Making a Portable Design Wall

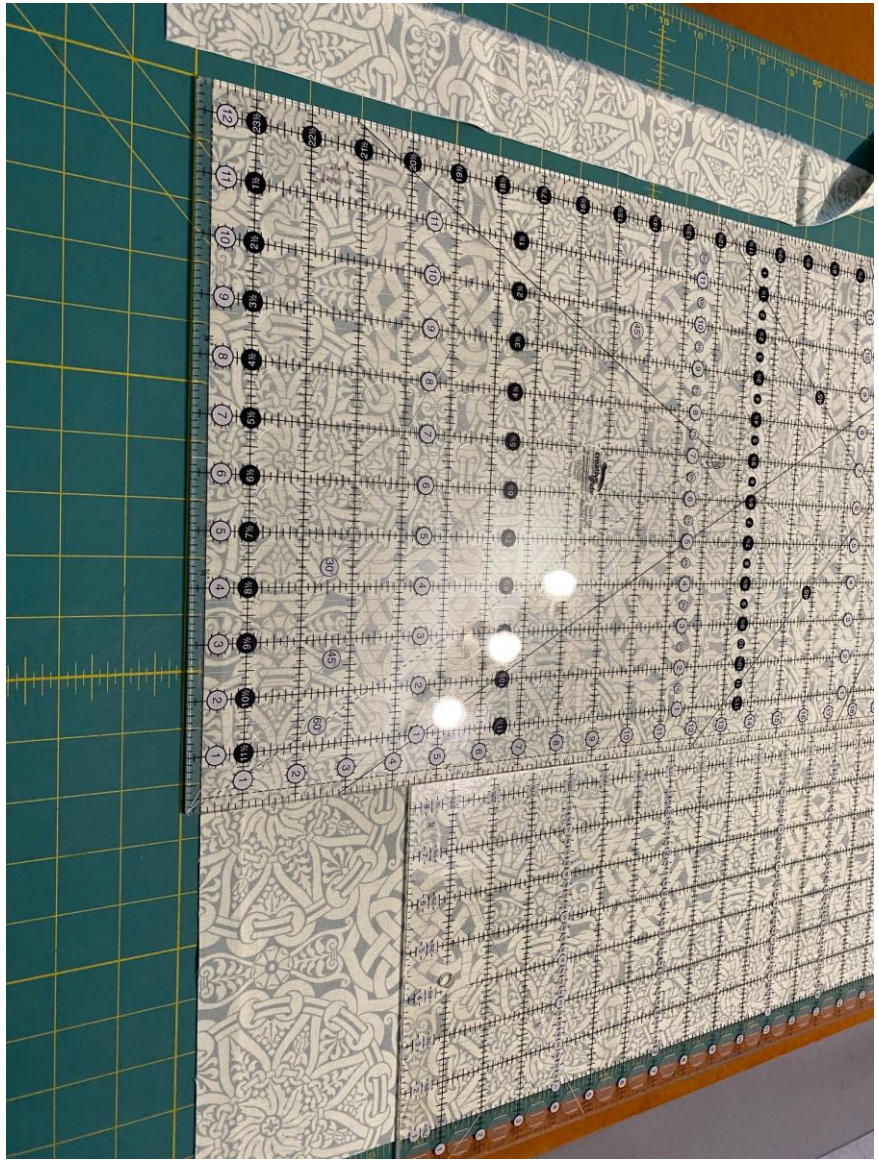
Supplies

- Cardboard tri-fold display board
- Batting @ 30” by 40”
- Fabric cut @ 30” by WOF
- Craft Glue Stick
- Steam-a-Seam ½”

  cut 2 @ 27” & 2 @ 37”
- Gel Pen – best because you need some temporary marks
- Pencil
- 4 – 6 clips

