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# IN THE LAB

I love experimenting with patterns. It's so satisfying to inject your own creative flair into a project by making only a few simple changes! This notebook cover is a great example: try changing the fabric, or adapting the size to suit your own notebook (see page 4). Our easy scarf design is a great opportunity to experiment with colour by choosing from the 80 shades of Truly Scrumptious yarn available, or add a few more stripes if you have leftover yarn. You can also customise the look of the cute Test Tubes by adding extra rows of colour or coloured eyes. In the Scheepjes lab, the possibilities are endless!

Scheepjes Creative Director



# TOP SECRET NOTEBOOK COVER

by Liz Darradiougi

#### Measurements

Approx. 45cm width (open), 22cm width (closed), 32cm height

The notebook shown has a hard cover measuring 43cm wide (open) x 30cm high; this design is made to fit these dimensions but is adaptable (see link given on page 4)

#### Abbreviations

RS right side(s) st(s) stitch(es) tog together WS wrong side(s)

#### **Pattern Notes**

Notebook Cover is made up of an Outer Section and Inner Section. The Outer Section comprises a Front/Back Cover, Stripe Spine and Label Frame. Stripe Spine section is optional: if preferred, replace fabric for this section with a single piece of yellow fabric to measure 12 x 40cm. Inner Section comprises two Pockets and Lining. Outer Section is first pieced, then it is joined to elements of Inner Section. Topstitching is added to finish.

Use ¼ in seam allowance when joining all pieces (unless otherwise indicated); all seam allowances are included in measurements given for fabric pieces. Place all topstitching ¼ in in from edge indicated. Use st length 2 for piecing, st length 3 for all topstitching.

#### Instructions

# **PREPARE FABRIC**

**Step 1** Cut out pieces of black and yellow fabric, plus interfacing, for all sections of Notebook Cover as follows:

Outer Section: 1 piece interfacing 45 x 36cm, 2 pieces black fabric 25 x 44cm. Stripe Spine: 8 pieces 4 x 55cm, 4 in each of



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# TOP SECRET NOTEBOOK COVER

Tissu de Marie Cotton Fabric

(100% Cotton) 150 x 100cm black (item no. 96244-36) 60 x 60cm yellow (item no. 96244-33)

75 x 40cm lightweight Vlieseline fusible interlining (item no. 229220-90) 6 x 10cm piece clear vinyl 1 spool black Amman Silk-Finish cotton sewing thread (item no. A9105-4000) 5cm x 20mm yellow knit elastic (item no. 97812-645) Size 80 sewing machine needle (item no. 130-705-05-080) A4 size notebook, see Measurements Rotary cutter, cutting mat + quilter's ruler Sewing machine + supplies



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**NOTES** Use this space to write your pattern notes!

# CUSTOMISE THE SIZE

The Top Secret Notebook is made for an A4-size notebook, but it is **easy to adapt** for any other size - plus, an A4 notebook cover can vary in dimension by 1-3cm. For a **perfect, snug fit**, visit Simy's Studio blog for a short explanation of how to recalculate the **fabric measurements** given in Step 1. *bit.ly/top-secret-notebook* 

Made a Pretty Little Thing from one of our issues? We'd love to see it! Share on social media using #ScheepjesPrettyLittleThings black and yellow fabric.

Label Frame: 2 pieces interfacing 6 x 10cm, 2 pieces yellow fabric 8 x 12cm. Pockets (to make 2 total): 2 pieces interfacing 8 x 36cm, 4 pieces black fabric 10 x 38cm. Lining: 1 piece black fabric 47 x 38cm. **Step 2** Iron interlining centrally to WS of two black Pocket pieces and to both yellow Label Frame pieces.

# **OUTER SECTION**

Refer to Schematics 1-3 throughout this section. Label Frame

**Step 3** Place Label Frame pieces RS tog. Set st length 2 and sew around all four sides. Snip triangles from each corner close to stitching. **Step 4** Draw a 4 x 8cm rectangle centrally on one side to form window for label, draw diagonal lines between corners to form cross, then cut along lines through both layers. Fold top layer of each triangle outwards along rectangle lines and press. Turn Label Frame over and fold triangles outwards in same way, check folded edges align on both sides, then press, Trim triangle points in line with interlining edges, turn Label Frame RS out, poke out corners and press well. Step 5 Using st length 3, topstitch around all sides of window and along one long side of outer edges of Label Frame (forms top edge).

