

Brag Book

Materials Needed:

- 1 photo holder (purchased)
- 4 pieces of cardboard (2 heavy gauge, 2 thinner stock)
- Fabric roughly TWICE the size of the photo holder when spread open
- 8 inches grosgrain ribbon, cut in two pieces
- 1 snap (you could also sew a button on the front and glue ribbon on the back for a clasp)
- fabric glue



Take a cheap plastic photo holder (I got the one you see behind the yellow covered book for about \$2.00 at the store). Cut two pieces of cardboard the same size as the outside covers. In this case, the holder is 4 x 6". I used a fairly substantial gift box from Brooks Brothers I found in the closet.

Now cut two pieces of thinner cardboard (think shirt cardboard) 1/4" smaller on each side than the covers. For a 4 x 6" holder, that would be 3 1/2 x 5 1/2".

Cut the fabric the size of the holder PLUS two (2) inches wide. Glue the larger/heavier cardboard pieces on the outside of the holder. Measure the midpoint of what will be the FRONT of the fabric and apply upper snap (or button). Glue the fabric on the outside of the cardboard covered holder, positioning snap centered on the front flap, about 1/2 inch from edge. Making sure to have about one inch overlap of fabric on the inside flaps. Trim excess fabric even with binding at center top and bottom of holder.

Put snap bottom on end of other ribbon, if using a snap. Measure the midpoint of the back of the inside cover and apply the ribbon at the proper length to securely fasten with snap top.

Take the thinner weight cardboard pieces and cover each piece with remaining fabric, using glue to adhere. (Folder corners in a miter to get a clean edge)

Apply glue to back side of cardboard and carefully place on inside flaps of holder, making sure to cover raw edges from the outside fabric. Apply pressure for a few moments to securely position.

Let dry overnight, preferably with heavy book on top to weigh it down.

You're done!