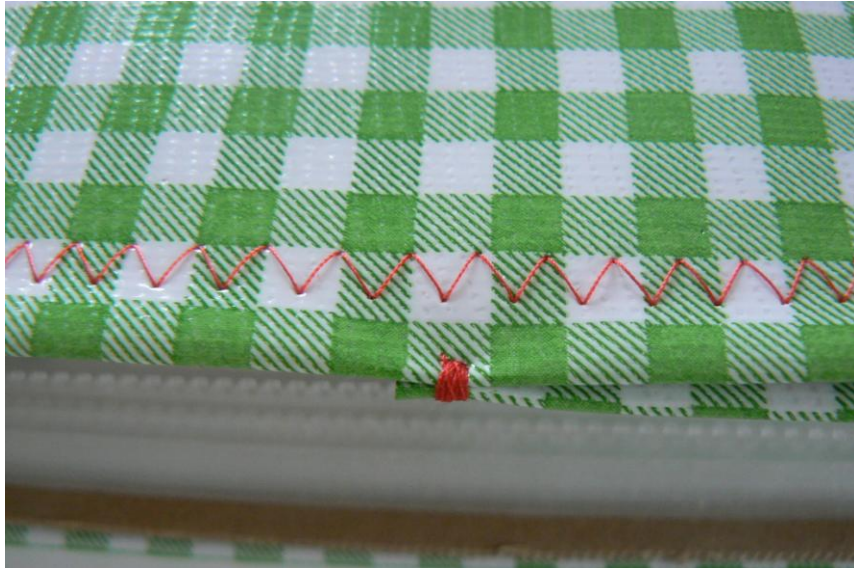


(close up of hem)

Step 3: Lay your binder on top of your cloth cover. Fold over one of the 3” side flaps and pin. Hand-sew back stitches in two places: at the end of the flap and the corner. This makes a pocket for one side of the binder to slip into.



Below is a close-up of the back-stitched flap. I didn't bother to hide the stitch—what I really wanted to do with make the stitch very strong (and I used pretty red thread).



Step 4: Slip the binder into the flap that you have already sewed up. With the binder in place, stretch the oilcloth cover taut and fold under the other side flap. Hand-sew back stitches for this flap with the folder in place—this will keep the cover taut & avoid buckling.

Step 5: Place your favorite recipes in sheet protectors and use the divider tabs to organize your recipes however you like!

