



## *Fine Stitchery*

### *Dog-Bone Burp Cloth Pattern*

I've made lots of different forms, shapes and styles of Burp Cloths. It absolutely cracks me up that we go to such lengths and extremes to make such pretty, elaborate little frou-frous for our precious babies to spit on!!! But moms love them, the fancier the better and if they're monogrammed – O, MY!! The mother of my own little Princess Granddaughter preferred the dog-bone shaped cloths so of course that's what I made her! They're super-simple but I've had several requests for the 'pattern' so here it is –

#### **Materials:**

1 Diaper per Burp Cloth

1 Piece of Cotton Cover Fabric the same size as the Diaper

Approximately 64" of 3"-4" wide Bias Strip

Step 1. Do your decorative embroidery or embellishment on the Cotton Cover Fabric – Quilting Cottons are perfect!



Step 2. Press the Diaper and Fold in quarters. Trace the pattern (at the end of these directions) onto the diaper, being careful to line up the folds with the pattern lines. If the pattern is too big for your Diaper just scootch the pattern over to fit.

Step 3. Cut the Diaper, cut the Cotton Cover Fabric to match.

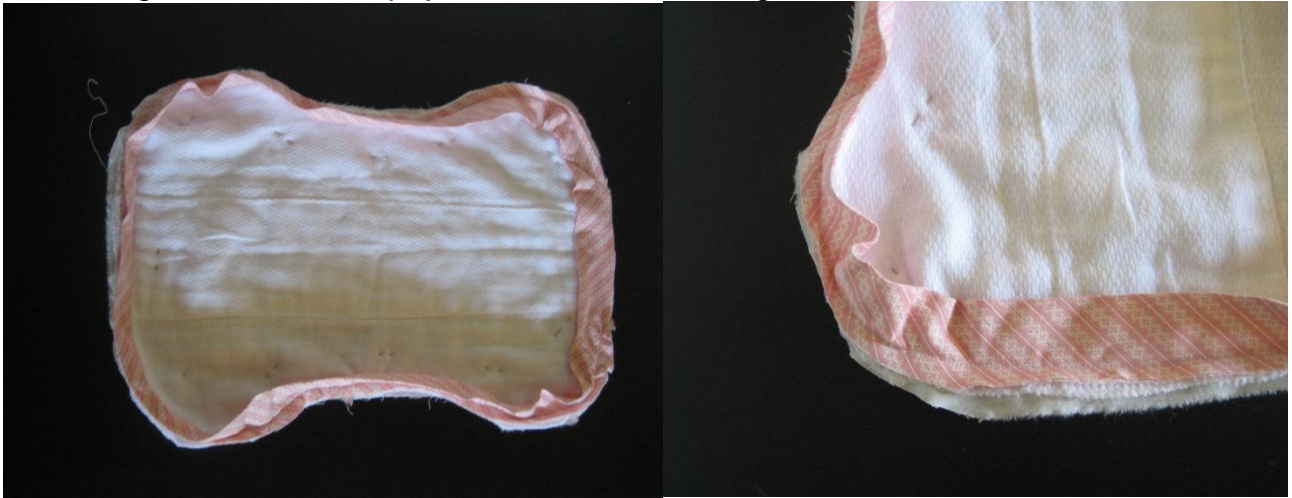
Step 4. Cut the Bias Strips and join together to make one strip about 64" long.

Step 5. Fold the Bias Strip in half lengthwise and press.

Step 6. Lay the Cotton Cover Fabric right side down, lay the Diaper down on top of it, line up the cut edges, smooth out, pin in place or use temporary adhesive spray to keep the 2 layers together.

Step 7. Line up the double cut edge of the Bias Strip with the cut edge of the Diaper and stitch around the outside edge with a 1/2" seam allowance.

Step 8. Press the Bias Strip towards the outside edge, press the seam straight 'up' and flat. The Bias Strip will cup around the cut edge. Continue pressing the Bias Strip towards the Cotton Cover Fabric, pressing the Bias Strip in half over the cut edges. Make sure the folded edge of the Bias Strip \*just\* covers the stitching line on the Cotton Cover Fabric.



Step 9. Stitch in the Ditch with the Diaper side up, stitch carefully all around the outside edge, making sure that you're catching the folded edge of the Bias Strip.

That's it – you're DONE!