#### Stripe Spine (optional)

If skipping this section (see Pattern Notes), replace Steps 6-9 with a single piece of yellow fabric to measure 12 x 40cm. Press seams open after sewing each seam throughout section. Return to st length 2.

**Step 6** Place Stripes RS tog in pairs: 1 x black, 1 x yellow. Sew one long side of each pair, then continue joining pairs of blocks in same way to create an 8-stripe rectangular block to measure approx. 23 x 55cm.

Refer to Schematic 2: Stripe Spine Assembly for Steps 7-9.

**Step 7** Place block on cutting mat with stripes positioned horizontally and yellow at bottom. Mark point 36cm in from bottom left corner, draw a line to top edge at a 60-degree angle to this point, to finish approx. 36cm in from top right corner. Cut block into two pieces along this line.

**Step 8** Flip left-hand piece over then place on top of right-hand piece, overlapping by 20cm at top edge and with RS tog. Sew pieces tog where they overlap at top edge.

**Step 9** Fold out piece so RS is facing, then cut a 12 x 40cm piece from centre of this piece.

#### Assembly

**Step 10** Mark centre point of one long side of Front Cover piece and Stripe Spine. Place pieces RS tog, aligning centre points and sew tog down this long side. Press, open out and topstitch vertically down Front Cover panel to hold seam in place. Repeat for Back Cover, joining to other long side of Stripe Spine. Trim piece to same dimensions as Lining. Iron interlining centrally to WS of Outer Section.

Step 11 With Outer Section RS facing, position

top of Label Frame 6cm below top of Front Cover panel. Allowing 1.5cm for right-hand seam, position halfway between this point and Stripe Spine. Topstitch in place down remaining short and long sides, leaving top open to insert label. **Step 12** Fold elastic in half. Position halfway down right-hand side of Front Cover, with fold facing centre and cut edges aligned. Baste in place.

#### **INNER SECTION**

#### **Pockets**

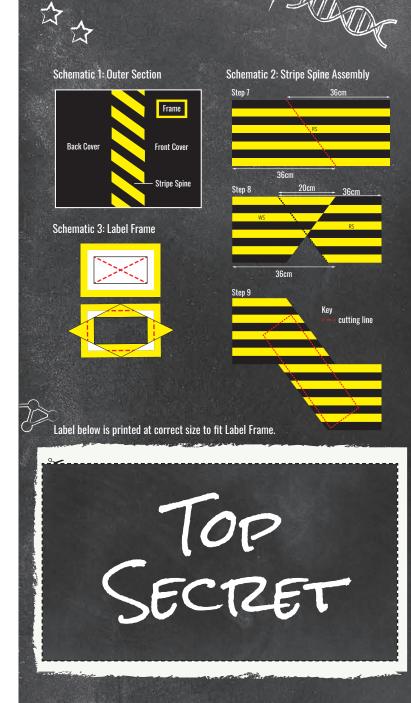
**Step 13** Pair each interfaced piece with a remaining fabric piece. Place RS tog and sew down one long edge. Open out, fold with WS tog and press. With Outer Section RS facing up, align vertical sides with long cut edges of Pockets (interfaced pieces facing down) and baste.

#### Assembly

**Step 14** Place Outer Section and Lining RS tog. Pin and sew all around, using 1cm seam, leaving an 8cm turning gap between Pocket edge and Stripe Spine. Snip triangles from corners, turn through, poke out corners and press. Test notebook for fit. Use ladder st or topstitch to close gap. Continue to topstitch all around if desired.

## **TO FINISH**

Trim vinyl to fit and slot into Label Frame. Use the Top Secret label cut-out (right) and slot inside!



