

Fall Wall Calendar

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When the seasons change I always get in the mood to organize my life. It feels like a new beginning to clean out my closets, get into a steady workout routine and actually meal prep for the week. But let's be honest; most of those things won't happen. But with this new DIY, you can be one step closer to getting your life in order. With dry-erase dates, velcroed months and a cork board backing, this calendar will be the ultimate organization station in your home or craft room.

Skill Level: Confident Beginner/Intermediate
Sewing/Embroidery Time: 3-4 Hours

Janome Supplies Required:

- Janome Skyline S9

Supplies + Fabric Required:

- 1 yd Kona Cotton (Khaki)
- 1 yd pellon 808 fusible interfacing (or of similar weight)
- 2 pkgs of $\frac{1}{4}$ " double fold bias tape, twill tape, rick rack or fabric to make your own (8 yds total)
- 1/4 yd Clear Vinyl
- 2 pks Board Dudes Cork Tile (or similar cork board tiles)
- 1/2 yard each of two coordinating prints
- Wood/Fabric Glue and/or stapler

Designer Note:

This project has a lot of room for customization, and feel free to use supplies on hand, or other pieces available to you.

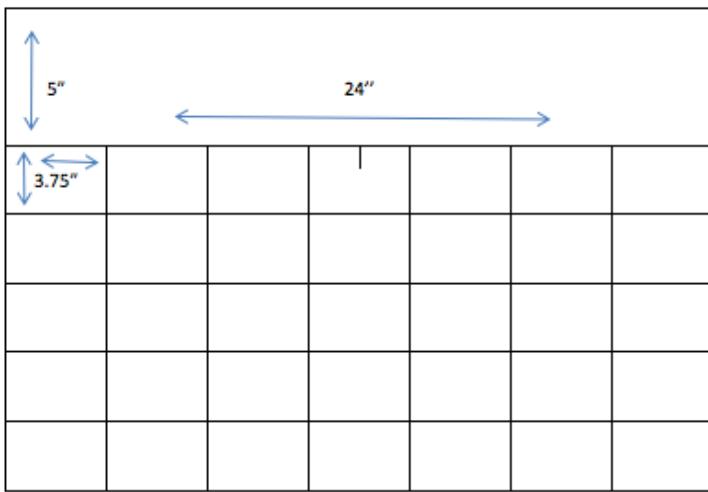
Sewing Instructions:

Take one pack of your Cork Tiles, pack of 4 and glue them together in one large square (24" x 24") Cut your cotton larger than the square, 30" x 30". Iron on fusible interfacing to the back of your cotton piece.



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With an erasable or washable marking tool, measure out and mark where your lines and embroidery will go.



First, mark the outline of the cork squares on your cotton piece (both front and back), using the diagram below, mark your background on the right side of your cotton. Each 'day' square is 3.75" x 3.75".

Sew your bias tape onto each marked line using a zig zag stitch. Leave 1" tail ends on each line.



Cut your clear vinyl pieces into squares. 35 squares, each 1.75" x 1.75".

Sew vinyl squares to corners of 'days', with a straight stitch.



On the top of your calendar grid, mark centers of each top row box to embroider days of the week. You can easily embroider two letters at a time, but keep in mind your spacing each time you start a new section. Using the plastic grid that comes with your frame is the perfect tool.



Once your embroidery is complete, you can now attach to your cork board! Following the outline on the back of your cotton, fold down excess edges of cotton and glue or staple edges down.

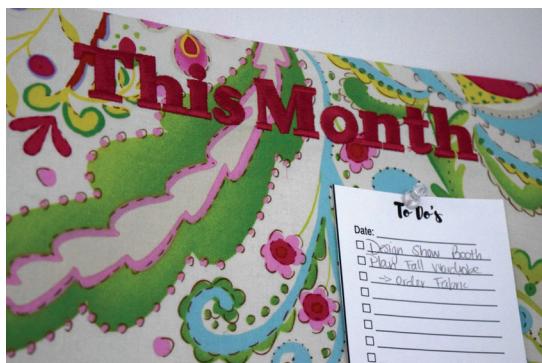
Fold fabric like wrapping a present, with corners tucked in. Glue or staple tail ends of bias tape down.

For each month, embroider word and finish edges on inside. On the backside of each month, add Velcro the same distance away - and attach the other piece of Velcro to top of calendar.

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{To hang calendar, I recommend using command strips or similar hanging strips, as the included glue squares that came with the cork boards may not be strong enough.}



For side boards, cut fabric larger than one 12" square and mark outline of cork board. Embroider top of fabric and attach fabric to cork boards with glue or staples.

You're finished!