

## About the cloth Book-cover by Tabisurumishinten

Our cloth book-cover(or book jacket) is handmade by the shop owner Nanase and her family. She has been making cloth book-covers with her illustration since 2003.

Her book-cover surface fabrics is blended from linen and cotton. This linen-cotton fabric (Japan made) is soft, strong and stain-resistant.

Back fabrics are cotton with various designs and colors. *Our book-cover is reversible.* If you turn back fabric inside out, you can exchange between the surface and back fabric.



## If you would like to wash the cloth Book-cover

*Please never put in washing machine.* The surface fabric by linen and cotton is very easy to shrink.

Please hand-wash it by gently pressing using with the neutral detergent of no optical brighter nor bleach. Please rinse it only soaking in water or gently pressing it.

For dehydration, we recommend inserting it between towels and gently pressing it. We recommend to dry it by hanging on a line.

Lastly please iron it in vertical direction because the surface fabric is shrunk from vertical side.

If you wash the book-cover, it will shrink, but we believe you can minimize shrinking by the way above.

## Why Japanese often put Book-cover on book

After the westernization of 1860's, the culture of homemade cloth book-covers were introduced from US and Europe in Japan. In 1900's, When commuter suburban trains were starting operating in Japanese large city, the book-cover were made and used more.

And in 1970's it became common bookseller wrapped the purchased book by paper book-cover(or book jacket) in Bookstores whole Japan. Until domination by Smartphone and Amazon, many people in train held the book wrapped by paper book-cover. They wrapped the book over the book-covers not only for protecting from a dirt but keeping a private in a public space. Now many hand-craft artists are making the cloth and leather book-covers, many people are using various book-covers for arranging their private times.



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