# Yellow alert

Choose from 80 shades for the garter stitch stripes

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#### **Gauge/Tension**

14 sts and 21 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over garter st using 5.5mm needles (unblocked)

Measurements 24 x 198cm (unblocked)

#### Abbreviations

[ ] number of sts on a given row **k** knit

k2tog knit 2 stitches together to decrease by 1 st: insert needle knitwise into first 2 sts and knit them together (right leaning decrease)
kfb knit front and back to inc by 1 st: insert needle knitwise into next st; knit as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and knit through back loop of same st
rep repeat
RS right side
ssk slip slip knit to decrease by 1 st: slip 1 st knitwise, slip next st knitwise, insert left needle into front of 2 slipped sts and k them together (left leaning decrease)

**st(s)** stitch(es)

WS wrong side

#### **Pattern Notes**

Scarf has 406 rows and is worked flat in garter st. To change colour, either break previous and join new at each change, or strand previous colour up side of work to join in when next needed.

#### Instructions

#### **INCREASE SECTION**

Using Yarn A, cast on 2 sts. **Row 1 (RS)** Kfb in each st. [4 sts] **Row 2 (WS)** Knit. **Row 3** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. [6 sts] **Row 4** Knit. Using Yarn B, rep Rows 3-4 once. [8 sts] *Rep Rows 3-4 once in Yarn B between each following stripe.* Using Yarn C, rep Rows 3-4, 6 times. [20 sts] Using Yarn A, rep Rows 3-4, 8 times. [38 sts]

Using Yarn D, rep Rows 3-4, 4 times. [48 sts]

#### STRAIGHT SECTION

Continue using Yarn D. **Row 1 (RS)** K1, kfb, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. [48 sts] Row 2 (WS) Knit. Rep Rows 1-2 once more. Using Yarn B, rep Rows 1-2 once. Rep Rows 1-2 once in Yarn B between each following stripe. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times. Using Yarn E, rep Rows 1-2, 6 times. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times. Using Yarn F, rep Rows 1-2, 6 times. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times. Using Yarn G. rep Rows 1-2, 6 times. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times.

Using Yarn G, rep Rows 1-2, 6 times. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times. Using Yarn F, rep Rows 1-2, 6 times. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 6 times. Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times. Using Yarn D, rep Rows 1-2 twice.

# **DECREASE SECTION**

Continue using Yarn D. **Row 1 (RS)** K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. [46 sts] **Row 2 (WS)** Knit. Rep Rows 1-2 once more. [44 sts] Using Yarn B, rep Rows 1-2 once. [42 sts] *Rep Rows 1-2 once in Yarn B between each following stripe.* Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2, 8 times. [26 sts] Using Yarn C, rep Rows 1-2, 6 times. [12 sts] Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1-2 twice. [6 sts] Continue using Yarn A. **Next row (RS)** Ssk, k2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Next row (WS) Knit.

Cast off.

#### **TO FINISH**

Weave in all ends and block if desired.



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# **RAINBOW SCIENCE SCARF**

Scheepjes Truly Scrumptious (50% Recycled Polyester, 50% Acrylic: 100g/108m) Yarn A 301 Charcoal Ice Cream x 3 balls Yarn B 341 Custard Pie x 2 balls Yarn C 350 Shamrock Shortbread x 1 ball Yarn D 342 Coconut Spirulina Cheesecake x 1 ball Yarn E 316 Grape Jelly x 1 ball Yarn F 321 Rose Barfi x 1 ball Yarn G 332 Orange Cheesecake x 1 ball 5.5mm knitting needles Blocking mat + pins (optional)



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Make these cuties for little professors



#### **Gauge/Tension**

Tension is not critical for this project, but different measurements may require different yarn amounts

#### Measurements

Test Tube: 14cm high, 3cm wide Bunsen Burner: 14cm high, 9cm wide

#### **Abbreviations (UK Terms)**

[] number of stitches on a given round **blo** back loop(s) only: insert hook under back loop(s) only ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es) dc2tog double crochet 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up loop) twice, yoh, pull through both loops dc double crochet flo front loop(s) only: insert hook under front loop(s) only rep repeat **RS** right side ss slip stitch(es) st(s) stich(es) yoh yarn over hook (.....) x times work instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

#### **Pattern Notes**

Pattern uses a combination of amigurumi method (working in a spiral without closing each round with ss) and working in the round (ending each round with ss, indicated in instructions when relevant). To change colour, work st to last 2 loops on hook, yoh with new colour and draw through previous colour to finish st.

