



Message Board Project

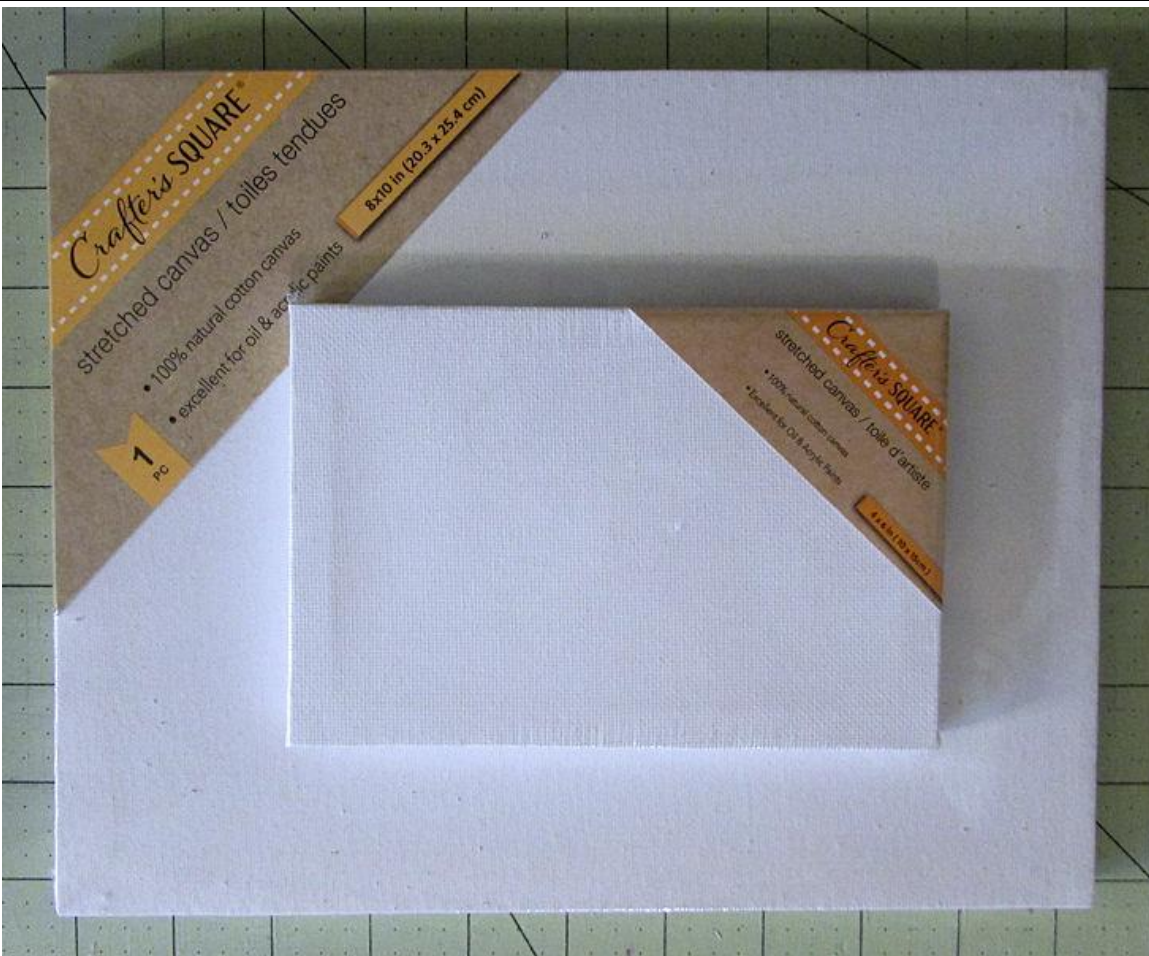


Make a fun message board !

Easily change out the design message board to see
a new message every day!

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Supplies



Choose canvas boards in various sizes- one for the base, one for the design.

Suggested sizes:

8x10 for the fabric covered board

4x 6 for the design message board

These canvases were purchase at the dollar tree.

You won't need to spend a lot of money on there since they will be fabric covered.

