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## Letter from the Editors

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Hi Sewists,

Having a baby is a wonderful experience that all parents cherish. However, those little ones can be quite expensive. From diapers to cribs, having a baby means you have to stock up on a lot of merchandise.

With this free eBook, you will discover amazing sewing projects for your baby. Whether you are having a boy or a girl (or twins!), these baby sewing projects are sure to save you some money by allowing you to make some inexpensive clothing for your growing baby. Also included are some great projects for accessories for your baby: things like a hilarious bib, a mobile, and even shoes. Whatever your baby needs, you are sure find a pattern in this eBook for them. Let your little one be the most stylish on the block with these cute sewing projects.

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## DIY Baby Clothes

### Pretty Baby DIY Peasant Top

By [Rachel from Once Upon a Sewing Machine](#)

Let your little lady have some boho flair with this precious Pretty Baby DIY Peasant Top. Easily crafted from two different fabrics, the possibilities are endless with this free kids' clothes pattern. It can be created in solid colors or prints. If you are looking for a cute baby dress instead, all you have to do is make the shirt a little longer. Any little girl would look cute in this quick and easy pattern.



#### Materials:

- Fabric – for suggested pattern and measurements please [see here](#).
- Typical sewing supplies

#### Instructions:

1. First cut your pieces. Follow the pattern instructions to have two main body pieces, and two sleeves (cut at the short sleeve mark).



2. Attach both of your sleeves right sides together to your front.
3. Repeat with the back. Turn 1/4" then another 1/4" and hem.



4. Sew your side seams. Go from the bottom hem all the way up to the bottom of the sleeve in one continuous stitching line. Hem the bottom of your shirt by turning under 1/4" and then 1/2" again.



5. Create your casing. Start by turning your fabric over 1/4", then another 3/4" to create your casing. Stitch the bottom edge all the way around. Leave a spot open to feed in your elastic.



6. Insert your elastic and feed it all the way through. Try on and adjust to your desired length. Sew your elastic together. Sew closed your casing. Update: 17-18" of elastic will work well for the sizes 12 months to 4T/. If you prefer 1/2" and 3/8" will also work.

## Tiny Tummy Tunic

By [Rachel from Once Upon a Sewing Machine](#)

The secret to dressing a toddler or baby is dressing them in layers. This keeps them toasty and warm as well as makes your life much easier. As soon as something spills, you can just remove and replace the top layer instead of everything else. This Tiny Tummy Tunic was designed exactly for this purpose. Looking precious over long or short sleeved onesies, this kids' sewing pattern can be created with just about any fabric for any season.



### Materials:

- 1/2- 3/4 yard of fabric (this tutorial uses a woven, but if you want to use a knit you should size down)
- 1 button
- 3" of 1/8" elastic or elastic thread
- 3-6 month, 6-9 month, 12 month free pattern (see below)
- Use a 3/8" allowance through out.

### Instructions:

1. Sew both your shoulders (RST).



2. Repeat with your facings. Finish the bottom of your facing pieces. You can serge them, use pinking shears or put a tiny hem in.



3. Baste your elastic loop to the back of your garment. Drop it down about an inch from the top, adjust your loop size based on the size of your button.



4. Lay your facings RST with your garment. You are going to sew the around the armholes and up the back around the neck and back down.



5. Clip your corners and your curves and turn! Then press, press, press.



6. Match your back seam right sides together. Sew from the bottom all the way up to meet your previous sewing line. You may have to lift your facings to make sure you don't catch them.



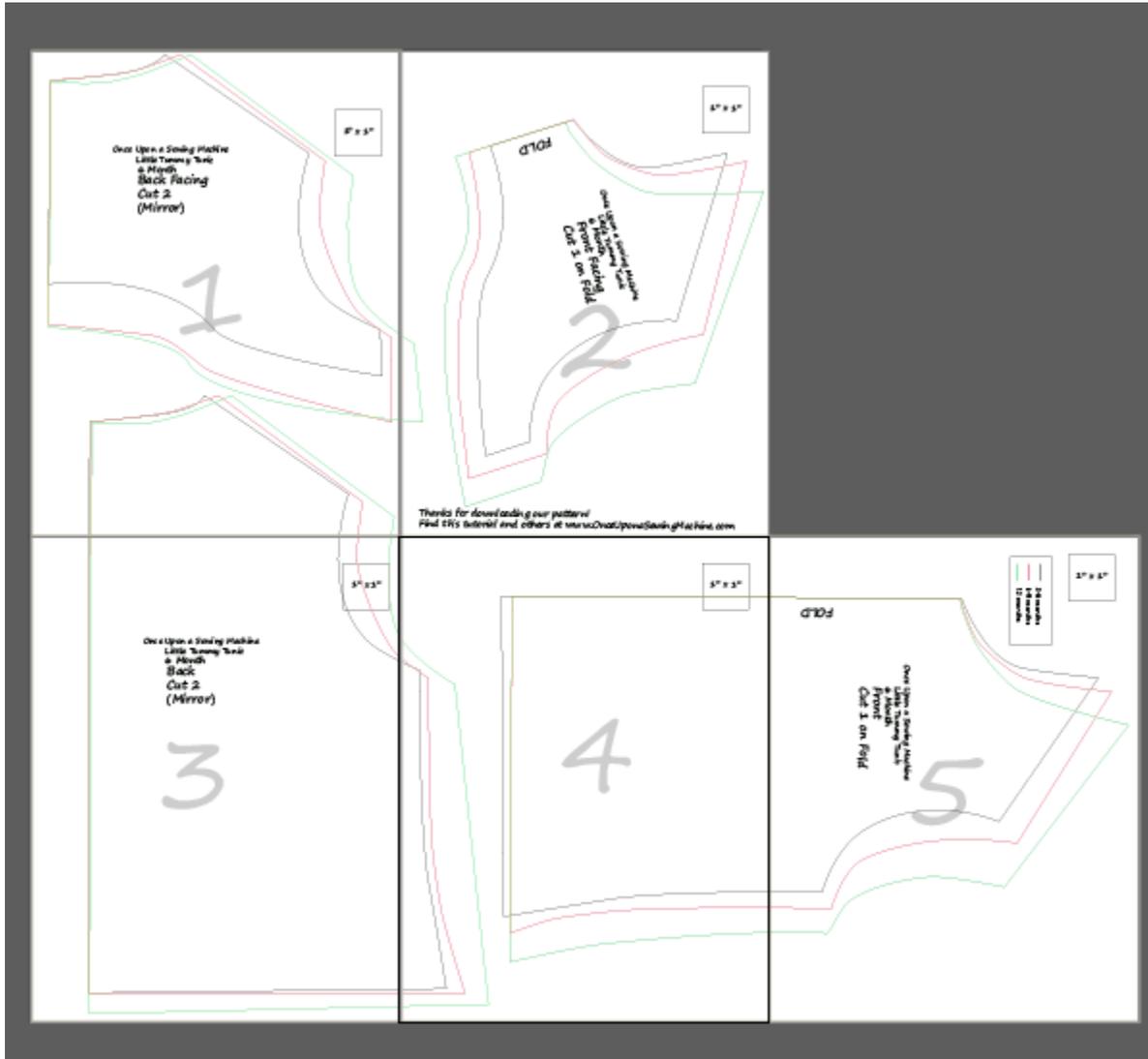
7. Pin your side seams. Make sure to match your facings right sides together also underneath the arm. You will sew the entire side seam continuously and then fold your facing back down. Repeat for the other side seam.

