What you’ll need . . .

» Sewing machine
» Rotary cutter or scissors
» Fabric scraps

» Stretchy hair-tie
» Buttons
» Sewing pin

1. Cut two strips of fabric 2½ inches wide by at least 18 inches long.

2. Align strips face sides together, and stitch a ¼ inch seam. Start on a long side and sew 3 sides, leaving a short end open.

3. Choose a book on the larger side of those you normally read. Place your bookmark between two pages in the middle and wrap the fabric around to the front cover. Place a button close to the sewn end, then stretch a hair-tie to discover the correct length for the fabric. There should be very light tension on the hair-tie, and it should look roughly as illustrated here.
4. Cut away the open end to length if necessary, then trim off the corners to reduce bulk.

5. Turn the bookmark right side out.

6. Use a pin to pick the corners out until they lay as flat as possible.

7. Iron, easing out the seams with your fingers as you go. Turn the back side (purple in this example) over ½ inch and press.

8. Topstitch (⅛ inch) all the way around the bookmark, starting with the open end.
10. Stitch along the unfinished edge to close completely.

11. Fold over again about 1 inch, trapping the hair-tie inside the loop you will create. Topstitch closed.

12. Using needle and thread, sew a button on the front side of the bookmark near the end.

13. Choose a book on the smaller side of those you normally read. Place your bookmark between two pages in the middle and wrap the fabric around to the front cover. Locate the best place for your second button and then sew it on.

14. Enjoy!