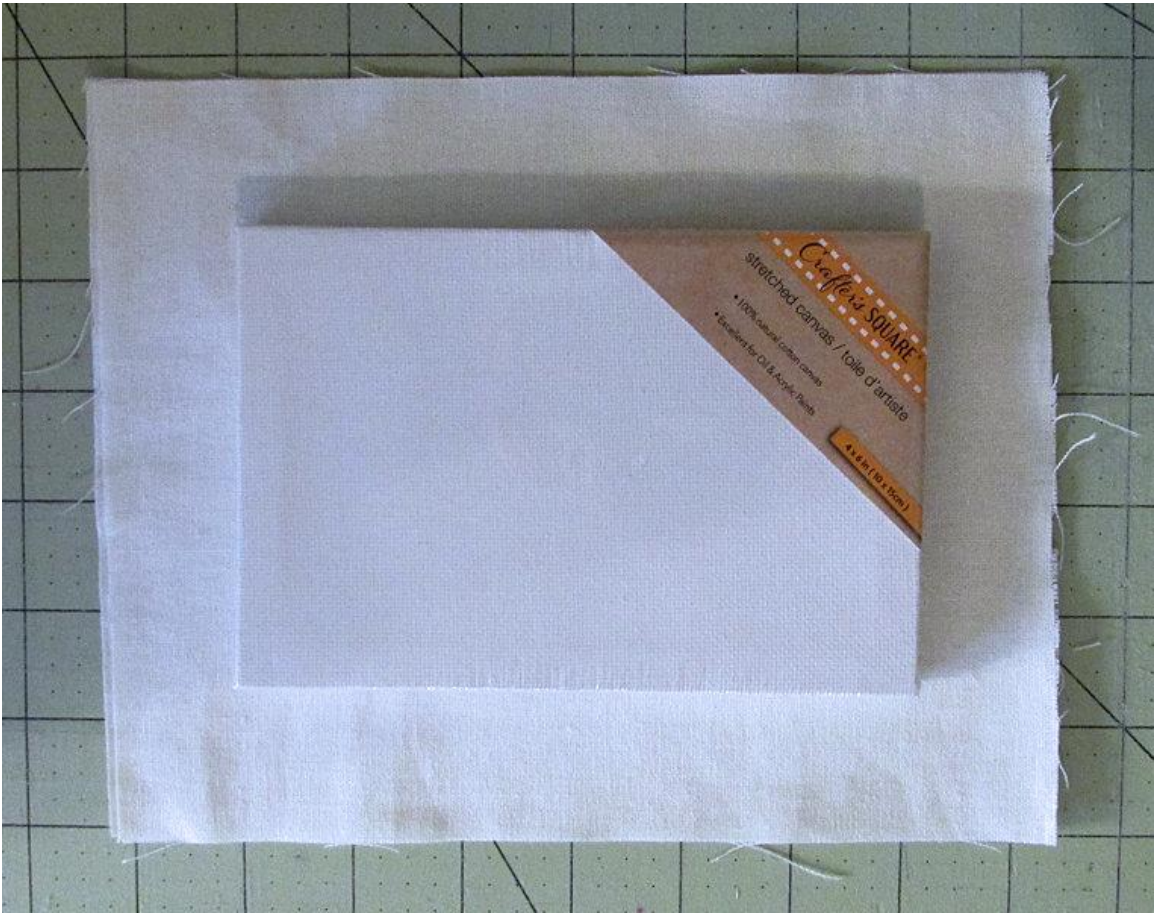


Fabrics:

