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Oh, Baby!

Burpies, Burpies, and more Burpies!

Hopefully by now, you've been able to download your pattern for the receiving blanket that was offered last month! This month, we're so excited to bring to you a coordinating burpie to match your blanket. We think you're going to love it!

When my babies were born, my favorite burpies were the three fold cloth diapers that you could purchase at any department store.



I loved their softness, as well as the size, and absorbency. I had stacks and stacks of them! While they were functional in their purpose, they were, of course, not fashionable in the least! I did have two or three darling burpies that a sweet friend had given me made of flannel and with beautifully crocheted edges- something I didn't know how to duplicate. I longed for a combination of those great diapers and the cute fabric!

With this month's burpie pattern, we are giving you the best of both worlds, where function meets fashion, and it's simple and quick to create! With one pattern, you can create several different looks, and we even have directions for you to include a binky holder along with your burpie. We hope you enjoy this month's project!

NOTE: Approximate finished size of the burpie is 16 1/4" x 11 1/2". This pattern involves machine sewing only. Please contact me at shelli@youcanmakethis.com if I can be of any help in completing this project! -Shelli

Materials Needed:

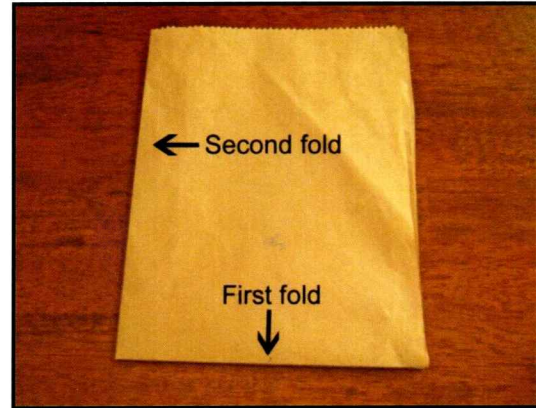
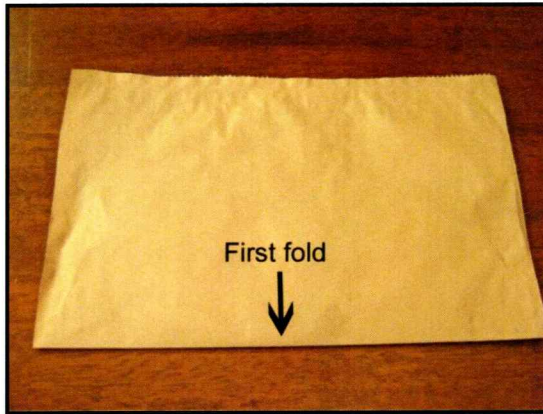
- *scissors
- *one new, clean, purchased fabric diaper for each burpie
- *If you purchased 1 1/2 yards of fabric for last month's receiving blanket, you should have a remaining folded section that measures at least 14" wide, depending on the accuracy of the cut. This section will be enough for two burpies. If you use both fabrics from the front and the back of the coordinating blanket, you will have enough for four coordinating burpies.
- *If you are creating the burpies from new fabric, you will need a fat quarter of fabric for one burpie, or 1/2 yard will yield three.
- *1 package (2 1/2 yards) or 5 feet of coordinating edging if desired, such as jumbo rick-rack or piping.
- *Large paper grocery bag or sheet of newspaper
- *coordinating thread
- *sewing machine with a zipper foot attachment
- *ironing board and iron
- *mesh laundry bag (optional)
- *15" grosgrain ribbon (for binkie holder)
- *snap kit (for binkie holder)
- *Fray check (for binkie holder)



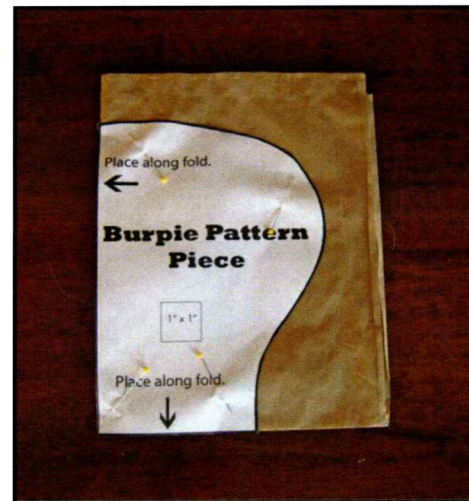
Creating the Pattern:

1. Print the pattern at the end of these instructions, checking the size of the 1" square to be sure the pattern prints to scale. Cut out around edges.

2. Take the large grocery bag and cut up the folds to open up the bag and create a large flat section. Using the bag or a sheet of newspaper, fold the paper into fourths, creasing the folds neatly.