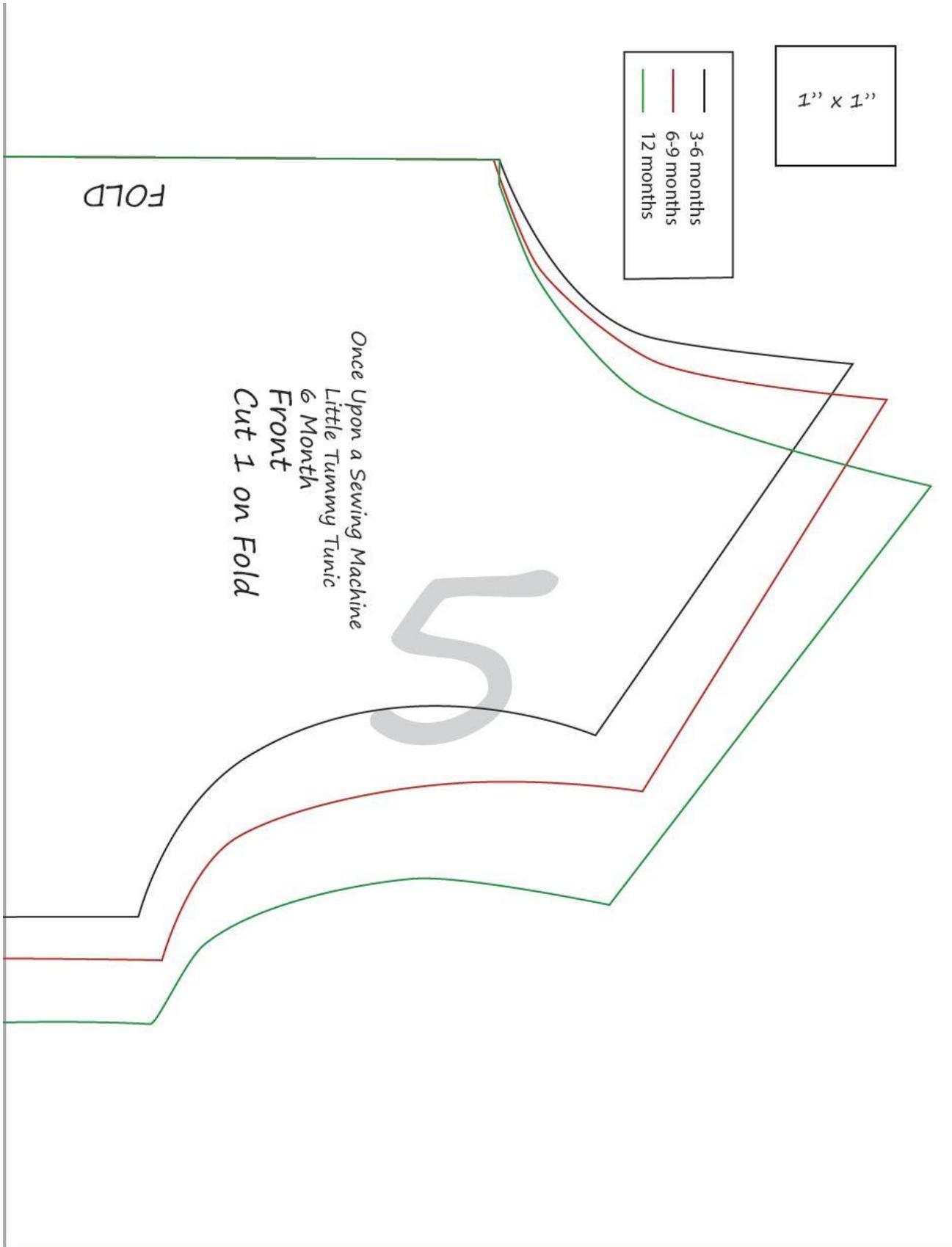


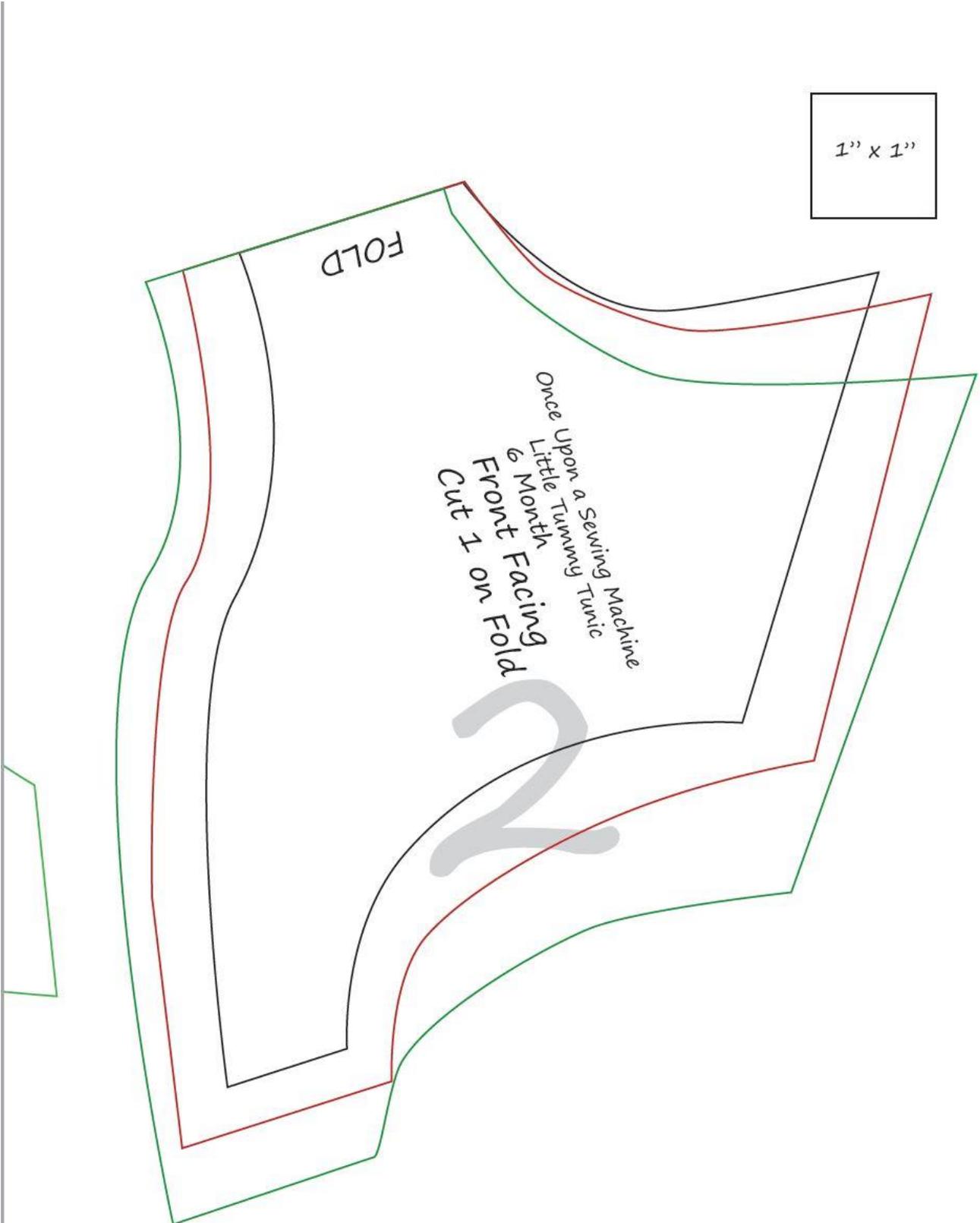
8. Top stitch the neck line and armholes. Sew on a button.

9. And finish your hem using your desired method. Suggested: 1/4", press, roll another 1/4", hem.

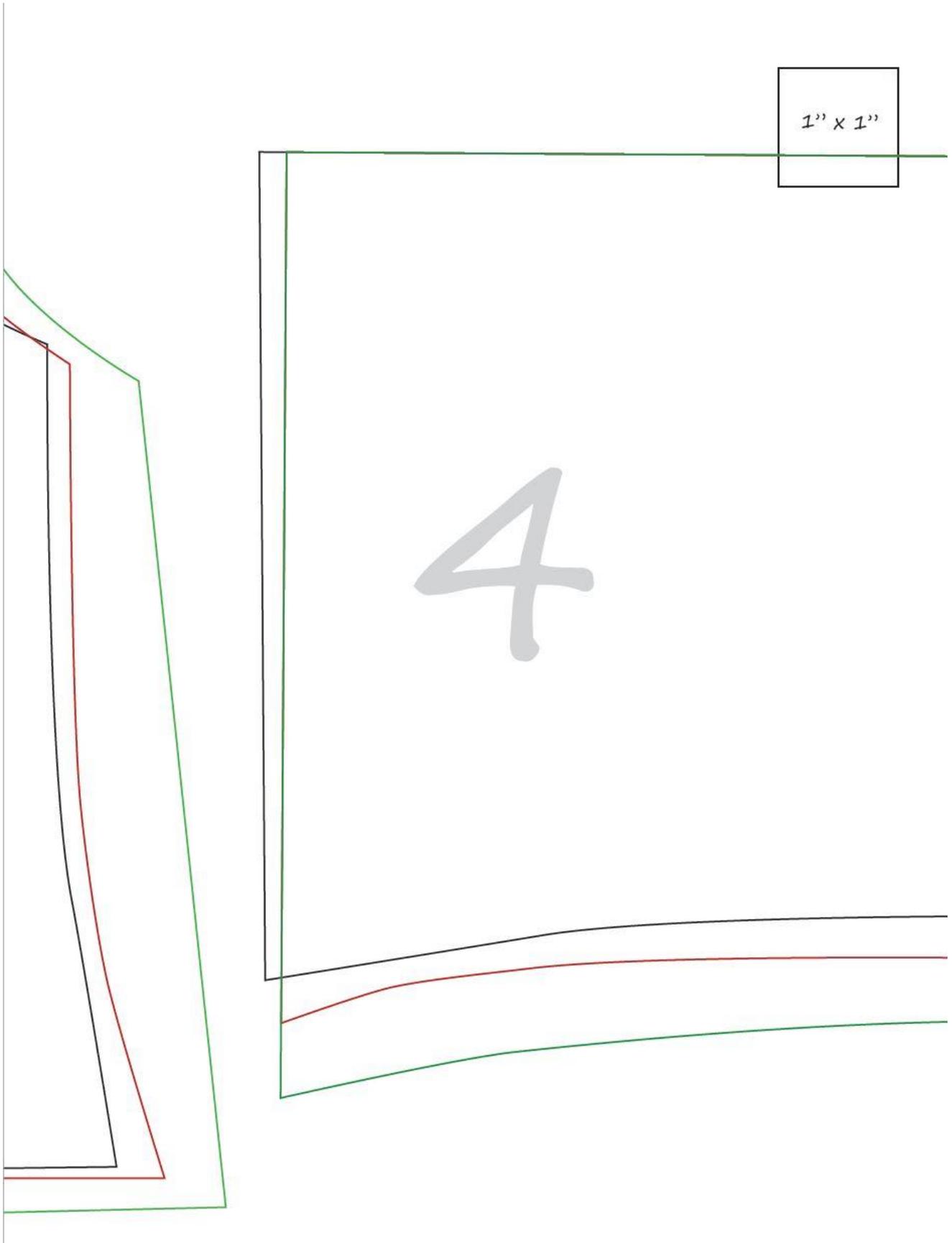
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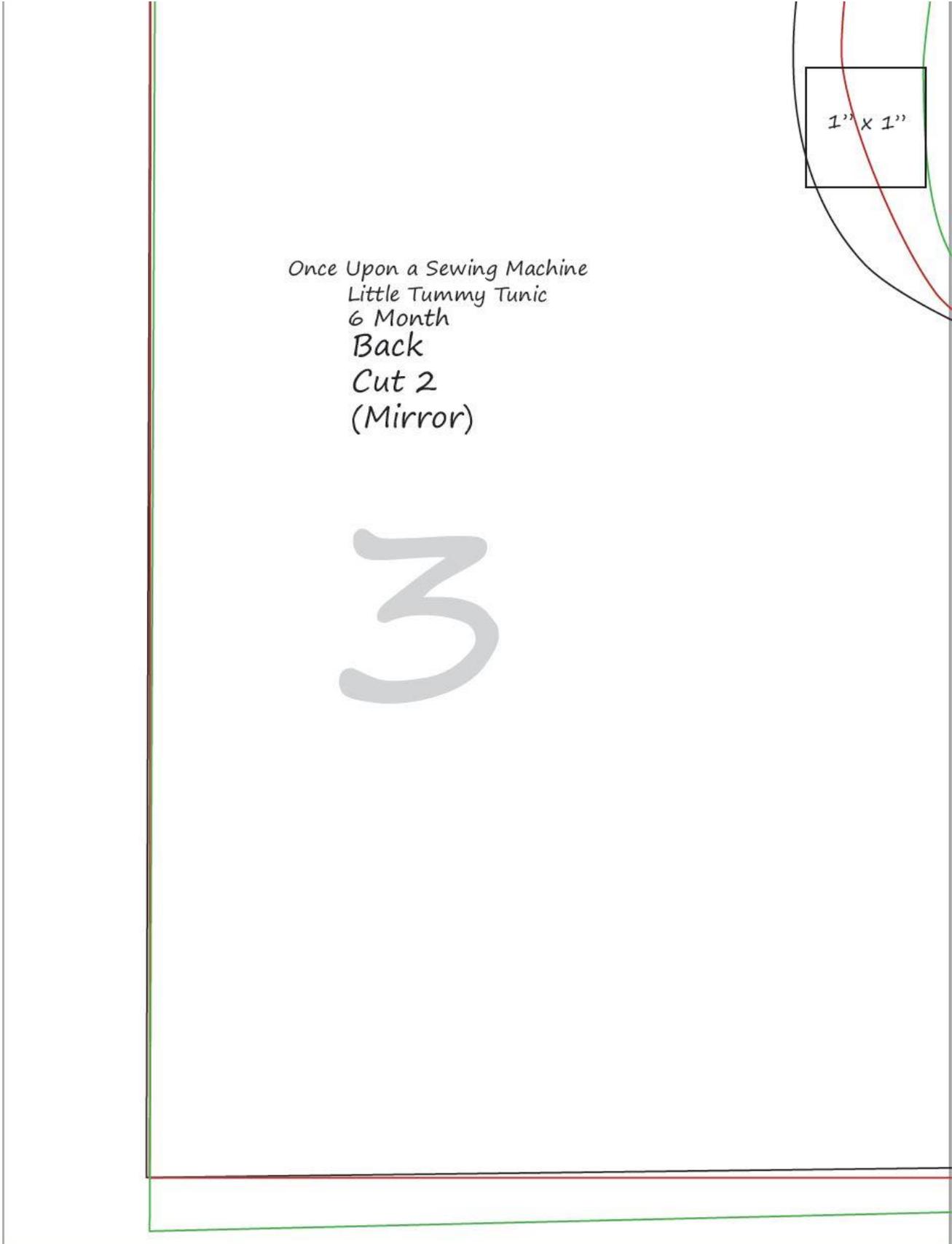


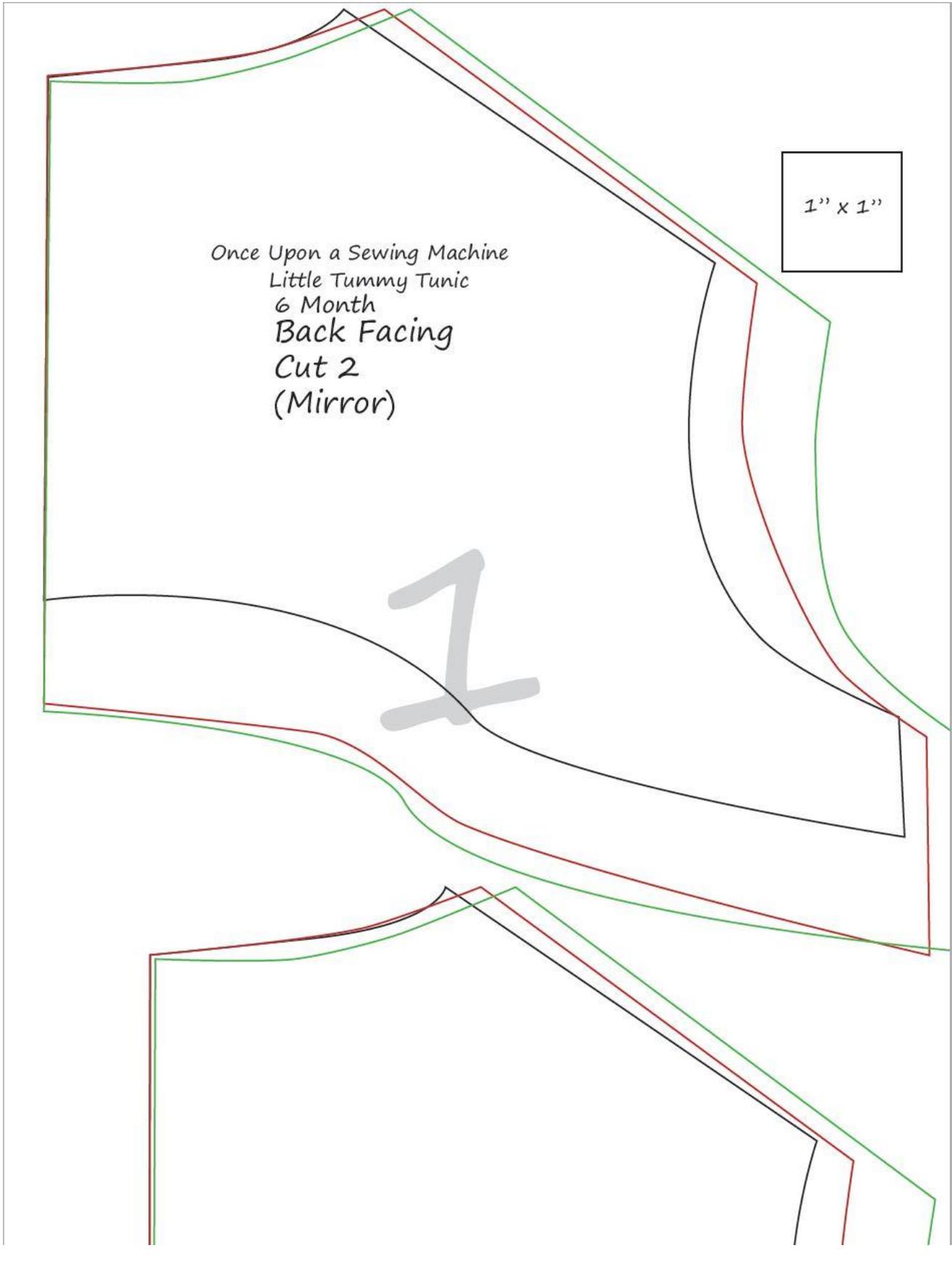




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## How to Sew Shorts for Kids

By [Jen from Monkey See Monkey Do](#)

Summer clothes for kids can be a difficult find. You do not want to spend too much money on a pair of shorts or other summer wear for your constantly growing little one. Unlike adults, the shorts that fit your kiddo this year will absolutely not fit them next year! If you are looking for a simple kids' clothes pattern, this How to Sew Shorts for Kids pattern is perfect for you. Simple and easy-to-follow, these instructions will help you create some brand new shorts for your kiddo in no time.



### Materials:

- Pair of shorts that already fit your child for pattern
- Fabric
- Woven ribbon for tag (optional)
- Typical sewing supplies

### Instructions:

1. First, you'll need a pattern. For a pattern, use a pair of shorts you already have and that fit your child. Trace them and make the front and back pieces the same. If you cut each piece on the fold, you don't have to sew a side seam.



2. Pin the top curve together at both sides. Stitch it together but be sure to stop before you get to the crotch area. The seams you are making are the front and back middle seams.



3. Press the seams open.



4. Next, sew the leg seams together. Make sure to match up the front and back seams. Also, be sure to flatten the front and back seams as you sew. Pivot in the middle of this seam.



