

PROJECT: Mail Organizer
Keep your desk clutter-free with a handy holder for letters
and stationery.

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FABRICS are from the Essex Yarn Dyed collection by Robert Kaufman Fabrics (robertkaufman.com).

ORGANIZER

Finished size: 15½×26"

MATERIALS

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- ❑ 5/8 yard tan linen (envelopes)
- ❑ ¼ yard purple linen (envelopes)
- ❑ 1 yard gray linen (envelopes, organizer front, backing, binding)
- ❑ 15½×26" batting

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From tan linen, cut:

- 2—8¾" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 8 small triangles total (you will use 5)
- 1—8¾" square, cutting it in half diagonally for 2 large triangles total
- 4—8" squares

From purple linen, cut:

- 1—8¾" square, cutting it diagonally twice in an X for 4 small triangles total
- 1—8¾" square, cutting it in half diagonally for 2 large triangles total (you will use 1)
- 2—8" squares

From gray linen, cut:

- 3—2½×42" binding strips
- 1—15½×26" backing rectangle
- 1—8¾" square, cutting it diagonally twice in an X for 4 small triangles total (you will use 3)
- 2—8¾" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 4 large triangles total (you will use 3)
- 2—2×15½" strips

ASSEMBLE ENVELOPES

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

- 1) Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together a tan linen small triangle and a purple linen small triangle. Add a tan linen large triangle to make tan envelope front unit. The unit should be 8" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second tan envelope front unit.

- 2) Repeat Step 1 using one purple linen small triangle, one tan linen small triangle, and a purple linen large triangle to make one purple envelope front unit.

- 3) Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew together a tan linen 8" square and a tan envelope front unit. With wrong sides together fold pieced unit in half along seam to form tan envelope front. Repeat to make a second tan envelope front.

- 4) Repeat Step 3 using purple linen 8" square and purple envelope front unit to make one purple envelope front.

- 5) Quilt envelope fronts as desired.

- 6) Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew together a gray linen small triangle and a tan linen small triangle. Add a gray linen large triangle to make tan envelope back unit. The unit should be 8" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second tan envelope back unit.

- 7) Repeat Step 6 using one purple linen small triangle, one gray linen small triangle, and a gray linen large triangle to make one purple envelope back unit.

- 8) Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew together a tan linen 8" square and a tan envelope back unit to form tan envelope back. The envelope back should be 8×15½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second tan envelope back.

- 9) Repeat Step 3 using purple linen 8" square and purple envelope back unit to make one purple envelope back.

ASSEMBLE ORGANIZER

- 1) Referring to **Diagram 5**, place tan envelope front on tan envelope back, aligning side and bottom edges. Baste in place along side and bottom edges to make a tan pocket. Repeat to make a second tan pocket.

- 2) Repeat Step 1 using purple envelope front and purple envelope back to make one purple pocket.

- 3) Referring to **Organizer Assembly Diagram**, alternate pockets and gray linen 2×15½" strips; join to make organizer top.

FINISH ORGANIZER

- 1) Layer organizer top, batting, and gray linen 15½×26" backing rectangle; baste. Quilt as desired.

- 2) Bind with gray linen binding strips.

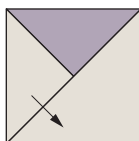
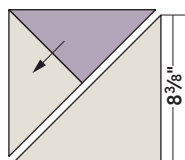
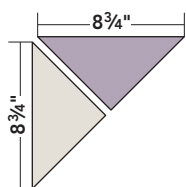


DIAGRAM 1

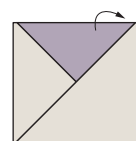
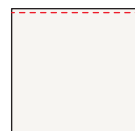
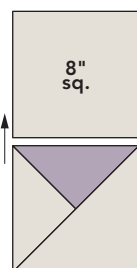


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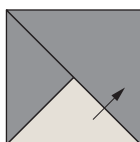
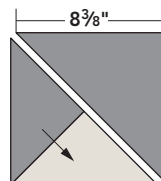
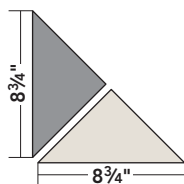


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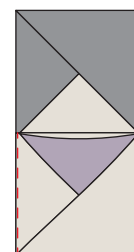
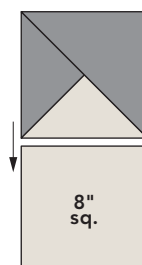
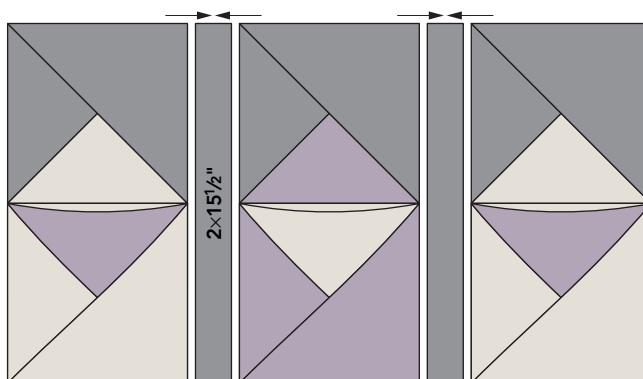


DIAGRAM 4

DIAGRAM 5



ORGANIZER ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM