

Getting Started, projects 1-3 in 9 months til baby

Start with 1 fat quarter bundle of Little One by Robert Kaufman Fabrics which includes 10 fat quarters and 1 bib panel. You will be able to make all 3 projects from this bundle. You will need some additional supplies to finish your projects.

Bibs with Add-itude!

Fabric Requirements:

Yardage from a Little One Fat Quarter Bundle including the bib panel

Velcro for the bibs, Coordinating Thread,

Additional Supplies are listed below the project ideas.

Basic Bib Instructions:

1. Embellish your bib using one of the techniques described below.
2. Cut a piece of backing fabric the same size as the front of your bib.
3. Layer your bib front and bib back with right sides together and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " around all sides leaving a 2" opening for turning it right sides out.
4. After turning it right sides out, stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edges with a coordinating thread.
5. Add a $\frac{3}{4}$ " piece of Velcro to the bib tabs. Place the rough piece on the under side of the top tab and machine stitch in place sewing as close to the edge as you can. Place the soft piece on the top side of the bottom tab and stitch in place.



BIB EXTENDER! Extend the life of the bib by creating this simple Bib Extender. Cut a piece of 1" ribbon about 3" long. Cut Velcro 1" long. Sew the rough side to one side of the ribbon at the end. Sew the soft side to the back side of the ribbon at the other end.

You can now use the bib longer by creating this extender that will help the bib fit your baby as they grow older!

Fun Bib Ideas:

1. Use Heat & Bond Iron-On Vinyl and apply it to the front of one bib. Then, just use it as is, no backing needed! Note: you can sew a backing to the bib, but I found that it gave the bib a crumpled look.
2. Sew Rick-Rack across the bib on the line where the two designs change. For example the Cupcake and I Love My Mommy bibs work well with this. You can also sew Rick-Rack parallel to the lines in the 100% Perfect bib.
3. Choose one of the smaller squares from the bib panel such as the star block or Sweet Pea block. Iron fusible web to the wrong side of the block, trim to size, and iron onto a bib. The stripe or all-over star bibs work well with this idea.



4. Add ribbon tags to the edge of a bib. Cut 3" pieces of ribbon. Before sewing your bib front and back together, fold the ribbon in half with the design out, pin it to your bib where you would like it to end up, lining up the raw edge of the ribbon with the raw edge of the bib. Layer the backing piece on top of the front finish your bib.
5. Create a Crumb Catcher. First, use the I Love My Daddy bib as a template and trace the area below the words onto a piece of paper. Cut out that shape from Fast2Fuse. Cut an 8" x 8" piece of fabric for the Crumb Catcher. Place the piece of fabric on your ironing board wrong side up. Put the piece of Fast2Fuse on top of the fabric towards one end. Then, fold the other side of the fabric square over with right sides showing to cover the Fast2Fuse. Iron well on both sides to adhere the fabric to the Fast2Fuse. Trim away any excess fabric. Layer the Crumb Catcher onto the top of your bib at the bottom. Then add the backing piece and pin all three layers together. Sew around the edges, but leave your opening for turning it right side out away from the Crumb Catcher. Carefully turn your bib right sides out. To finish the bib, sew around the top half, do not sew over the Crumb Catcher.

Project 2: Soft Blocks

Additional Supplies: Stuffing or Fiberfil, assorted ribbons in 3" lengths.

Cutting Instructions: From your fat quarter assortment & bib panel cut the following sizes:

Large Block: 6 squares 8" x 8"

Medium Block: 6 squares 5" x 5"

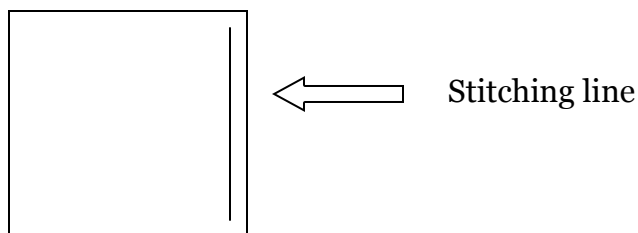
Small Block: 6 squares 4" x 4"

Piecing Instructions: Use a 1/4" seam allowance

Begin by folding a piece of ribbon in half with the right sides out. Pin it to one of your squares.

