Travel Book Pillow Instructions

Materials: Fabric A (main fabric) ½ yard
Fabric B (pocket & handle) ½ yard of non-directional fabric or ¾ yard of directional fabric Thread

Cut: Fabric A: 1 front 15"x15"
2 back pieces 10 ½" wide x 15" long

Fabric B: 1 pocket piece 19" wide x 15" long (directional fabric, cut 15" wide x 19" long)
1 handle piece 11" x 4"

1. Fold pocket piece wrong sides together aligning the 15" ends. Press fold. Place the folded pocket piece on the right side of the front piece at one end. Line up raw edges. Pin, then paste in place.

2. To form the handle, fold the handle piece in half the short way, matching up the long edges with the wrong sides together. Press along the fold. Unfold, then fold each long raw edge into the center, matching them with the center crease. Press. Re-fold along the center crease, hiding the raw edges of the long sides inside. Press. Topstitch ¼" from each long edge.

3. Pin the raw edges of the strap to the front on the side opposite the pocket. Line each outside edge of the strap 4" from its corresponding edge. Stitch across each end ¼" from raw edges.

4. For the back, fold in and press one long side of each back piece to the wrong side ½", then ½" again. (If using directional fabric, fold & press the left side of one back piece and the right side of the other.) Hem by stitching ¼" from edge.

5. Place the front piece in front of you so that the pocket piece is at the bottom and the handle is at the top. Place one back piece on the right-hand side of the front with right sides together and the raw edges aligned. Place the second back piece on top of the left side of the front, right sides facing with raw edges aligned. The hemmed edges of the back pieces will overlap 3". Pin all the way around. Stitch using ½" seam allowance.
6. Clip corners and turn through opening.

Pillow forms will be provided at church, but you are welcome to add a book if you wish.