5. Zig-zag all raw edges. You'll want to do this step now. If you have a serger, use that instead.



6. Next, folded down the waistband about 1/2" all the way around. Press it into place. Then fold it down 1" all the way around and pressed again.



7. Again, make sure those front and back seams are flat when you sew over them. Sew a double row of top stitching to secure the casing, leaving a 1" opening so you can run the elastic later.



8. You can add a little extra decorative stitching around the front and back seams. This held the zig-zagged seams down but also looks cute.



9. To hem, fold under once, press, and then fold under again, pressing again, and then stitch the hem into place. Repeat for the other leg.

10. To add a tag, as an easy way to distinguish the front and the back, take a piece of woven ribbon or something similar and chop a little piece off and loop it like a tag. Stitch it into place after you run the elastic through the casing.

## Little Dorothy Baby Dress Pattern

By [Wen from What's Mummy Up To](#)

Few dresses are as iconic as the dress that Dorothy wears in the Wizard of Oz. If you are looking for a unique dress for your little girl, this Little Dorothy Baby Dress Pattern is sure to delight anyone who sees it. Match it with some cute little red booties to make an even bigger statement. Not into being Somewhere over the Rainbow? This dress looks super cute in a simple pattern, too.



### Materials:

- About a yard (or a little under a metre) of fabric (or 2 fabrics if you want to have contrasting fabrics)
- 2 buttons, or coverable buttons and button-covering tool like I've used to make matching buttons
- 1" wide elastic
- Sewing Machine
- Cotton
- Scissors or rotary cutter and mat

## Instructions

### Cut:

- Skirt - 2 rectangles, 16 1/2" x 8" (or measure waist circumference x desired length)
- Bib - 2 squares, 6" x 6" (or measure from waist to mid-chest and cut squares this size)
- Straps - 2 rectangles, 14" x 2 1/2" (or measure from back of hip across back and over shoulder to opposite chest, and cut straps this length x 2 1/2")
- Wasitband - 1 rectangle, 16 1/2" x 2 3/4" (or waist circumference x 2 3/4")
- 1 rectangle, 8 1/4" x 2 3/4" (or 1/2 waist circumference x 2 3/4")
- Bottom Band - 2 rectangles, 16 1/2" x 4" (or waist circumference x 4")
- Elastic - Cut a 8 1/4" length (or 1/2 waist circumference)

1. The back of the skirt. Take one of the Fabric A large rectangles (16 1/2" x 8"), and the Fabric B 16 1/2" x 2 3/4" rectangle (waistband). Iron the waistband piece in half long ways. Line up both pieces along their long edge, right sides together and sew using 1/4" seam.



2. On the raw edge of the waistband, fold over and iron a 1/4", then flip the waistband over to the wrong side of the Fabric A piece and pin along with the 1/4" section folded in so you don't see any raw edges. Try to line it up so it just covers the last row of sewing my a millimetre or so.



Then flip back over the right side of the skirt, and sew along just in the ditch from the original seam, trying to get all your stitches in the ditch so that they don't show.



3. Thread your elastic through the waistband using a safety pin. When the end of the elastic lines up with the edge of the waist band, sew it in place about 1/8" from the edge, then continue threading your elastic through to the other end of the waistband. When it's through, sew that end too, about 1/8" from the edge. These stitches will be covered up later by the side seams, but just hold the elastic in place for now.



4. Now for the front of the skirt. Take your other large Fabric A rectangle (16 1/2" x 8") and your other Fabric B waistband piece (8 1/4" x 2 3/4"). Iron the waistband piece in half long ways. You're not putting elastic in the front so that the waistband sits nice and flat, but you still want your skirt to gather up in the same way the back has, so you need to do some gathering.

5. Set your machine to it's longest stitch. Then sew a straight line along the long edge of the Fabric A skirt piece, about 1/4" from the edge. Don't backstitch at the ends, or you won't be able to pull it through. As this is on the longest stitch, it may start to gather a little by itself as you sew, and that's fine. Then lay your piece on the table, and pull either the back or the front thread at each end to gather the skirt up. Keep pulling until the top of the skirt piece is the same length as your waistband piece, but try to be gentle so you don't break the thread. Spread the gathers out evenly, then pin the skirt piece to the waistband piece, right sides together.



6. Sew the waist band to the skirt piece (put the stitch length back to your normal length first!!). Open the seam and press flat. Then, same as the back of the skirt, turn the raw edge of the waistband over 1/4" and iron. Then flip the waistband over to the back and pin just covering the last row of stitching. Turn back over to the front and sew in the ditch to hide your stitches, but making sure you catch the hem at the back.



7. Put your skirt pieces right sides together, pin the side seams and sew 1/4" seams down each side. Try really hard to line your waistbands up perfectly, as this just looks so much better on the finished product. Overlock (serge) or zigzag the raw edges to stop fraying.

8. Now to put the band of Fabric B on the bottom of the skirt. You could totally just hem the skirt and leave it a little shorter (like I did with the Dorothy dresses), or you can add the band. I think the band is a nice way to incorporate your contrasting fabric.



9. Take your two band pieces of Fabric B (4" x 16 1/2" pieces), and sew them together with a 1/4" seam at one of the short ends to make 1 long strip. Iron out the seam, and iron the whole piece in half long ways to make a crease. Open it up, and pin to the skirt, right sides together all the way around, like this. Try to line the ends up with one of the side seams, and pin the raw edges of the band pieces together at the end of the round.



10. Sew around the band piece using 1/4" seam and when you get to the end, sew straight down the ends to close off the band piece.



11. As with the waistbands, fold over and iron 1/4" along the raw edge, flip the band over to the back and pin, just covering the first row of stitching. Flip back to the right side, and sew in the ditch to hide your stitches, catching the back of the hem as you go.

12. Take your 2 Fabric A 6" squares, and sew right sides together around 3 sides (using 1/4" seam). Snip the corners off and turn it through, trying to get those top corners nice and pointy, give it a good iron, then topstitch around the same 3 sides about 1/8" from the edge.



13. Measure your buttons and do a buttonhole on each of the top corners long enough for the buttons.



14. With right side out, fold the bottom raw edge up 1/4" and iron it well. Then pin the bib, with those raw edges sandwiched on the inside, to the waistband of the skirt. At this point, it looks better to sew 2 rows, as if topstitching on the front of the waist band 1/8" from each side. It also looks neater to go along the full length of the waistband, and not just the bib.



15. Take your 2 strap Fabric A pieces. Fold in half length ways, and sew right sides together 1/4" down the length to make 2 long tubes. Use a safety-pin to turn the tubes through to the right side, then iron flat. Fold the ends into the tube and iron flat, then top-stitch to close the ends of the tubes.



16. Turn the skirt inside-out, and lay on the table with the back elastic waistband up. Measure or eyeball approximately 1 1/2" from the side of the elastic waistband on each side and pin the strap in place. Sew across the strap at the top and bottom of the waistband, and backstitch for extra strength. The ruffled waistband with the elastic helps to hide the stitches, so don't worry too much about them showing, but do try and use a cotton colour that will blend in.



17. All that's left is to do is attach buttons to the end of the straps.

## Summertime Jumper

By [Anshu from Blooms and Bugs](#)

Perfect for playtime, this adorable Summertime Jumper will make a wonderful addition to your little girl's wardrobe. Use this jumper sewing pattern to make a lovely piece that can be worn by your little girl or passed on as a gift. Once completed, it can be worn on hot summer days or paired with a tee for colder seasons. It's easily customized to fit any size!



### Materials:

#### For 12 -18 months size:

- Main Fabric - half yard
- Coordinating fabrics for shoulder straps and the band - half yard (there will be some leftover)
- Bias tape in a coordinating color - optional - 1.5 yard
- Elastic - 1 inch wide
- Grosgrain Ribbon a small scrap in coordinating color

**Instructions:**

**Shoulder straps:**

1. Cut two strips of fabric, even though you could make them as wide or narrow as you like, 5 inches (for a 2 inch wide strap) is a good width for a variety of projects.
2. Fold the 4 inch wide strips lengthwise (right sides together). Sew along the raw ends along the long side.



3. Turn the seam such that it comes to the center. Sew along 1 shorter end.



4. Clip corners at the shorter end where you just sew a seam.



5. Thread a needle with doubled thread (2 ply). Now insert the needle through only 1 layer of the tube you had just made, close to the shorter seam. As the end of the thread comes near the stitch, insert the needle through this loop. That will lock the stitch.



6. Now insert the needle in the tube. Once inside, try to bring the needle in thread out at the other end without piercing anywhere else in the tube.



7. Once the needle is out at the other end, start pulling the thread gently. You may have to push the fabric at the other end of the tube slightly but slowly it will start sliding within itself.



8. Once you have pulled out the whole tube out, use a pencil to poke out the corners. Pull out the stitch you made with the needle and the thread. Iron.



### Constructing the dress:

1. Cut a 12" x 36" fabric from main fabric. Sew the 12" sides with right sides together. Set your stitch length to the longest and sew a seam along the 36" side of your fabric, leave some hanging thread for this seam. Do not back-stitch.



2. Cut two strips 22" x 2.5". These strips will be used to make the band at the chest. for a 19" wide jumper. Since we will have elastic in the back it can be used by a child of up to 22" chest.

3. Place the shoulder straps about 2" -3" apart at the center of 2.5 inch wide strips. Sandwich them between 2 layers ( right sides together) and sew along the end where raw end of shoulder straps is aligned with raw sides of strips for band.