Printed: cut larger than canvas board, @ 1 ½ inches all around

Optional: you could use your favorite quilt block instead

Optional: batting: cut to size of canvas board



Solid: cut larger than canvas board, @ 1 ½ inches all around

Optional: batting: cut to size of canvas board

Other supplies you may need

Stapler

Glue gun

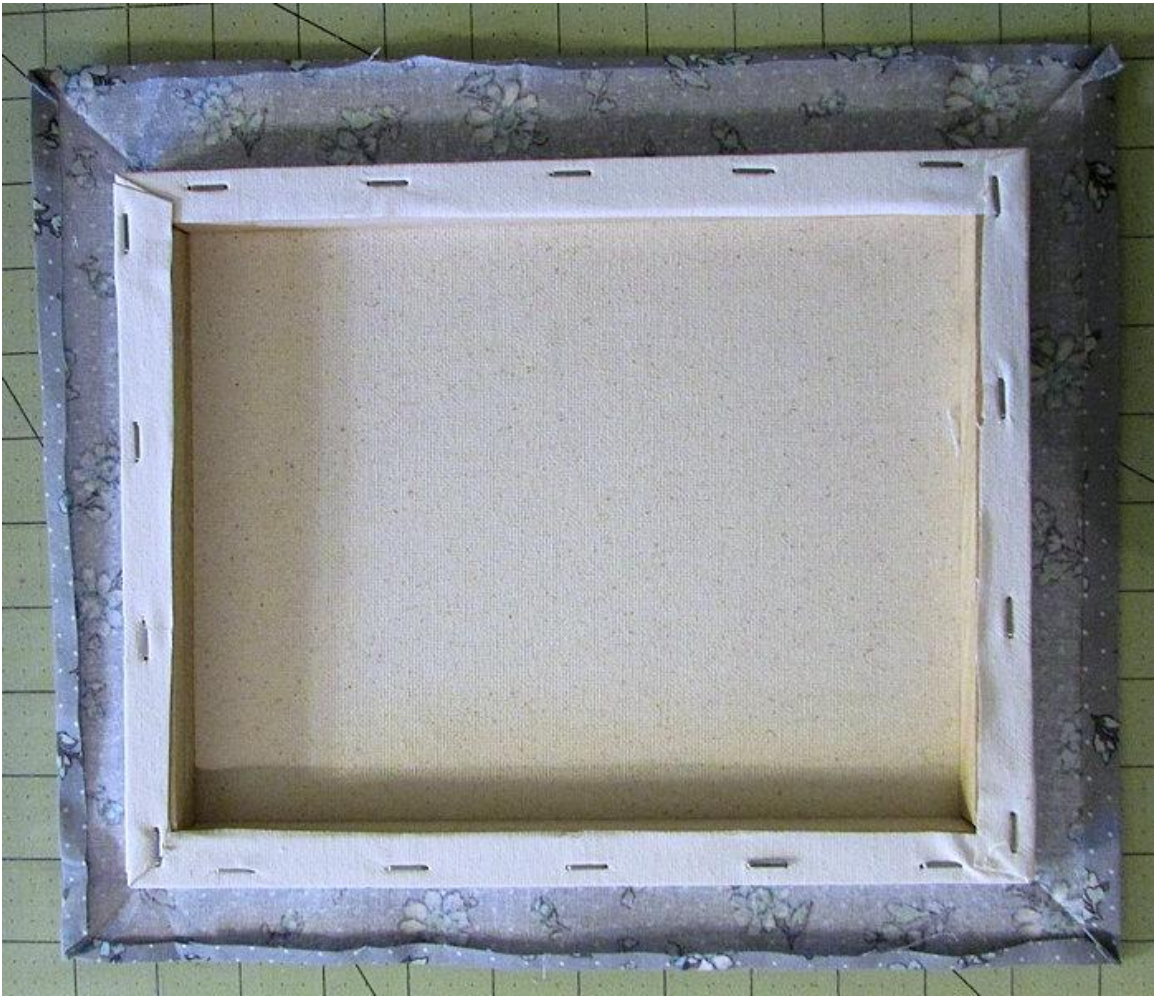
Scotch tape

Lace trim scraps

Other items for decorating

Attaching boards: Your choice of either- strong magnets, velcro or elastics.

For this project, my preferred attachment method was the magnets.
I did not use batting for my canvas boards.



While you are embroidering your design, you can make your fabric covered canvas board.