Circular Insert is used in many of the pattern sections: when indicated, make this piece referring to the instructions below.

#### **Circular Insert**

Make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into ring, ss to first dc to join.
[6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) Ch1, 2dc in each st around, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Fasten off, weave in ends.

#### Instructions

## **BUNSEN BURNER**

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Rounds 1-4 (RS) Using Yarn A, rep Rounds 1-4 of Base section on page 10. [24 dc] Round 5 (2dc blo in next st, 3dc blo) 6 times. [30 dc blo] Rounds 6-7 Rep Rounds 6-7 of Base, ss to first dc to join. [42 dc] Cut circle of cardboard, same diameter as piece just made (forms Top Cut-out).

Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Spout

With RS facing, join Yarn A with ss to any front loop of Round 4 of Top.

Round 1 (RS) 1dc flo in each st around. [24 dc flo] Rounds 2-5 24dc.

Round 6 1dc blo in each st around. [24 dc blo] Rounds 7-11 24dc.

**Round 12** Working through front loops of Round 5 and sts of prev round at the same time, 1dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join. [24 dc] Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### **Middle Base**

Make magic ring.

Rounds 1-7 (RS) Using Yarn A, rep Rounds 1-7 of Base section on page 10. [42 dc]

**Round 8** (2dc blo in next st, 6dc blo) 6 times. [48 dc blo]

**Rounds 9-12** Rep Rounds 9-12 of Base, ss to first dc to join. [72 dc] Cut circle of cardboard, same diameter as piece just made (forms Middle Cut-out).

Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### **Mid-Section**

With RS facing, join Yarn A with ss to any front loop of Round 7 of Middle Base. Round 1 (RS) 1dc flo in each st around. [42 dc flo] Rounds 2-10 42dc

Insert safety eyes between Rounds 7-8, 5 sts apart, begin stuffing firmly as you go. **Round 11** Working through sts of previous round and last round of Top **at the same time**, 1dc in each st around, insert Top Cut-out,



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# AMIGURUMI LAB SET

Scheepjes Catona (100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m) Yarn A 074 Mercury x 1 ball Yarn B 172 Light Silver x 1 ball

Scheepjes Catona (100% Mercerised Cotton: 25g/62.5m) Yarn C 520 Lavender, 522 Primrose, 519 Freesia or 384 Powder Blue x 1 ball Yarn D 157 Root Beer x 1 ball

#### **Scheepjes Catona**

(100% Mercerised Cotton; 10g/25m) **Yarn E** 410 Rich Coral x 1 ball **Yarn F** 246 Icy Pink x 1 ball **Yarn G** 208 Yellow Gold x 1 ball

> 2.5mm crochet hook Stitch marker

Polyester stuffing (item no. 240130-10) 5mm black safety eyes (2 per piece, for Test Tubes and Bunsen Burner) (item no. 5633-05-000) 1mm-thick card Knitting mill (or knitting dolly) (item no. 624.145) Small amount of black yarn for embroidery details



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# **ADD PERSONALITY!**

Customise the Bunsen Burner or your Test Tubes by choosing coloured safety eyes! They are available with a Gmm diameter in gold, purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, pink, brown and more. Ask your local Scheepjes retailer about these products, quoting the item no. 5633-06. Other styles are also available. ss to first dc to join. [42 dc] Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Base

Using Yarn A, make magic ring. **Round 1 (RS)** 6dc into ring. [6 dc] **Round 2 (RS)** 2dc in each st around. [12 dc] **Round 3** (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc] **Round 4** (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc] **Round 5** (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [30 dc] **Round 6** (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc] **Round 7** (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 dc] **Round 8** (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 dc] **Round 8** (2dc in next st, 6dc) 6 times. [48 dc] **Round 9** (2dc in next st, 7dc) 6 times. [54 dc] **Round 10** (2dc in next st, 9dc) 6 times. [60 dc] **Round 11** (2dc in next st, 9dc) 6 times. [72 dc] **Round 12** (2dc in next st, 10dc) 6 times. [72 dc] Cut circle of cardboard, same diameter as piece just made.