4. Fold the raw sides of the band half inch on the inside at the side where the shoulder strap are at the right side (that is the seam is not visible). Now fold the raw ends of the other side of band over this side. This will have the effect of making the inner layer of the band slightly longer than the outer layer. This will be useful when you attach the bod of the dress to the band.



5. Sew the two shorter ends of the band (right sides together).

6. Now take the main fabric that you prepared earlier, pull the thread of the seam along the raw end to gather the fabric. Adjust the gathers such that the dress width is equal to the width of the band.

7. Line up the raw end of main fabric with the raw end of outer layer of the band. Make sure of the following things:

- The straps are at the center of the front of main fabric
- The right side (seamless) of shoulder straps falls together with the right side of the dress.

Sew a seam along the raw edge, make sure the seam falls on the fold you had made in step 4.



9. Sew a seam just below the band at the front, make sure you're catching the inner layer of the band inside with this seam. Leave two 1" gaps in the back, about 8" apart.



10. Thread a wide elastic through these gaps with the help of a safety pin. Pull the elastic such that the total width of the band becomes about three inches less than the required width. This will ensure a snug fit.



11. Secure the elastic on both sides using zigzag stitch. Go over the elastic 3-4 times to ensure strong seam because this seam would be constantly under tension.

12. Sew buttons on the shoulder straps and buttonholes right beneath the elastic. You may sew two sets of buttons for a flexible fit. The shoulder straps can also be worn straight or in a crisscross to allow a good fit for a long time.



13. Make a small bow out of a small coordinating scrap of grosgrain ribbon. Hand sew it at the front of the jumper.



## Spring Baby Free Dress Pattern

By [Remona from the Stitching Scientist](#)

Babies who are just learning to walk look adorable toddling around in cute little dresses. If you have a little one in your life that is in need of a cute, new spring dress, this free dress pattern is exactly what you are looking for. This Spring Baby Free Dress Pattern was designed especially for 6 to 9 months babies. Created in a spring fabric, it is the perfect dress for a spring outing.



### Materials

- 1/2 yard cotton fabric
- 1/4 yard coordinating fabric for the sleeves
- 15 inch of 1/2 inch wide elastic for the neck
- 7.5 inch (x2) of 1/2 inch wide elastic for the sleeves
- Pattern (see below)

**Instructions:**

1. After you have all the pieces of the pattern cut out, line them up together. When you line up the body pieces, tape it up together and place it on the fold of your fabric, cut it out.



2. Since you cutting on the fold, you will have one piece for the front and one piece for the back. Do the same thing for your sleeves, except you don't need to cut on fold.



3. Iron out your pattern pieces. Take one sleeve and lay it out with wide side facing you. Fold in 0.5 cm on the top and bottom sides, iron it down. Fold it again 0.5 cm and iron it down. Do the same for the other sleeve.



4. Now take one of your body pieces with the wrong side up and iron down 0.5 cm. Do it again, ironing down 0.5cm like you did with the sleeves. Do the same thing for the top of the neck line. Do the same for the other body piece.



5. Now line up one sleeve and one body piece together with pins.

6. Sew the sleeve on leaving 0.5 cm seam allowance. You can zig zag the ends so it doesn't fray. Repeat for the other sleeve on the other side of the same body piece. Lock your seam in by ironing.



7. Now, take the second body piece and pin the loose sides of the sleeves to the other side of the body piece. Pin the side seam under the arm down to the bottom hem. Sew from under the arm down to the bottom hem of the body using 0.5cm seam allowance which you can zigzag to prevent fraying. Lock your seam in by ironing.



8. Sew the sides of the dress together from arm to the bottom. Zigzag your ends to prevent fraying. Iron out the seams to give it a clean finished look.

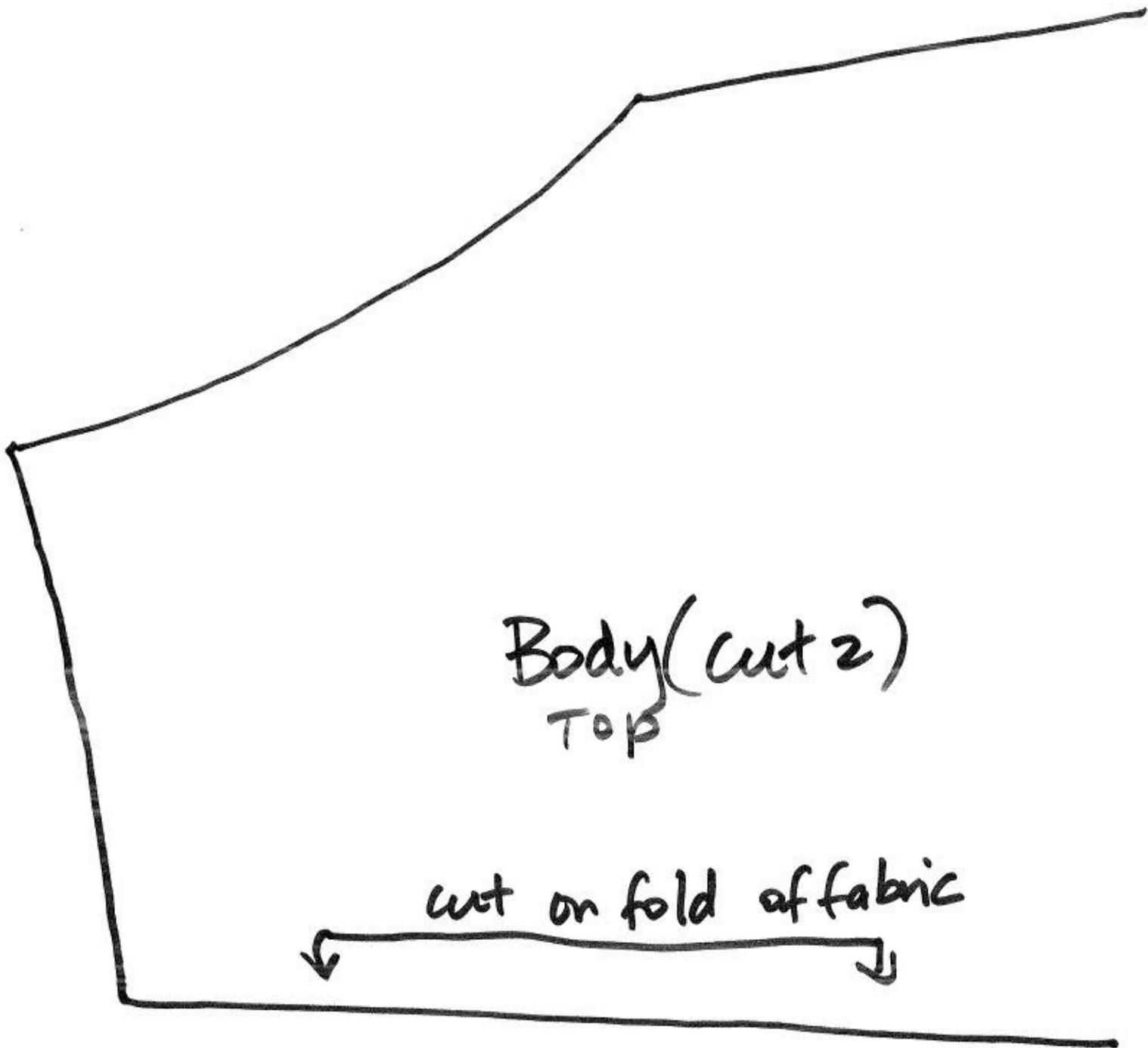


9. Now fold in the bottom hem and sew close.

10. Back to the top of the dress- fold down the neck hem that you created earlier. Sew around the neck leaving about 2 inch opening to put in the elastic. Pin the elastic onto a safety pin and push it through until you have it all the way around. Sew both sides of the elastic close using zigzag stitch. Sew the 2 inch opening close. Repeat this for the bottom of the sleeves. To get the elastic into the sleeves may be tricky with a safety pin since it's so small.



11. After you finish the elastic, make a fabric flower to put on the upper right hand side. This is optional, but I really think it makes it stand out.