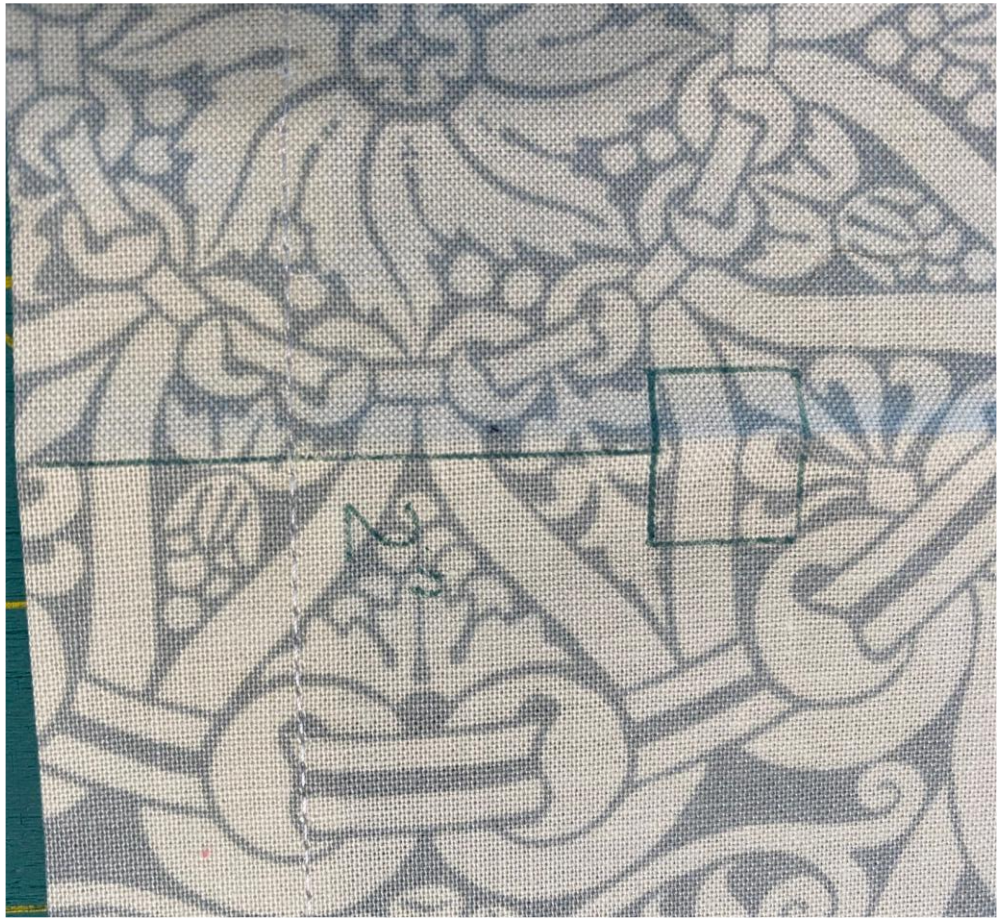
Step 1: Preparing your fabric cover

- 1. Cut off the Ties
- Trim fabric selvages and cut of 1 side @ 2” X 30”
- Make 2 ties using 15” lengths
- Fold lengthwise to middle and fold in sides to middle press
- Fold over ½” on both ends
- Sew all 4 sides close to edges



- Finishing the Edges
- Fabric Wrong Side Up (WSU)
- Put Display Board centred on top and draw around the edge
- Press in all 4 sides on the drawn line
- At corners, mark intersection with dot and draw line parallel to a side @ 2”
- Use parallel like to draw 45 degree line at corner
- Cut ½” from that line

- Fold in corner to make a mitre
- Press strongly
- Sew around all 4 sides about 1/8” from cut edge of foldover