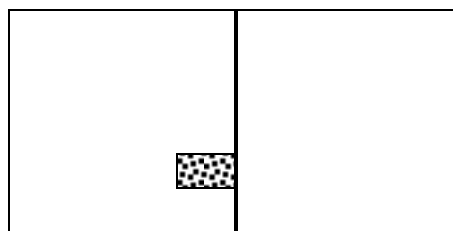
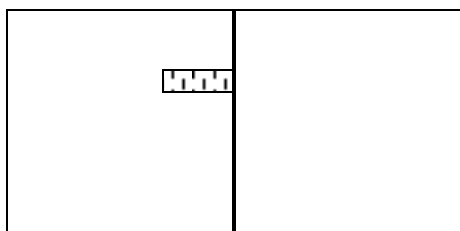
Layer another square on top of the ribbon block with right sides together.

Measure 1/4" from the top of that square at the edge and make a mark. Also measure 1/4" from the bottom of the square and make a mark. These will be your starting and stopping points.



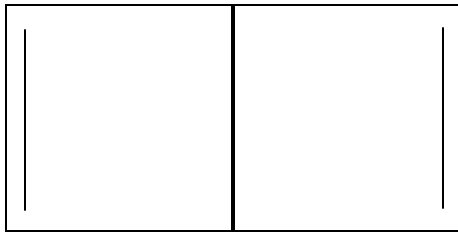
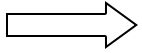
Begin sewing the two blocks together at the place your marked and sew until you reach the bottom place you marked. Be sure to catch your ribbon in the seam.

Repeat and make another block unit as explained above. You will now have 2 sets of blocks.



Layer your two sets of blocks on top of each other with right sides together. You can also pin ribbon in between these seams. Mark $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top and bottom on both sides and stitch so that your unit is sewn together like a tube.

Stitch Lines



Now for the tricky part. Pull your block apart a little and place a new square along one of the seams with right sides together. You are going to stitch this to the block unit, starting and stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each edge like you did before. You have to kind of squish one part of the block unit down so that you can sew these pieces together.



Next, place the other side of your square on the opposite side of the block and sew starting and stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edges. Continue this process with the other two sides as well until the bottom of your cube is stitched together.



Repeat this process for the top of your cube. However, when you get to the last side you are going to sew leave an opening for turning the block right sides out. Refer to the picture below. Start 1/4" from the edge, sew a little bit, leave a gap for turning, sew until you reach 1/4" from the end.



Turn the block right sides out. Check to make sure you stitched all of the corners together. If you missed one, simply turn it right sides out and stitch the opening closed.

Firmly stuff with fiberfill. You can add a rattle by placed small beads in a plastic Christmas bulb ornament and gluing it shut.

Another option is to add cellophane bags while you are stuffing, it will add a crinkling sound to the block when baby squishes it.

Blindstitch the opening shut with coordinating thread.

Wrist Rattles

Supplies: 2 squares from your fabric that are 3" x 3" (one for top one for back) a piece of Cuddle or Minkee fabric 4 1/2" x 7 1/2", Velcro, Stuffing, 1/2" or 3/4" jingle bell

To Make the Rattle:

Layer your two squares of fabric with right sides together. Sew 1/4" around all of the edges.

On the backing side of the squares, cut a small slit about 1" and turn the squares right sides out.

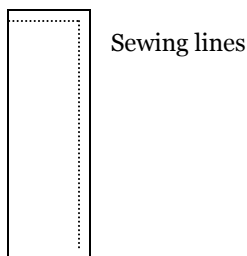
Stuff firmly with Fiberfil and a jingle bell. Whip stitch the opening closed.

Cut a piece of Velcro 2" long and sew the soft piece to the back of your rattle, covering up the slit.

To Make the Wristlet:

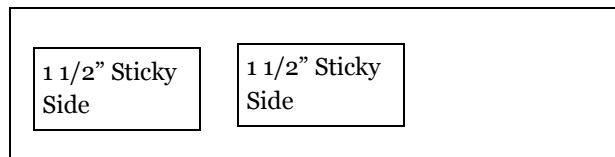
Fold the 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" piece of soft fabric in half lengthwise with right sides together. Pin.

Stitch across the top and then down the long raw-edge side using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave the bottom open.



Turn the wristlet right sides out. Fold the raw edge end in about 1/2" and pin in place. Then, sew 1/4" around the entire wristlet with your machine. Add Velcro to the wristlet in this manor:

Top of Wristlet



Bottom of Wristlet