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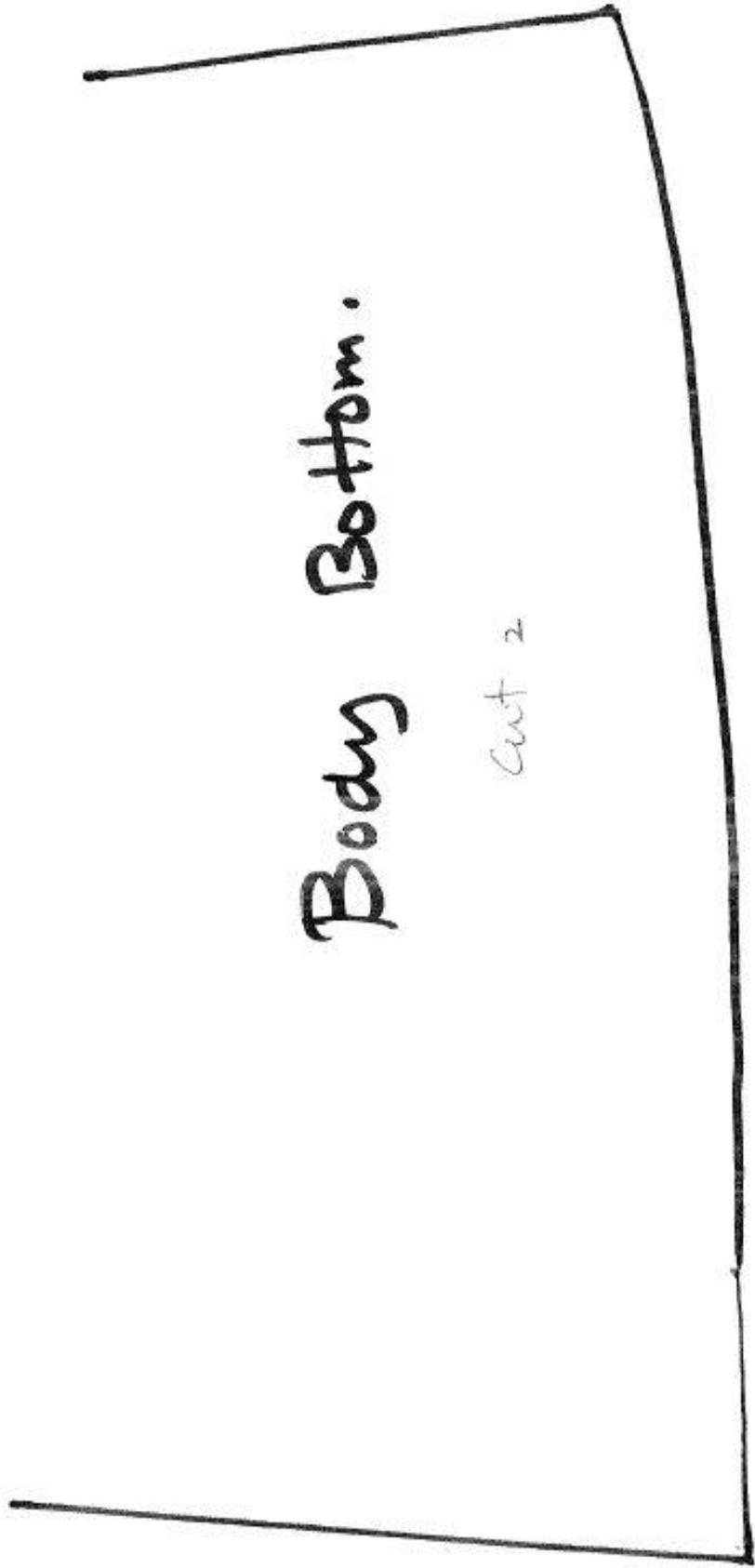
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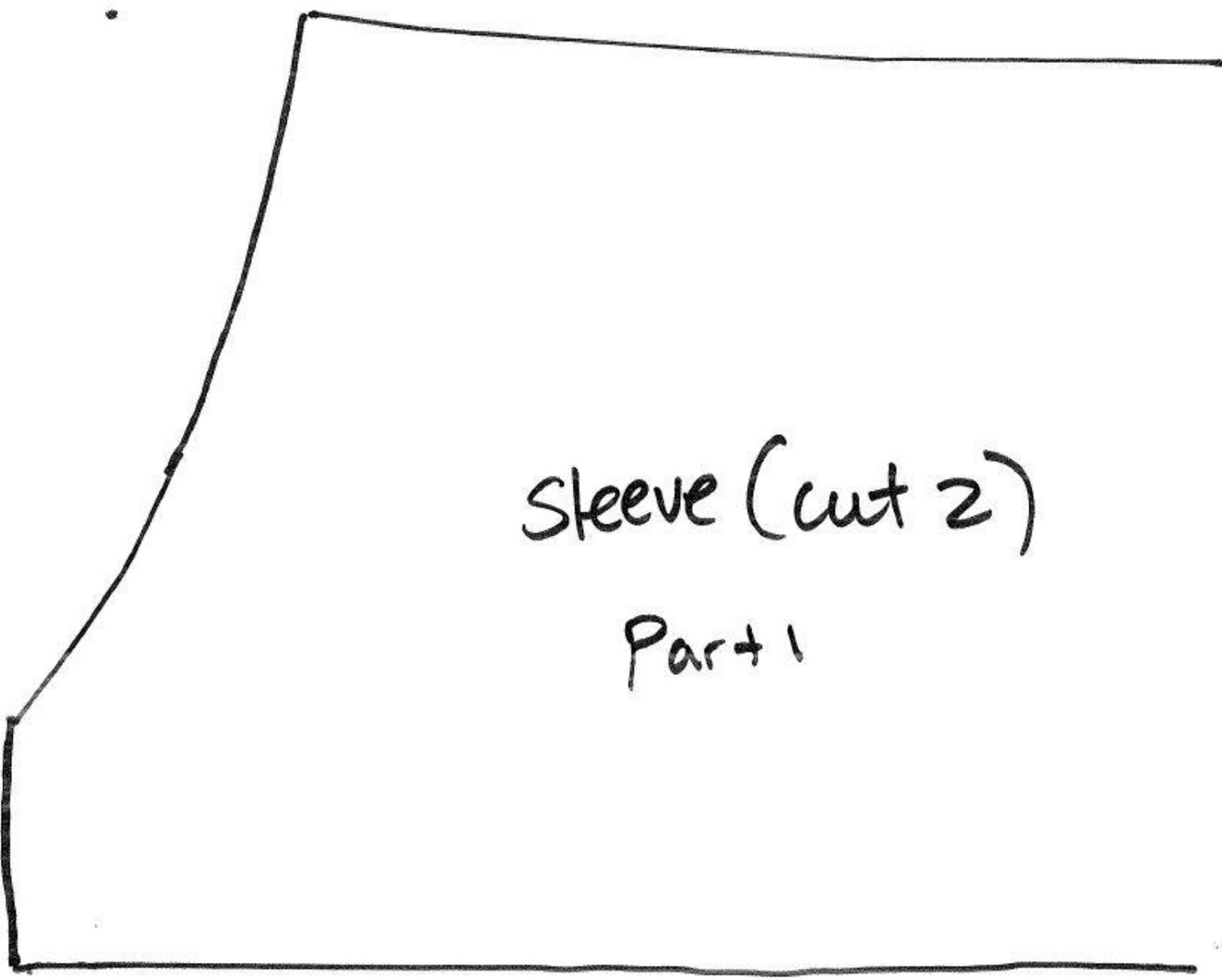


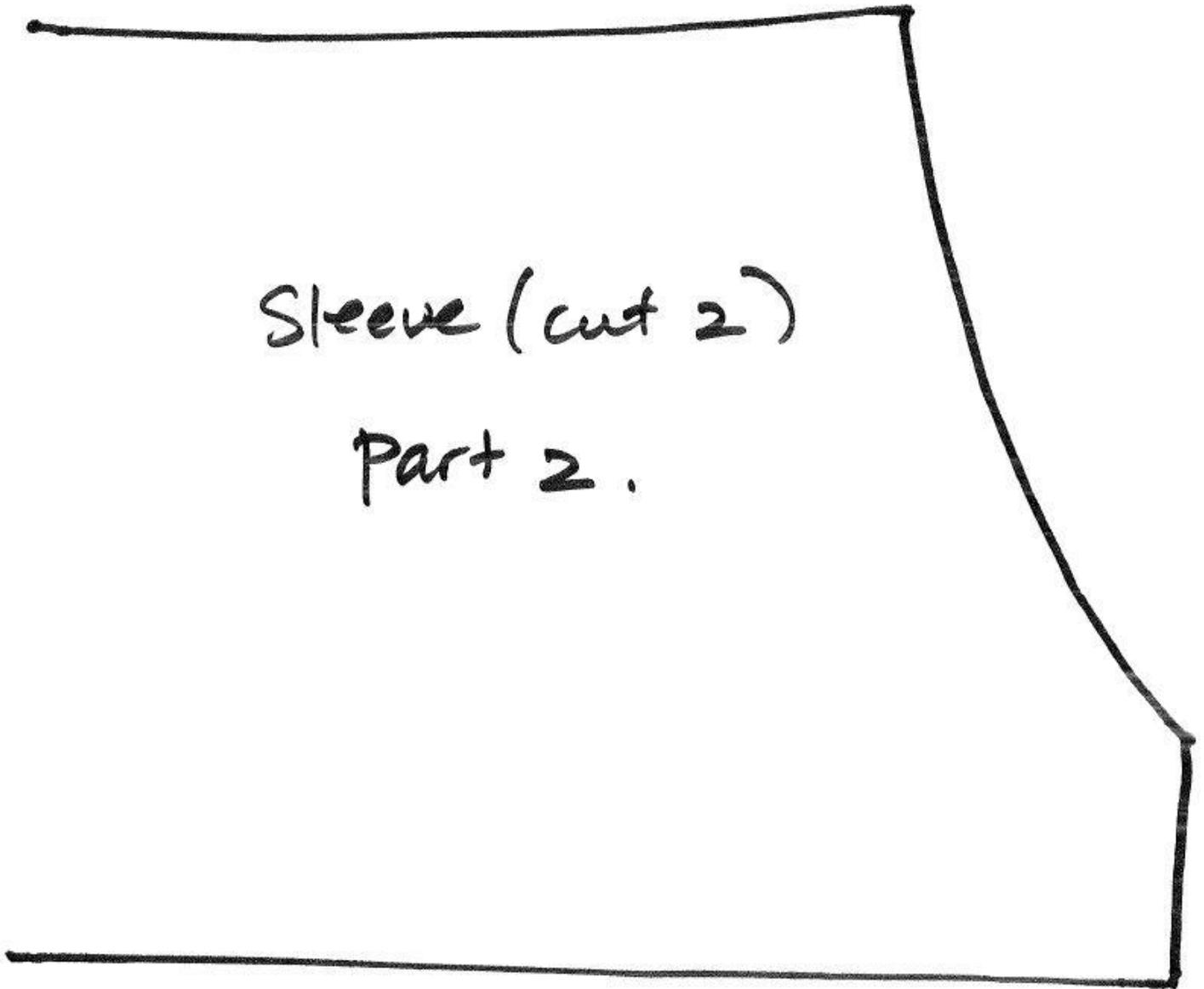
Body middle

Body Bottom.