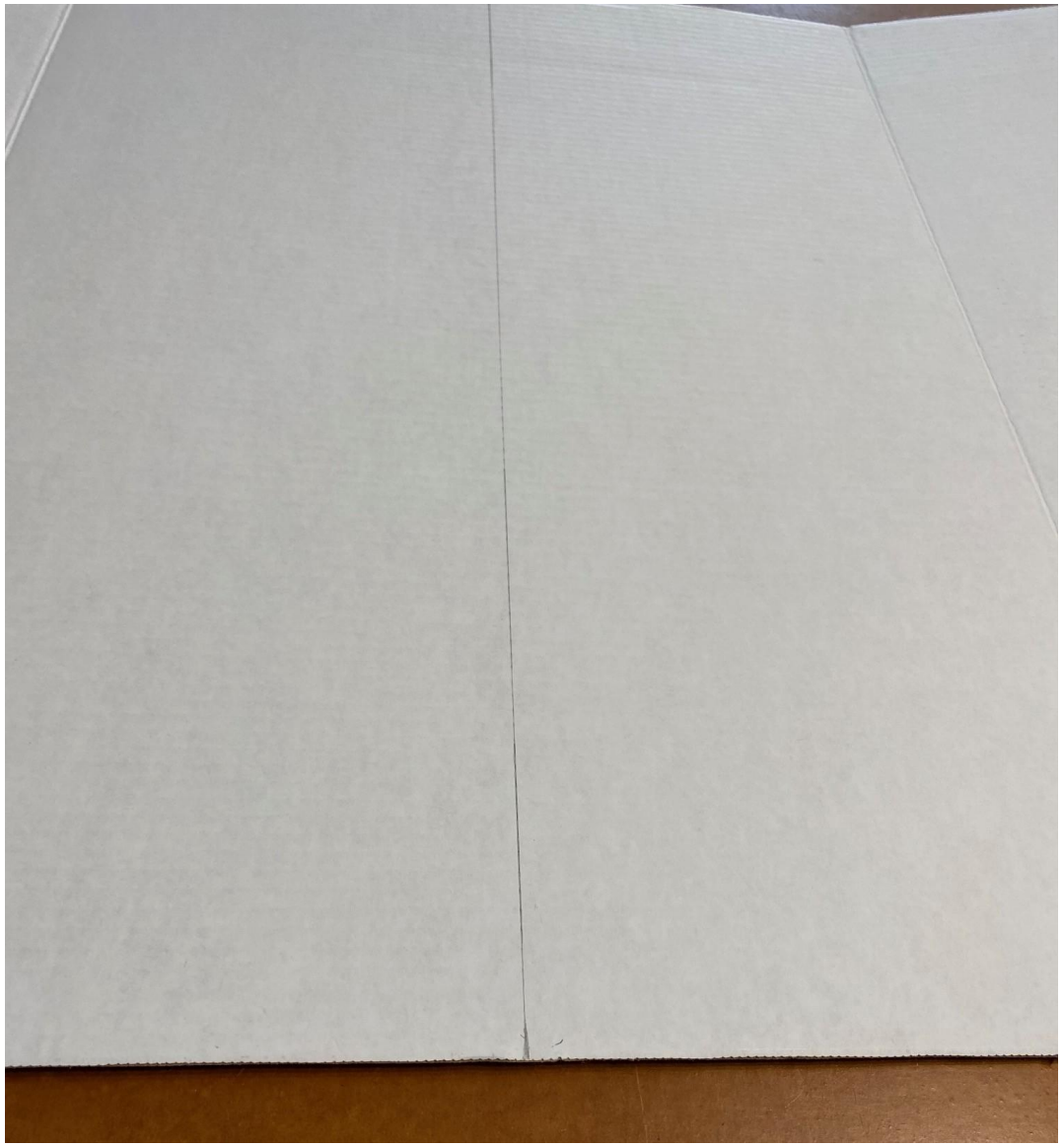


- Adding the Ties
- Mark halfway on 2 opposite vertical sides
- Draw 2” line at right angle to the side
- Draw ½” square at the end of the line

- Pin Ties in place with the end in the box
- The other end should be outside the edge of the fabric
- Pin in place
- Sew the ends with an “X” inside the “Square”

