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BEAUTIFUL
GIFTS THAT SEND
LOVE AND JOY TO
THE WORLD'S
CHILDREN



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

QUALITY CRAFT IDEAS

FABRIC COVERED NOTEBOOKS

YOU WILL NEED

1. A Notebook or an Exercise book

We used an exercise book with a paper cover and a ring bound notebook with a plastic cover.

2. Fabric or felt

3. Trimmings

4. PVA Glue or Fabric glue



EXERCISE BOOK

1. For the exercise book cut a piece of fabric around 2cm larger than the notebook when it is opened.
2. Carefully iron the fabric, this will make it easier to smooth onto your notebook.
3. Using the side of an old credit card (or something similar) smooth the glue over one side of your exercise book and leave to dry.
4. Once the cover has dried, wrap the fabric around the exercise book to the other side and repeat the gluing process.
5. Open up the exercise book and fold the fabric up along the long edge, it should be possible to ease the fabric under the spine of the notebook.
6. Glue this edge to the notebook and repeat along the other long edge.
7. Pleat the fabric at the corner of the book and glue down, as shown.
8. Once the glue is dry you can either cut a piece of paper to line the inside of the notebook, or simply glue the first page of the exercise book onto the cover to hide the raw fabric edges.
9. Finally, add trimmings and decorations to the book.



EXERCISE BOOK



SPIRAL BOUND NOTEBOOK

1. We chose a felt fabric to prevent fraying.
2. Take a piece of felt slightly larger than once side of the notebook, leave the spiral exposed and glue it on to the cover.
3. Trim around the edge of your cover to remove any overhang, and make sure all of the edges are securely glued.

Note: Felt needs more glue than other fabric and takes longer to set on a plastic cover.

4. Take a second piece of felt and measure so that it is the length of the back of the notebook and will go around the spiral binding with enough to stick onto the front piece of felt.
5. Glue onto the back of the fabric.
6. When the glue is dry wrap the felt around and glue to the front of the notebook, covering the spiral binding. Trim any excess from the back piece of felt.
7. Finally add trimmings and decorations to the cover of your notebook.



NOTEBOOK



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a child this Christmas**



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