cut 2









## Accessories for Baby

### Stylish Baby Change Mat Clutch

By [Wen from What's Mummy Up To](#)

When a baby's got to go, a baby's got to go. There's nothing worse than getting stuck without a changing station when your little one has made a boom-boom. Now you can bring your changing pad with you in style, thanks to the Stylish Baby Change Mat Clutch. This DIY baby changing mat is a must-have for new moms.



#### Materials:

- 1 yard of fabric for the inside, and 1 yard of coordinating fabric for the outside. (If you use coordinating fabrics, this will be enough to make 2 of these. If you want to make the inside and outside from the same fabric, you will have enough fabric with just 1 yard for 1 of these.)
- 1 yard fusible interfacing
- Small piece of velcro, or a velcro dot (1 inch) - I use the sticky-backed one - it stays still while sewing!
- Iron
- Chalk or a tailor's pencil
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Scissors

**Instructions:**

1. Cut a rectangle out of each fabric, each being 24" x 19 1/2". You can use your rotary cutter to make things a little more even. Then iron them so they're completely wrinkle-free.



2. On the right side of the outer fabric, measure 10" from the top edge, in the middle, and stick down then sew one side of your velcro. To sew this down, use a small zig-zag stitch, and sew around the edge, then also sew along the diagonals of the rectangle just to make sure it's secure. You can also use sticky-backed velcro to make sure that it stays in place; it's much easier to sew this way.



3. Grab your fusible interfacing. (Be sure to get the iron-on one, not the sew-on one.) Cut out 2 rectangles of interfacing that are 1 inch smaller in each direction than your fabric rectangles (ie 23" x 18.5").



4. Iron the interfacing to the wrong side of each of your fabric rectangles. Be sure to take your time and get it all perfectly flat without bubbling.



5. Place your 2 fabric rectangles right-sides-together. Start approximately 3/4 of the way along one of the short sides, and sew around all 4 edges of the rectangles to join them together, using a 1/4" seam allowance. When you get back to the top edge where you started, only sew along about 1/4 of the way. This way, you will have a gap of a little more than 10" in the top centre of the change-mat. Also, be sure to pivot at each corner (lower the needle, lift the sewing machine foot, turn the fabric, lower the foot then keep sewing) so that you get nice clean corners.



6. Clip the corners off close to the stitch line, but not cutting any stitches.



7. Use the gap in the top to turn your change-mat through, right-sides-out. Use something pointy but not too sharp (I used a pen with it's lid on!) to poke each of the corners out so you have nice sharp corners. Then turn the raw edges of the gap over 1/4 inch and press them with the iron.



8. Now for the envelope part: cut 2 rectangles from one of your fabrics 10" x 5". You can use the inner fabric so that it contrasts with the outer when it's closed



9. Fold your rectangle in half and iron a crease down the centre.



10. Use a ruler and chalk to mark then cut with scissors, or alternatively just use a rotary cutter and ruler to cut a line from the top of the centre fold you just made to the bottom corner on each side, making a triangle. Repeat for the other rectangle, so you're left with 2 matching triangles.



11. Measure vertically down 1 inch from the tip of the triangle, and stick then sew (with a zig-zag stitch as before) the other part of your velcro.



12. Place your triangles right-sides-together, then sew around the diagonal lines using a 1/4 inch seam allowance, then clip the top corner close to the stitching, but not cutting any stitches. Turn your triangle through to right-side-out, and use your pointy "something" to poke the corner out all nice and pointy!



13. Insert the raw edges of your triangle into the gap at the top of the change-mat. Push it in approximately 1/2", then pin it in place. Make sure the side with the velcro is facing the inside of the change-mat.



14. Topstitch around the entire change mat, 1/8" from the edge, starting at a corner and ending at the same corner. As you top-stitch along the top edge, you will be closing the gap, and holding the envelope flap in place.



15. Measure 4" along along the top edge, and using a long ruler draw a vertical line down the length of the change-mat. Then repeat on the other side, 4" from the other side. Then sew down each of these lines from the top of the change-mat to the bottom. This stitch-line makes folding the change-mat a bit easier.



### To assemble

1. Place the wipes and nappies in a neat stack between the sewn lines on the open mat, then fold up the bottom of the mat to cover them.



2. Fold in the sides, along the sewn lines.



3. Neatly fold the bottom part (with the wipes and nappies inside) up and over and over until they reach the top of the mat.



4. Fold the flap down and secure your velcro.



## I “Mustache” You a Question Baby Bib

By [Cheri from I Am Momma Hear Me Roar](#)

There are two reasons why the I Mustache You A Question Baby Bib ought to be number one on your list of projects to make. First, the vinyl is incredibly easy to wash and essentially stain-proof. And second, it's the cutest DIY baby bib that you'll find anywhere. Turn your little boy into a little man with this free baby bib pattern. The whole project takes less than an hour and yields fabulous results. Make mealtime fun and playful with this hilarious bib.



### Materials:

- Vinyl
- Typical sewing supplies

### Instructions:

1. Cut your vinyl to your desired size, about 8” wide and 11” long. You can make yours bigger or smaller, depending on the age of the baby/child.



2. Round all your corners. Use a CD as a guide for this to make it easier. Just trace around the edge of the CD on the reverse side of the vinyl. Then cut. Use pinking shears to give the bib a little more flare.



3. Find a smaller circle to trace the hole for the neck. Trace it on the back. Cut a slit down to the circle and then cut out the circle.



4. Sew on your embellishment. Draw the shape on the back of the vinyl first and then cut it out. Use contrasting thread to stitch it on. Note: the vinyl can shift while you're sewing so be sure to take your time.



5. Sew on a button and cut a small slit for a button hole. Don't worry, the button hole won't tear. The vinyl has a fabric-like backing and it doesn't really tear. You could also do velcro or snaps

## Baby Mary Jane Shoes

By [Remona from The Stitching Scientist](#)

When you have a new baby you know that covering up their tiny feet is important. With the Baby Mary Jane Shoes you can do it in style. Your baby's shoes will be the envy of every mother on the block. This free baby shoe tutorial is a must have. You won't regret taking the time to sew up a pair of these adorable Mary Jane's for your little one.



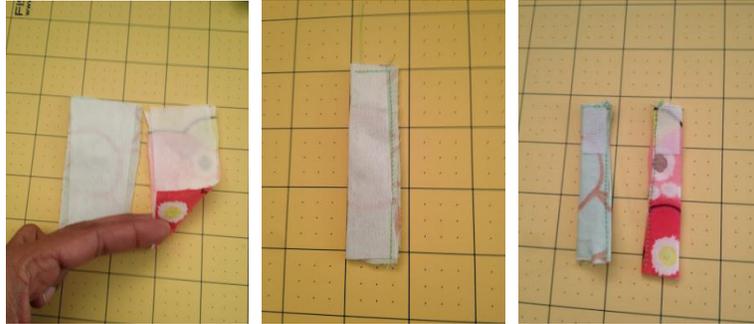
### Materials:

- One fat quarter (18"x22") main fabric
- One fat quarter lining
- 5"x10" non-skid fabric
- 5"x10" interfacing
- 2" of Velcro
- Pattern (see below)



**Instructions:**

1. Make the straps first. Iron on interfacing to the wrong side. Then, with right sides together fold and sew. Turn it inside out and iron. After you have your straps, attach a small piece of Velcro on one end. You can also wait after you sew on the straps to put on the Velcro.



2. Now for the top. Iron on the interfacing to the wrong side of the main fabric. Take your strap with Velcro facing up (if you already attach the velcro on) and place it about 3" from the bottom of the main fabric on the right side. Take your lining and place it on top of the strap and main fabric. Sew inside the inner part of the U.



3. Once you have your inner U sewn, fold over the lining and iron down the seam.



4. Now onto the sole. Take your main fabric and place it on you skid-free fabric with the right side of the main fabric facing the side of the skid-free fabric that has the bumps. Sew all around leaving about a 3" opening so you can turn it inside out.



5. Once you have it turned inside out, top stitch your opening close. Don't worry about how it looks as it will barely show inside. If you want, you can top stitch the entire sole so it all looks the same.