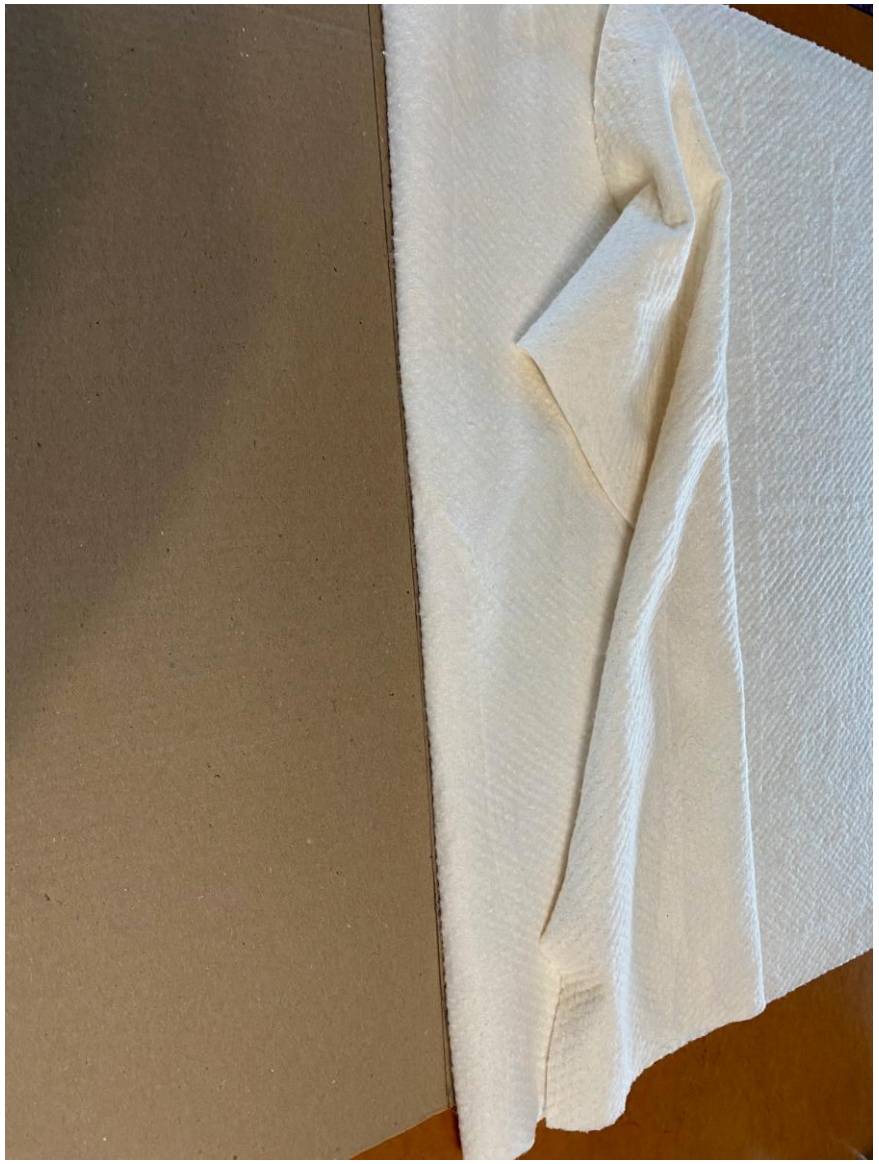
- Top is Done!
- 2 ties in place on short sides of fabric

Attaching Batting to the Display Board



- Draw a middle line on both sides of display board with a pencil
- This will be used when you are attaching the batting and the fabric cover
- Use the tri-fold edge to draw your lines

- Fold batting in half on 40” side
- It will now be 20” by 30”
- Place fold along the pencil
- Line up carefully to be even at top and bottom
- Working on ¼ of the width, add glue to display board
- Unfold batting over the glue
- Hand press in place



- Continue gluing and unfolding batting until one side is done
- Repeat with the other side

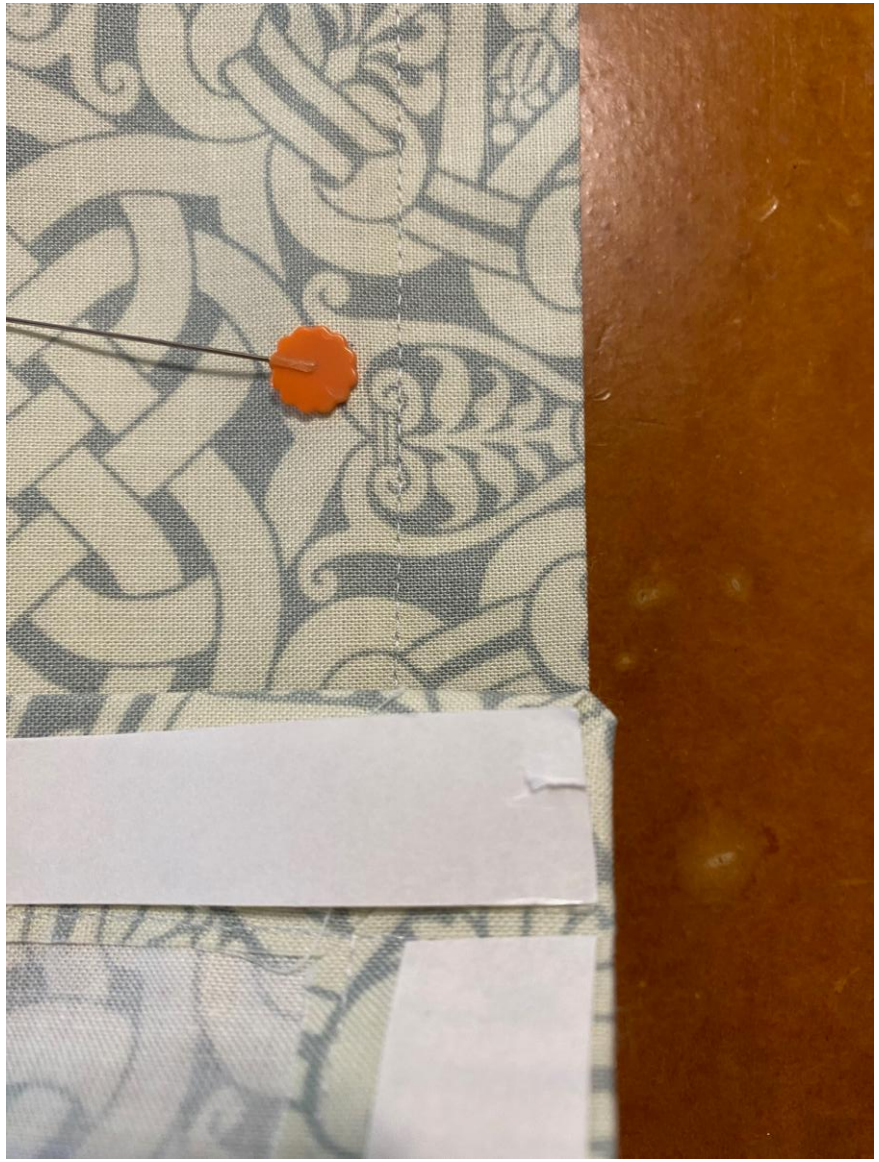
- Flip over so batting is down and display board is up
- Work on 1 side at a time
- Add about 1” of glue stick generously to the side
- Fold over the 1” edge of batting
- Firmly hand press in place
- Trim corners to reduce bulk
- No need to trim overlap

