

DIY Binders for DLP 2016

Introduction

Hi!

Thanks for your interest in this project. It came about because I was one of those who didn't get the DLP Kit. I had most of the items on the supply list (or else something similar), or the materials to make them, except for the binders. So, off to the craft store I went and purchased two binders. Once I started trying to fill them with the necessary items, I quickly discovered that the rings were way too small to hold even 4 months' worth of calendar pages and weekly views, let alone 6 months! Forget all the extras!



Not able to afford more binders (have you seen the prices?), I had to come up with a solution for this quandary. That solution follows. Please read these directions carefully before starting. I hope this helps!

Materials

- 2 vinyl place mats from your local dollar store (mine are from the Dollar Tree) approx. 17"x 11"
- 2 binder rings 1" – 1 ½" diameter
- 2 small pieces of necklace chain – 3"-4" long (Chain should be thin, but strong.)
- 2 small, vintage clips (bulldog clips or the like)
- 4 jump rings sized to fit your clips
- 2 charms



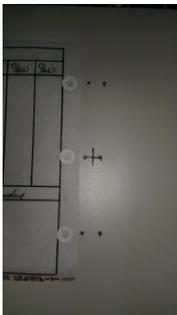
Tools

- 1/8" punch and hammer
or drill with 1/8" drill bit
- A piece of scrap wood to protect your work surface
- A marker
- A ruler
- Jewelry pliers, or needle nose pliers
- A bone folder or other scoring tool



Construction

1. Lay out mat wrong side up, landscape fashion (with the long edge stretching from right to left in front of you), and measure to find the exact center. Mark.



2. Measure and mark 1/2" on the right side and on the left side of the center mark.
3. Use a piece of paper punched to fit a 6"x9" binder to locate the positions of the top and bottom holes and line them up with the center marks.
4. Make sure you have your place mats oriented in the direction you want, before you mark the spot on what will be the back cover for your closure. Once you have it set, find the center of the right edge (back cover), and measure in about a 1/4" and mark.



5. Place the scrap wood on your surface and put your mat on top. To save time, put your mats for both binders together and lay them on the wood.
6. Drill or punch all seven holes through both covers.
7. Now take your binder rings and insert them through the holes in the spine, going from the inside. Close the ring and turn it around until the hinge of the ring is on the outside of the spine. Do this for all three rings in each binder.



8. Attach the one charm to one end of a piece of chain with a jump ring.



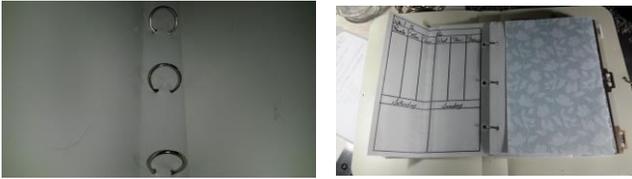
9. Thread chain through hole at edge of back cover and attach the clip to the free end of the chain. The charm should hang down from the back cover of the book. Now, attach the clip to the other end of the chain.



10. Now, turn the book over (right side up) and lay the ruler down about ¼" from the ring holes and using your bone folder, score a line down one side of the spine. Now score a line in the same manner on the other side of the spine. Repeat for the other binder.



11. Gently fold along scored lines to create the spine of the books.



12. Now fill with all your DLP goodies and use the clip to hold it closed.



Conclusion

If you should decide to make a binder like this, I hope that you will post pictures of it. I'd love to see what you do with it!

And please contact me if you have any questions.

Enjoy!