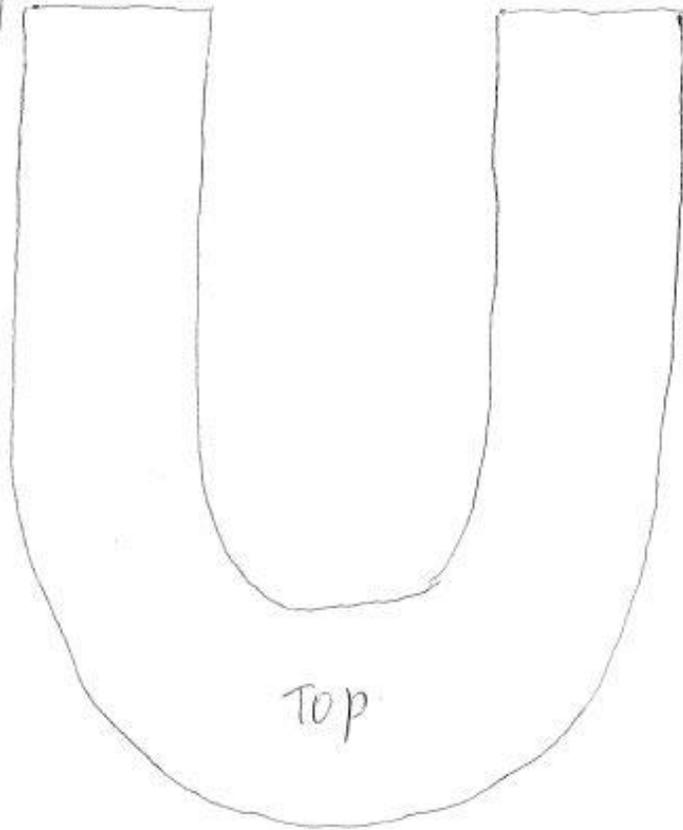


6. Take your top with lining facing out and pin it all the way around the sole of the SKID-FREE fabric NOT the main fabric.



7. Turn in inside out and place your velcro on the side of the shoe. You can then embellish with a flower on the top. I also did a small flower on the straps for some added cuteness.

Baby shoes Mary Jane  
3-6 mths  
Final length - 4 inches



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## Polka Dots Crib Mobile

By [Jaime from Sew She Sews](#)

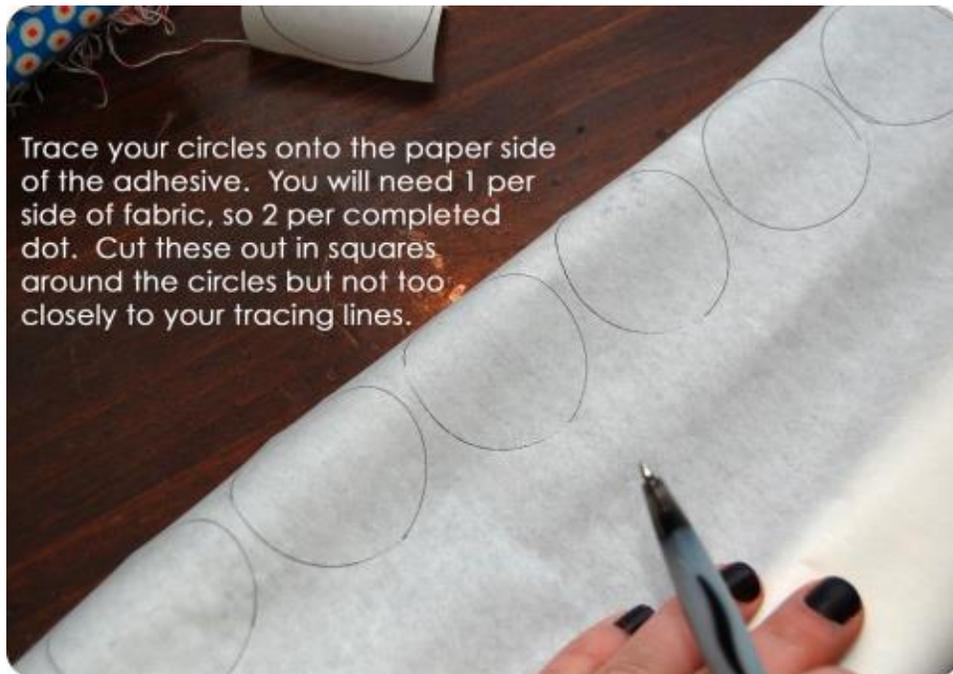
This polka dots crib mobile is the cutest, easiest way to decorate your baby's nursery. Free baby sewing projects like this one offer a budget-friendly solution to sprucing up a space for your little one. Don't drop a bundle of cash on a piece from the store that you can easily construct yourself. Take this opportunity to transform your fabric scraps into a mobile that will catch your baby's eye as they fall asleep.

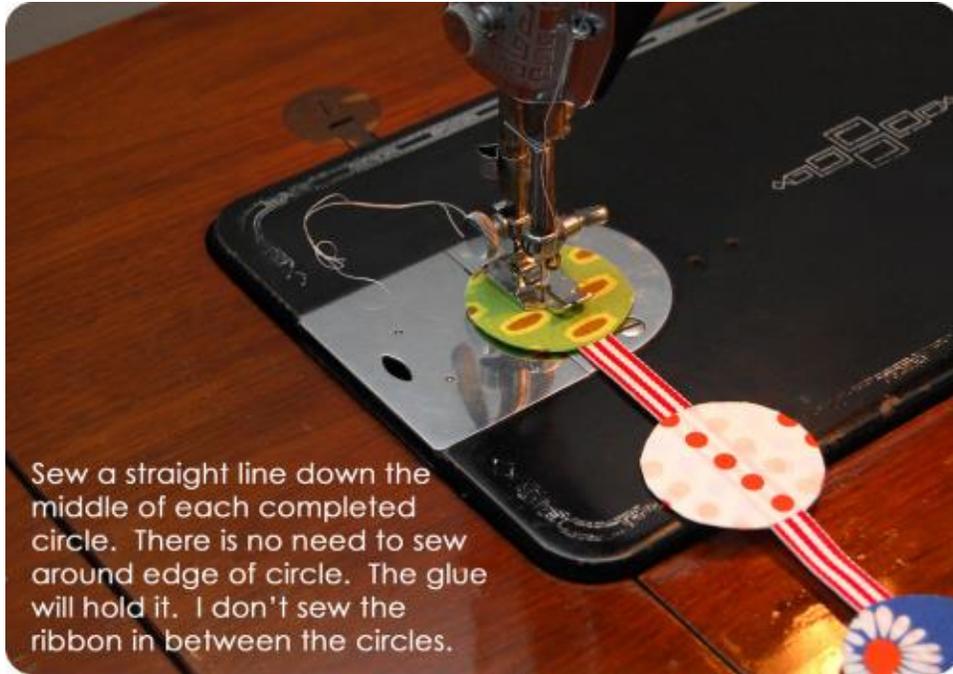


### Materials:

- Fabric
- Iron on adhesive (heat n bond)
- Paint
- Pen & a circle for tracing (you can use a lid)
- Iron
- Ribbon or string
- Straight pins
- Embroidery hoop (discard the part iwth the screw)

**Instructions:**







## Newborn Comfort Taggie Blanket

By [Laura from Behind the Hedgerow](#)

Taggie blankets are an important part of a baby's development, but they can be so expensive. Why spend money when you can make your own Newborn Comfort Taggie Blanket? This DIY baby blanket takes no time at all and makes for a great baby shower gift to help out new moms! This is also a great scrapbusting craft, if you have a few fabrics with different textures. Just cut up a few squares, pick a design, and get to sewing.



### Materials:

- 20 fabric scraps of varying sizes
- 1 print fabric square – 30cm x 30cm (12" x 12")
- 1 double gauze fabric square – 30cm x 30cm (12" x 12")
- 1 flannel (or other soft fabric) square – 30cm x 30cm (12" x 12")
- Coordinating thread
- Lots of pins
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat (optional)

**Instructions:**

**Making the Tags**

1. To make a tag, fold your fabric scrap in half lengthwise with right sides together (RST) press.



2. Sew the long edge with a 0.5cm seam allowance.



3. Press the seam allowance open.



4. Turn the tag right side out and press so that the seam is in the middle of the tag and then press in half width-wise with the seam on the inside.



5. When you've done all 20 they will look like this:



### **Attaching the tags**

1. On the right side of the print fabric square measure 3 cm (1") in from each corner and pin a tag.



2. Distribute the rest of the tags evenly along the edges of the square and pin. Baste the tags in place with a 0.5cm seam allowance.



### Assembling the blanket

1. Now you'll make a nice neat pile of your three fabrics in this order, starting on bottom:

- Flannel/lining fabric (doesn't matter which side is up)
- Liberty fabric (with tags attached) right side up
- Double gauze right side down

Pin the three layers together.



2. Sew all the way around the edge of the blanket with a 1cm seam allowance, leaving a 7cm (2.5") gap for turning. TIP – When sewing around the corners, don't make a sharp 90 degree turn. Instead, sew to the corner, turn 45 degrees and sew one stitch, then turn another 45 degrees and continue sewing the next side. This slight roundedness will actually make your corner sharper once it's turned out. Clip the corners.



3. Turn the blanket right side out through the opening.



4. Take your time to push the corners out gently so they're nice and sharp.



5. Press the blanket flat, tucking in the seam allowance from the opening.



6. Topstitch around the entire blanket.



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