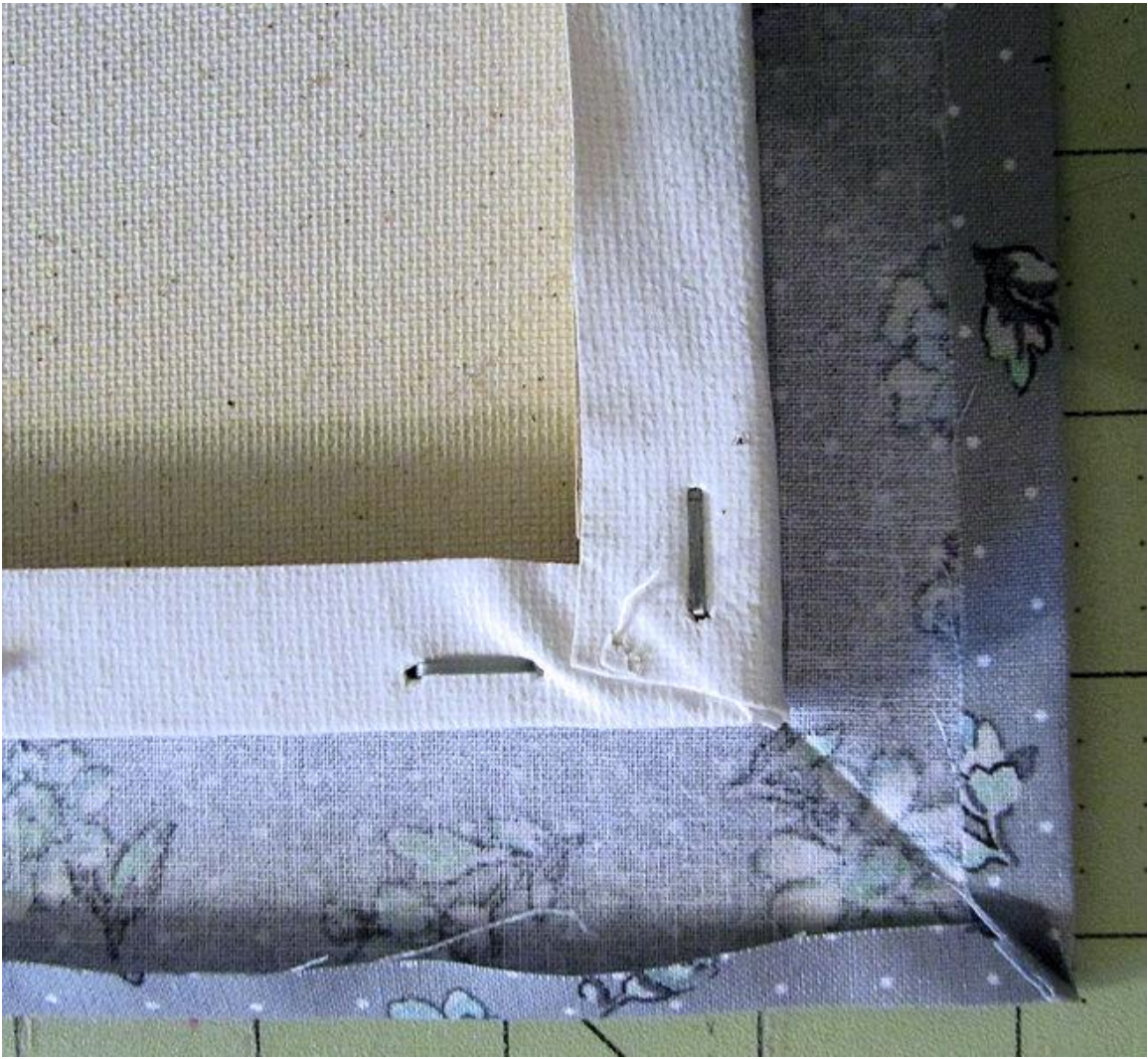
Center your canvas on the backside of the fabric.

Your printed fabric (or quilt block) should be about 1 ½ inches larger all around than the canvas board.

If you would like to fold over the ends, so that it looks neater on the backside, you may do so. Fold about ¼ inch and iron.

Pay attention to patterns in the fabric, like lines, stripes, blocks.

Make sure that it will be cut and then positioned straight on the canvas.



You may also press your corners as well.
Press just about an inch to mark each corner.



Working on one of the sides first, fold fabric over the edge and staple in place. Staple along the center first, then closer to the edges.

Try not to staple over their staples.

Then do the next side, when you do, remember to pull the fabric so that it stretches over the canvas.



After both sides are done, then you can do the top and bottom and catch the corners at the same time. Be as neat as you can on the corners.
It may take a little practice to get the fold.
The more you do, the easier it seems to be.

Tip: If you need an extra hand, just tape fabric in place while you are working.



Baskside complete



After your design is done embroidering, you'll want to do the same thing with this on the smaller canvas.

Take care in making sure your design will be positioned centered and then straight on the canvas especially when the design has wording.



In this example, I just made a quick tack the top and bottom centers, then flipped it over to make sure the positioning was good.

If you're happy with the positioning, then continue working each side until completion

If not and any adjustments are needed, a staple could be easily removed and the fabric could be repositioned before finishing.



