

With a new little Prince born, we thought it appropriate to do a "baby" sewing project. We have two very useful items, a baby bib and baby burp cloth, free download .pdf pattern. The baby bib and burp cloths can be sewn up in advance if you know there is a little one coming along. They are so quick and easy to make that you can sew them up in an afternoon, a nice useful gift.

In this blog:

- Baby Bib How to print and put the pattern pieces together.
- Materials needed, tutorial to sew it together.
- An inspiration for sewing your own.
- Baby Burp Cloth How to print and assemble the pattern pieces together.
- Materials needed, tutorial to sew it together.

Patchwork fabric scraps:

Sewing for a new baby is always a joy as I get to use up a lot of my fabric bits. If your "fabric bits" are just too small, sew them all together higgledy-piggledy to make a new piece of patchwork fabric.

How print your pattern.

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Putting your pattern pieces together



Preparation of fabric



Materials needed to make a baby bib:

Click here to view our Poly/Cotton fabric blog for fabric ideas.

- I purchased a hand towel from the local supermarket, it was approx: 50cm X 90cm in size. This was suitable to make one baby bib and two baby burp cloths. For a double baby bib one side towel the other cotton blend, or cotton fabric. Use the thinner towels as this reduces the bulk. You can also use one colour towel for one side and another colour for the other side. For a single baby bib use a nice thick fluffy towel, finish edges with bias binding.
- A piece of a cotton blend, cotton fabric 30cm X 40 cm in size.
- Two Poppers, or some Velcro if you prefer, for the closure.
- Sewing machine and matching thread.
- Scissors, pins and hand needle to sew poppers.

This tutorial is to make a baby bib using one side towelling and the other cotton.

You can make all double sided bibs in the same way, alternately you can finish them off with a bias binding.

Step 1: Fold your towel fabric in half lengthways and pin pattern on the fold.

Step 2: Cut out the towelling piece.

Step 3: Repeat this on the fabric for the front piece of the baby bib.

Start sewing your baby bib

Step 4: With right sides together, pin and sew approx 1cm all the way around leaving a hole big enough for you to get your fingers in and turn it inside out.



Step 5: Using your scissors trim some of the bulk of the towel away around the seam but do not trim any fabric back where the opening is, as it will be difficult to sew closed.

Step 6: Make some deepish cuts into the top edges around the rounded neck bits so the fabric has room to move once turned right side out resulting in a nice round edge.

Step 7: Turn it right side out and press, folding the opening fabric to the inside of the two pieces.

Finishing off your baby bib

Step 8: Sew a row of topstitching all the way around, fairly close to the edge and stitch the opening closed. You can use a straight stitch or an embroidery stitch to decorate it.

Step 9: Fix the poppers/ velcro on at the end of each neck piece to create the closure, you will need to hand stitch the poppers on.



In conclusion, to sew a single layer thick towel baby bib

- Lay the pattern piece on the fold of a nice thick towel, and cut out.
- Use store-bought or homemade wide bias binding to finish off the edges.
- Sew poppers or Velcro on the neck pieces to create the closure.





Putting your pattern pieces together.

Preparation of fabric...



This tutorial is to make a baby burp cloth using one side towelling and the other a print poly/cotton fabric.

You can make all double sided burp cloths in the same way, or you may like to finish them off with a bias binding.

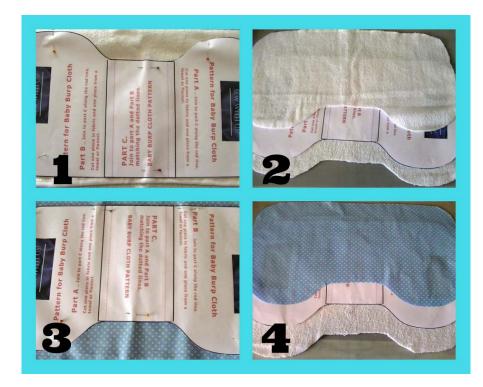
Materials needed to make a baby burp cloth:

- Due to purchasing a hand towel from the local supermarket, it was approx: 50cm X 90cm in size which was suitable to make one baby bib and two baby burp cloths I suggest a hand towel of this size for this project. For a double baby bib one side towel the other cotton blend, or cotton fabric. Use the thinner towels as this reduces the bulk. You can also use one colour towel for one side and another colour for the other side. For a single baby bib use a nice thick fluffy towel, finish edges with bias binding.
- A piece of a <u>polycotton</u>, cotton fabric 60cm X 50 cm in size this is for one burp cloth.
- A sewing machine and matching thread.
- Sewing Scissors and pins.

