Memory Board

Memory Boards can be made in multiple sizes and shapes and can be trimmed out in a variety of ways.

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES:

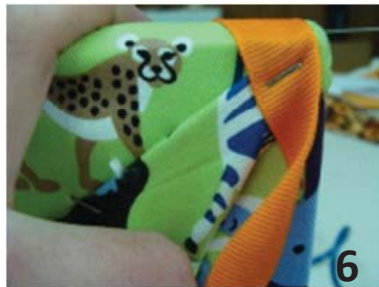|	
3/4 Yard Fabric	Safety Glases
8 yards 1/2" Grosgrain Ribbon	2 1/8 yards Gimp Trim
Thread	Push Pins
FirmaFlexTM or 1/2" Plywood	1/3 yard Black Fabric
Rotary Knife	Picture Hanging Brackets
Spray Adhesive	
Polyester Quilt Batting	
Clear View Ruler	
Stapler and Staples	

Step-by-Step:

1. Using a Rotary knife to cut the FirmaFlexTM or 1/2" plywood to the size needed for the project. Cut a piece of Polyester Quilt Batting the same size. If you want a thicker padding, cut and use two layers of Batting. Using the Spray Adhesive, glue the Batting down. Lay the face fabric over the Batting, adjusting pattern as needed. Wrap the fabric to the back and staple. (Photo 1)

2. Finish the corners by tucking the fabric into a pleat. Place one staple, at a 45* angle, close to the top corner. (Photo 2)

3. Fold the last flap back on itself to cover the previous staple. Staple the flap down far enough down so that the final staple will not show once the finished back is on. (Photo 3)

4. Lay out the "X" pattern using the Clear View Ruler and pins (Photo 4).

5. Cut and place the flat braid on the face fabric, using Push Pins to keep the pattern in place. Make sure the trim is long enough to wrap to the back for stapling Photo 5).

   a. Staple the trim pieces on the back. For the corner piece, wrap the trim around the corner just shy of the corner. Place one staple at an angle, close to the corner (Photo 6). Fold the trim back on itself and staple (Photo 7).

6. Complete one layer of trim at a time. When the first layer is stapled, weave the second layer making a basket-weave pattern. Staple button thread at each intersection (Photo 8).

7. Cover the back of the project with black fabric then cover the exposed staples with decorative gimp.

8. Load one button per intersection. Tie off by knotting the ends. Clip off any excess thread (Photo 9).

9. Hang the finished project using picture hanging brackets.