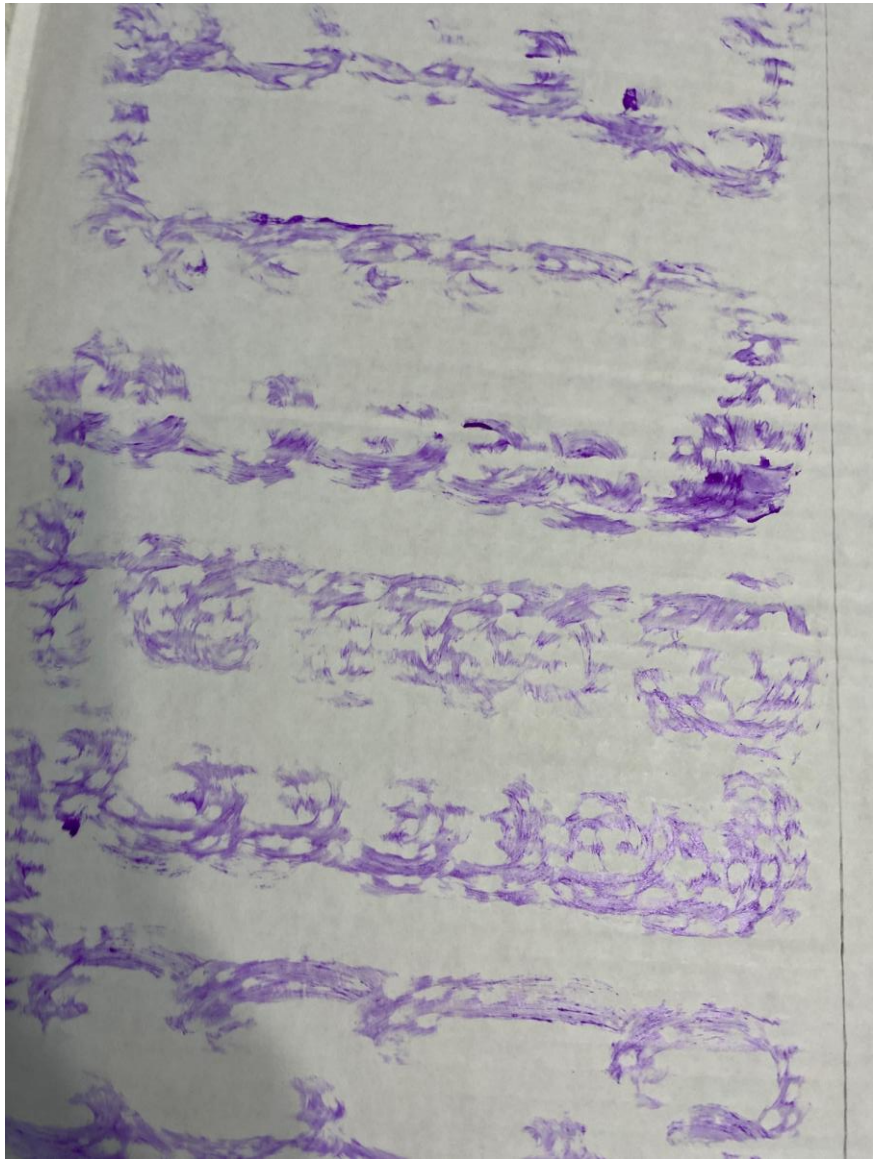
Attaching Fabric Cover

- Lay fabric on table, wrong side up
- Add fusible ½” steam-a-seam to folded over section of fabric
- Be sure to place it about 1/8” away from the folded edge
- Do not remove the paper backing

- Lay the prepared fabric, right side up on top of the outside of the display board
- Centre the fabric – it may be slightly inside the end of the batting
- Keep everything aligned by adding couple of clips on the long side and near 1 shorter edge

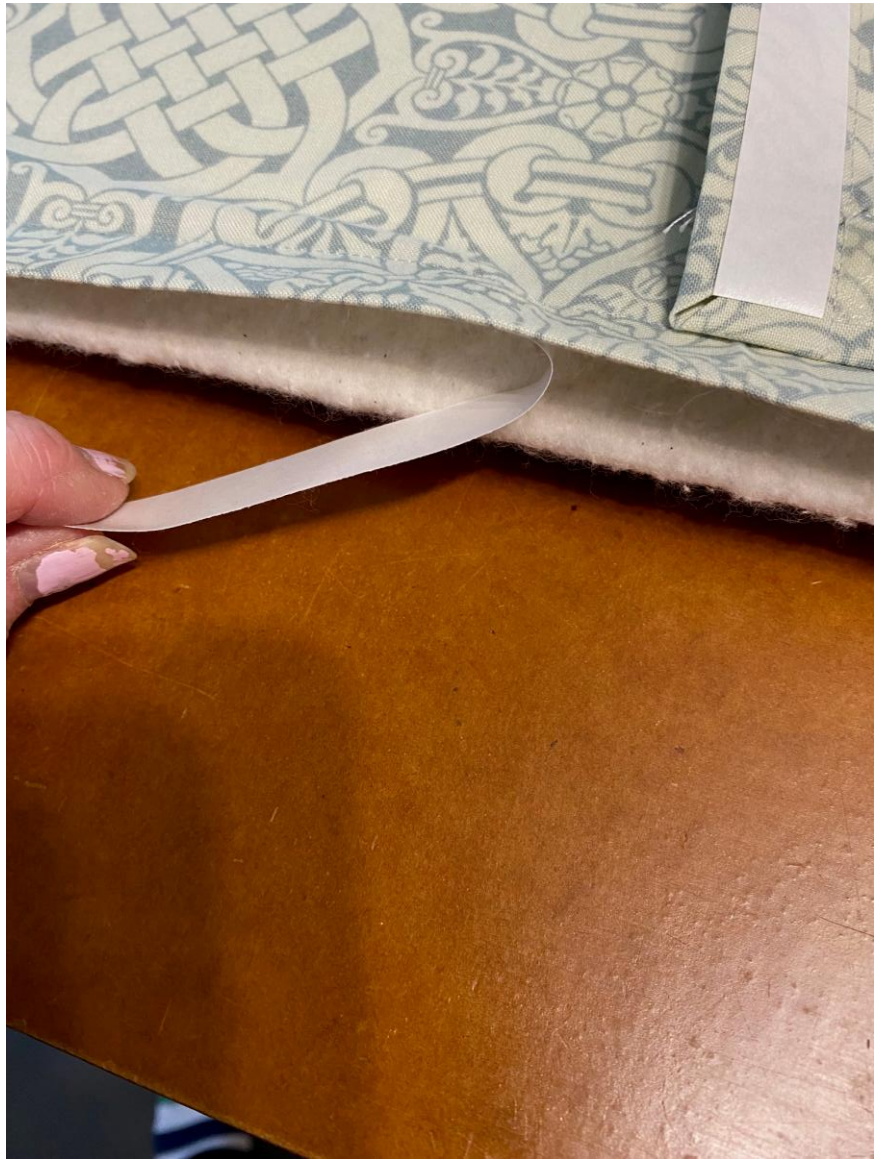
- Fold back that shorter side and remove the paper backing
- Using a straight pin to score the paper helps
- Hand press in place, being careful not to move the fabric out of alignment – it needs to stay lined up with the display board
- Use a hot iron to press just that 1 side and then add 4 clips to be sure along that side





