

skyquilter's Pattern For:

“Simple Gifts – Reversible Infant Bibs”

Reversible Infant Bibs – Two, approximately 16” x 9” each

Would you like to make a simple gift? These reversible infant bibs are easy to make, even for a beginner sewist. This pattern could also be used as a great little lesson for a youngster interested in learning how to sew. Feel free to make several for your group's next fundraiser.



Fabric Required (makes 2)

- ❖ 1 - 13" square of fabric for the front - quilting cotton, soft denim, flannel (I used a light weight sweatshirt fabric)
- ❖ 1 - 14" square of fabric for the back - flannel, terry cloth (I used a soft French terry fabric)
- ❖ Fasteners - Velcro, sew-in snaps, snaps with a snap press (I used sew-in snaps)
- ❖ Optional - 6" of 1"-wide cotton webbing to stabilize snaps
- ❖ Optional 1 - 13" square and 1 - 14" square of fusible interfacing (I used Pellon SF101 Shape Flex)

Keep in mind; your bibs will be reversible, so you will want to choose 2 nice and soft fabrics.

Also keep in mind; bibs get dirty and are washed often! Fancy bibs will not get used! Keep them simple and focus on durability.

Finishing your Reversible Infant Bibs

- ❖ From the fabrics listed above, this pattern makes 2 bibs.
- ❖ If you have chosen to use stretchy fabrics, you might want to consider stabilizing one or both of them. Follow the directions on your fusible interfacing.
- ❖ If you wish to put a quilting or embroidery motif on your bib front, you can do that now before you proceed, or wait until your bib has been constructed.
- ❖ Place the 14" square of fabric you have chosen for the back, face up on a table in front of you.
- ❖ Place the 13" square of fabric you have chosen for the front, centered, face down on top of the back fabric. They are now right sides together (RST).
- ❖ Pin.
- ❖ Using a ruler, draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner of the 13" square of fabric. Next draw 2 lines, $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the first line you drew.
- ❖ Draw a line $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the edge of the perimeter of the 13" square of fabric - starting and stopping where you drew the $\frac{1}{4}$ " lines from the center line.
- ❖ Choose a needle and thread appropriate for your chosen fabrics. (I used a Schmetz Stretch 12/80 needle, 30-weight Coats & Clark cotton thread, and my walking foot.) Stitch on the perimeter of the square lines, leaving a 3" gap for turning on one side of each triangle. Stitch on the 2 lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the center. Be sure to backstitch on the all the starts/stops.
- ❖ Using a ruler and a rotary cutter, trim the 14" back fabric to match the 13" front fabric. It is easier to line up the 2 fabrics after stitching.
- ❖ Using a ruler and a rotary cutter, cut on the middle line, between the 2 stitched lines. You now have 2 triangles.
- ❖ Clip the 3 corners on each triangle.

- ❖ Turn the triangles right side out, gently pressing out the sides and corners.
- ❖ Press.
- ❖ Starting on the side with the opening, stitch around the entire perimeter, close to the edge, closing the gaps, on each triangle.
- ❖ Next, for a nice clean, flat edge, sew a zigzag stitch around the perimeter, just inside the straight stitch. I used a zigzag stitch with a width of 4mm and length of 2mm.
- ❖ You are now ready to add the fastener of your choice. I will describe the process I used for sew-in snaps. You will need 2 snap “sets” for each bib. Hand sew 1 “ball” part of a snap to the center of a 1” x 1” piece of cotton webbing. Hand sew 2 “socket” parts of 2 snaps to a 2” x 1” piece of cotton webbing. Space these 2 about an inch apart, not quite at the ends of the 2” webbing. Note, you will not be using 1 of the “ball” parts of the 2 snaps; this allows the bib to be used as the infant grows! Repeat this process for the other bib.
- ❖ With the bib top face up, use a small zigzag machine stitch to sew the 2” x 1” cotton webbing on the top right corner of the front of the bib. I used a zigzag stitch with a width of 2mm and length of 1.2mm. Sew around the cotton webbing twice. Repeat with the other bib.
- ❖ With the bib top face down, use a small zigzag machine stitch to sew the 1” x 1” cotton webbing on the top right corner of the back of the bib. I used a zigzag stitch with a width of 2mm and length of 1.2mm Sew around the cotton webbing twice. Repeat with the other bib.

Your “Reversible Infant Bibs” are done!