**Round 13** 1dc blo in each st around. [72 dc blo] Insert cardboard cut-out and begin stuffing firmly as you go

#### Rounds 14-17 72dc.

**Round 18** Working through sts of previous round and last round of Middle Base **at the same time**, 1dc in each st around, insert Middle Cutout, ss to first dc to join. [72 dc] Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Gas Fixture

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Using Yarn A, make magic ring. **Rounds 1-2 (RS)** Rep Rounds 1-2 of Base. [12 dc] **Round 3** 12dc blo. [12 dc blo]

#### Rounds 4-10 12dc. [12 dc]

**Round 11** Working through front loops of Round 2 and sts of previous round **at the same time**, 1dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join. [12 dc] Fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for joining.

#### Gas Nozzle

Using Yarn E, make magic ring. **Round 1 (RS)** 6dc into ring. [6 dc] **Round 2 (RS)** 6dc. **Round 3** (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [9 dc] **Round 4** 9dc. **Round 5** (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [12 dc] **Rounds 6-14** Rep Rounds 3-11 of Gas Fixture. Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Flame

Using Yarn G, make magic ring. Round 1 (RS) 6dc into ring. [6 dc] Round 2 (RS) 6dc. Round 3 (2dc in next st. 1dc) 3 times. [9 dc] Round 4 9dc. Round 5 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [12 dc] Round 6 12dc. Round 7 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc] Round 8 18dc. Round 9 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc] Rounds 10-14 24dc. Begin stuffing firmly as you go. **Round 15** (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times, [18 dc] Round 16 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. [12 dc] Rounds 17-20 12dc. Round 21 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc to join. [6 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail to sew last 6 sts closed, leave remaining tail for joining.

# TEST TUBE (MAKE AS MANY AS DESIRED)

Using Yarn C, make Circular Insert, put aside. Using Yarn C, make magic ring.

**Rounds 1-4 (RS)** Rep Rounds 1-4 of Bunsen Burner Base. [24 dc]

Cont to next round, changing to Yarn B at end of desired round (use photo as a guide). Insert safety eyes at desired position within Yarn C section, 5 sts apart, and begin stuffing firmly as you go.

#### Rounds 5-29 24dc.

Round 30 Working through sts of previous round and last round of Circular Insert at the same time, 1dc in each dc around. [24 dc] Rounds 31-41 Rep Rounds 2-12 of Bunsen Burner Spout.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

# CORK STOPPER (MAKE 1 PER TEST TUBE)

Using Yarn D, make Circular Insert, cut circle of cardboard same diameter as piece just made (forms Large Cut-out), then put both aside. Using Yarn D, make magic ring. **Rounds 1-3 (RS)** Rep Rounds 1-3 of Circular Insert. [18 dc] Cut circle of cardboard, same diameter as piece just made (forms Small Cut-out). **Round 4** 1dc blo in each st around. [18 dc blo]

**Round 5** 18dc. Insert Small Cut-out and begin stuffing firmly as you go.

Round 6 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 3 times. [21 dc]

Rounds 7-8 21dc. Round 9 (2dc in next st, 6dc) 3 times. [24dc] Rounds 10-11 24dc.

Insert Large Cut-out.

**Round 12** Working through sts of previous round and last round of Circular Insert **at the same time**, 1dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join. [24 dc] Easten off and weave in ends.

# CHEEK (MAKE 2 PER PIECE MADE)

Using Yarn F, make magic ring. **Round 1 (RS)** Rep Round 1 of Circular Insert. [6 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for joining.

# ASSEMBLY

Use photo as a guide.

Using black yarn, embroider smile onto each piece. Stitch two cheeks onto each piece. Insert Cork Stoppers into top of Test Tubes. Using Yarn E and knitting mill or alternative, knit 40cm-long cord. Stitch one end of cord to centre of Gas Fixture and other end to Gas Nozzle. Stitch Gas Fixture to Base of Bunsen Burner, then Flame to centre of Spout.

# **TO FINISH**

Weave in any remaining ends.

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