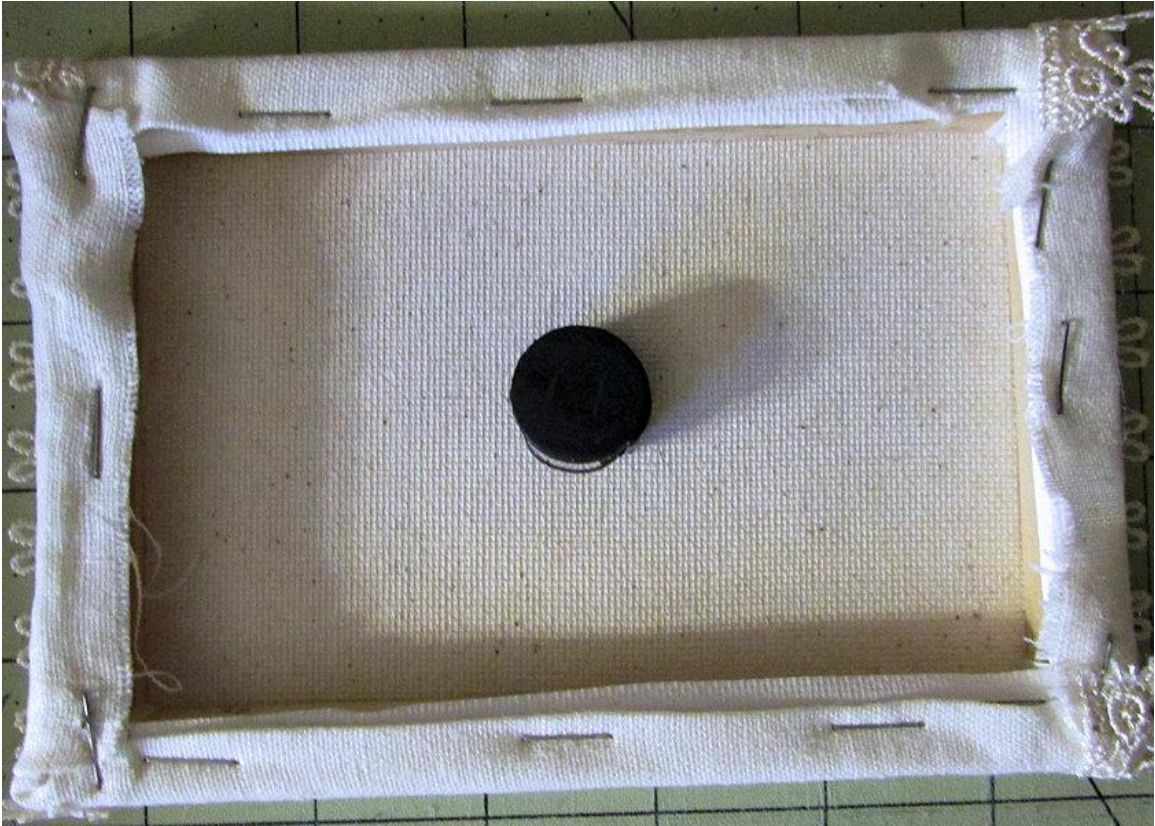
Optional: After your fabric has been added to the canvas, you can decorate the edge with scrap trims.

Cut the trim so that it covers the side and just over the edges.

In this example each trim piece was cut to about 5 ½ inches.

Tape it in place at the center, then use hot glue to glue the trim in place. Start in the center, work your way down the side little by little, remove the taped portion to get under it, finish up the edge and then finally catch the tail ends to finish.

Finish decorating the design message with hot fix crystals, beads or any ribbons you may like.



Attaching the design message board to the fabric message board.

There maybe several ways to do this: As I mentioned earlier, you could use strong magnets, velcro or use an elastic method.

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In this example:

Glue 1 magnet to the front side of the fabric message board

Glue 2 magnets to the backside of the design message board

This canvas board is not flat so you will need that extra magnet to be able to meet the magnet on the fabric board.

Another option:

Glue one magnet to each corner, do the same for the fabric board.
Make sure they line up.



Attach your message to the fabric board

You are done and ready to display your messages!

The fabric canvas board really can be positioned vertically or horizontally depending on the look you would like and depending on your attachment method, the design message board may also be repositioned for more fun.

If the fabric board was positioned vertically, you would even have room for two message canvases to be positioned horizontally.
Have fun planning yours!



Mix and match and change out your message daily.



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Here are a few suggestions to use with the message board project:

Think Happy (Item 0577)
Welcome Christmas (Item 0564)
Around Christmas (Item 0529)
Flower Market (Item 0491)
Secret Ingredient (Item 0551)
Be The Light (Item 0550)
And so much more! Have fun creating!

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