Start cutting out the baby burp cloth pieces

Step 1 & 2: Lay your pattern our on the towel and pin it all the way round to hold it firm. (I folded the towel in half and cut two at the same time as I was making two baby burp cloths.) Cut the pattern out.

Step 3 & 4: Repeat this on the fabric for the front piece of the baby burp cloth. You should now have a front cotton piece and a back towelling piece for each burp cloth you are going to make.



Start Sewing the burp cloth.

Step 5: Putting the right sides of the fabric together, pin and sew approx 1cm all the way around, leave a hole big enough for you to turn it inside out.

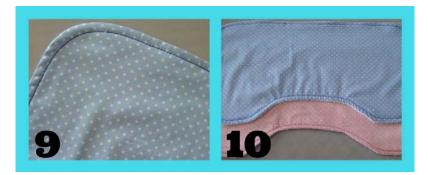
Step 6: Snip away some of the bulky towelling from around the seam, but do not trim any fabric back where the opening is, consequently it will be difficult to sew closed. Due to the fabric bulk around the neck edge cut into the edge fabric, this gives the fabric 'room to move' once turned right side out and it gets a good finish on curved seams.

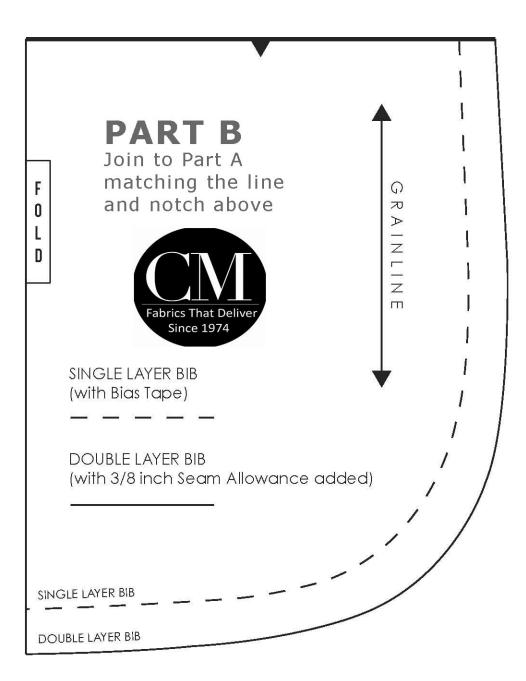
Step 7 / 8: Turn it inside out and iron, folding the opening fabric to the inside of the two pieces.



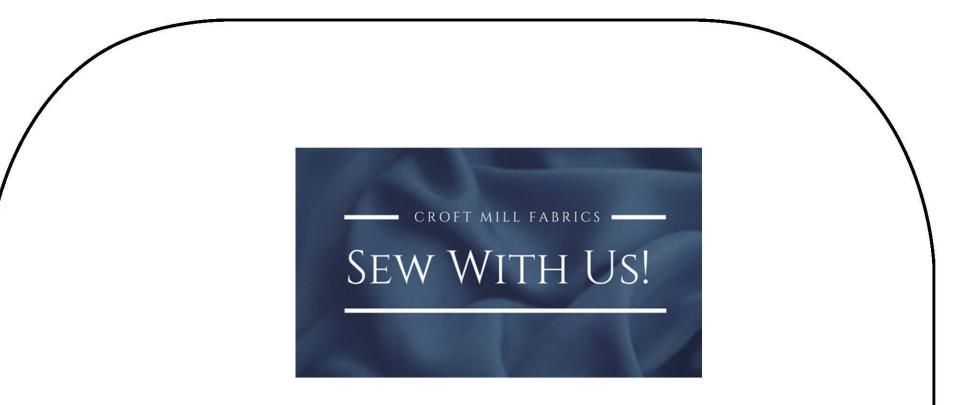
Step 9: Sew a row of topstitching (lengthen your stitch to achieve a nice even look), all the way around, fairly close to the edge and stitch the opening closed.

Step 10: The result: A great gift for the new mother and her baby.









Pattern for Baby Burp Cloth

Part A .. Join to part C along the red line.

Cut one piece in fabric and one piece from a towel or flannel.