- Now fold the fabric back over that secured edge
- Use the glue stick to secure the fabric to the display board
- Working on ¼ at a time, continue until about ¾ across with glue and hand pressing

- Add glue to the final ¼ of the display board
- Carefully remove the paper backing on the top and bottom edges but not on the last side
- Fold the last ¼ of fabric over the glued board and hand press both the middle and the top and bottom edges



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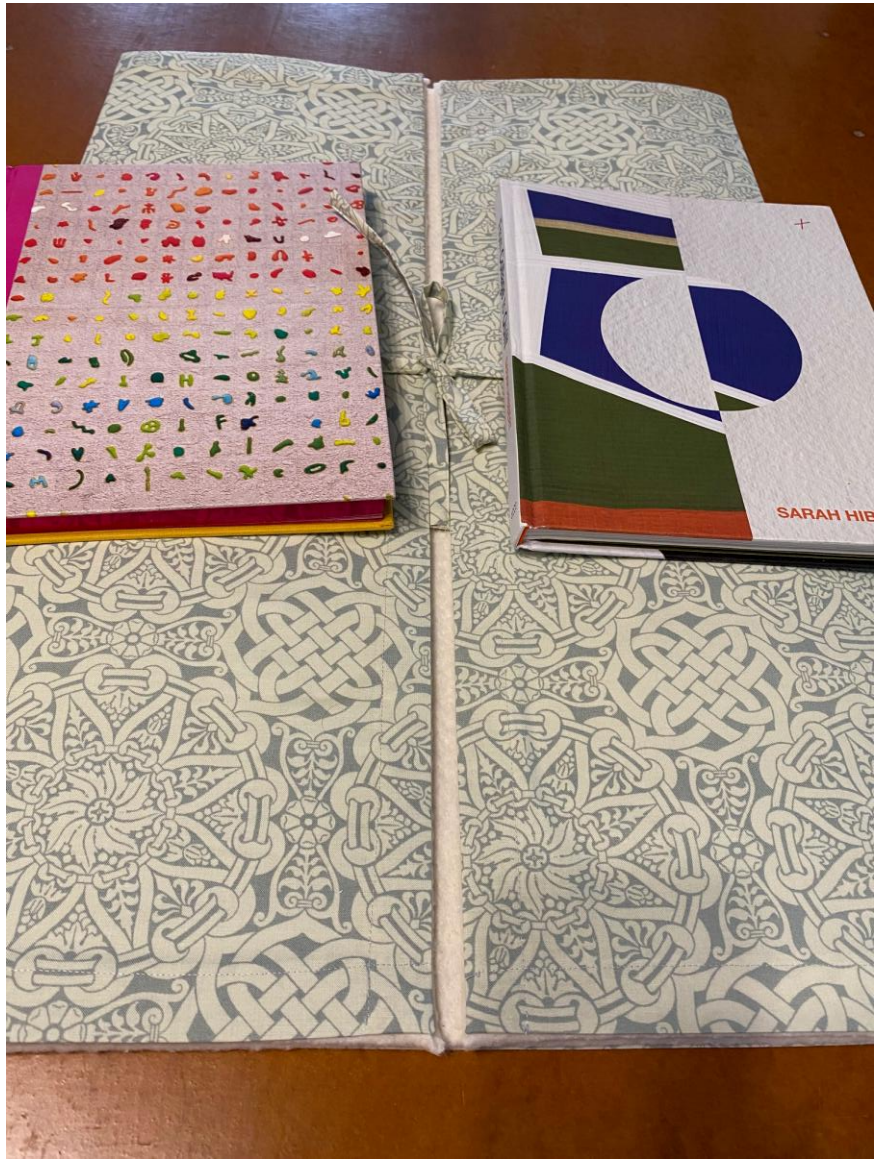
- Remove the paper backing on the 4th side and hand press in place
- Use a hot iron to press all of the fabric side of your project
- Steam a Seam needs some steam to totally set so use a steam iron or a spritz of water on the edges

- Fold in the 2 sides and tie a bow

- If your Design Wall has developed a bit of a curve,
- Lay a couple of heavy books on top for a while



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