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## Burp Cloth Pattern

**-Fold Fabric in Quarters-**

Cut 1 from a Diaper  
Cut 1 from Cover Fabric  
Cut 64" of 3" wide Bias Strips

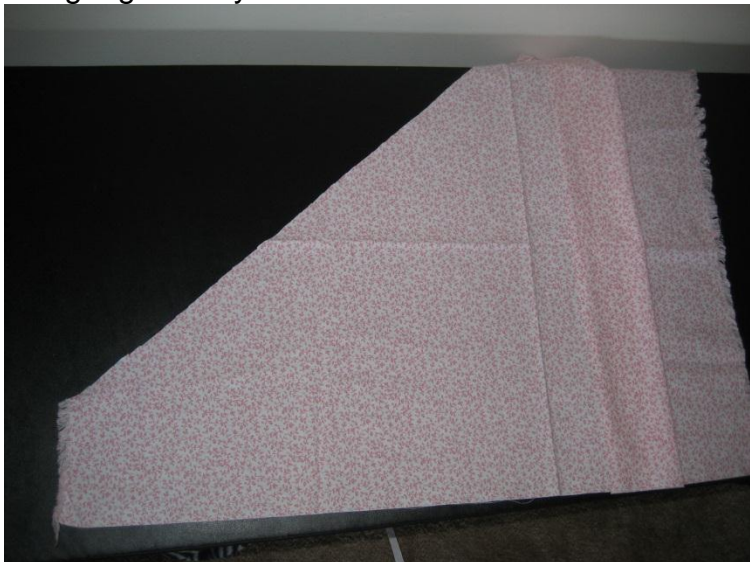
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### **More Information on Bias Binding:**

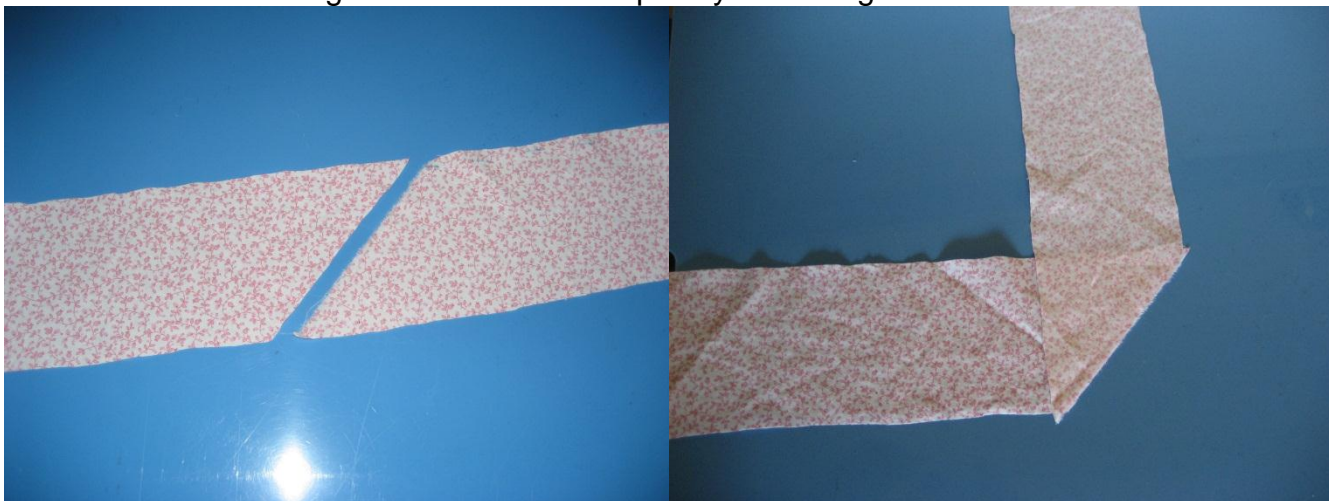
I bound these just like I would bind a quilt. In case you don't know how to do that I've included a few directions and tips but Quilt Binding has been discussed and tutorialised extensively, just do a Google Search.

First – Using a true Bias Binding is essential!! A true Bias Binding will stretch to fit around the curves smoothly. Cut a 3" (minimum) to 4" wide strip diagonally – that's at a 45-degree angle – across the straight grain of your fabric.



This is a perfect application for your cutting mat, rotary cutter and ruler. If you don't have this equipment just measure, mark with a wash-away marker and cut – all as carefully and as straight as you can manage.

Since you need just about 64" of Bias Strip you're going to have to seam several pieces together. It's SO much nicer to do a bias join – it's barely perceptible and reduces the amount of bulk in any one spot. I can never remember the proper way to do it so I take the 2 strips I want to join together, line them up end to end and right sides up so I can see how they're SUPPOSED to look after they've been joined. Then I can flip them over, right sides together, matching the cut edges and voila! They are all set for the 45-degree seam which completely defies logic!!





Ok – the best way to do the last join is a lot more difficult to explain! But I'll try - I leave about a 4" tail when I start sewing the Bias Strip to the Diaper and Cotton Cover Fabric and I start in a straight section. Sew all the way around and stop about 6" from the start.

Smooth the cut edges of the Bias Strips along the cut edges of the Diaper until the meet, then pin the bottom halves of both ends of the Bias Strip in place and close together as they will lie when they are seamed.

Open up the folds of both ends of the Bias Strip.

Go a seam width past the pin on the shortest end of Bias Strip and pull a thread – that's your first cutting line – cut along the pulled thread. EEEK!! SCARY! You REALLY don't want to goof on this!!!

Now this is where it gets tricky!

You have to match up the other end of the Bias Strip but remember, it has to go in the opposite direction! I can't even count how many times I've done this, cut it and had it be wrong!! Now I sew it, check it, check it again and THEN make that last cut!

OR – you can just cut both ends off square and make 1 straight seam in your Bias Strip Binding!