3. Place the printed pattern piece at fold edges, lining them up carefully at each, and pin. Cut around the printed pattern and open up to reveal the full size pattern you will use to cut out the burpie.



Preparing and Cutting the Fabric:

4. Before cutting and sewing, prewash and dry the fabric and diapers to prevent shrinkage. I also recommend prewashing the edging. You can do this by placing the edging in a zippered mesh bag and washing it along with the fabric. Press fabric and diapers before cutting.





5. After pressing, center and pin the paper pattern to the diaper and cut carefully around the edges. Repeat with the section of fabric. You should now have a diaper panel and at least one fabric panel cut in the same dimensions.

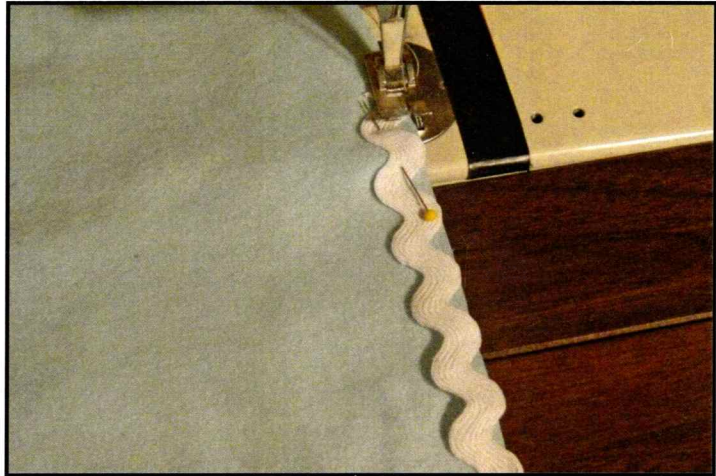
Sewing the Edging, along with the Fabric and Diaper Panels:

6. From this point, the instructions for sewing each burpie differ slightly, depending on the edging you choose to use. Beginning with the fabric panel you choose for the front or top, follow the instructions below to complete the edging:

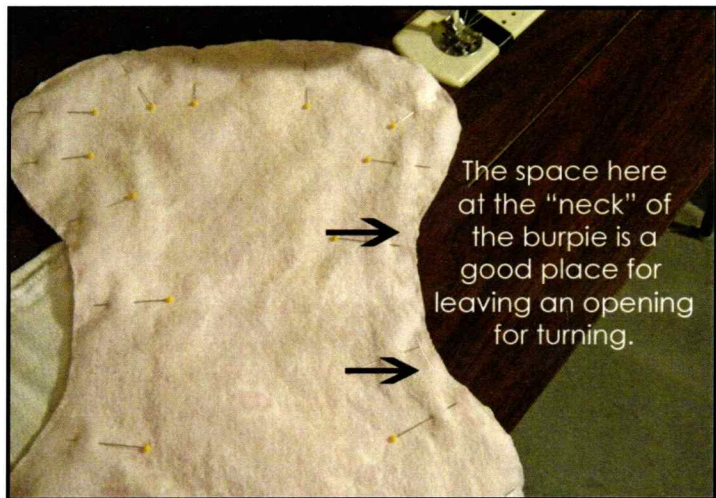
***Edging with Jumbo Rick-Rack:**



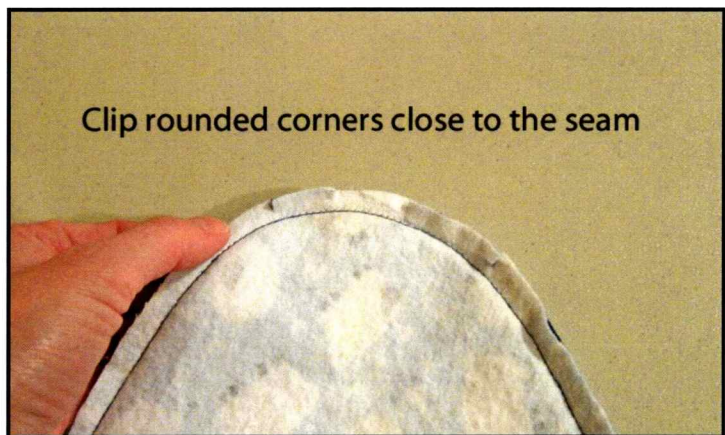
- Begin with the fabric panel, right side facing up. Align the rick-rack peaks at the edge of the fabric, and with a 1/8" seam allowance, baste around the entire section of fabric. You may pin around the edges if desired. As you come to the end of the basting simply overlap the end of one section of rick-rack with the beginning of the other and continue sewing.



- Now, take the burpie fabric panel and pin carefully to the diaper panel with right sides together. With the wrong side of the fabric panel facing up, start sewing along the edge of the burpie, using 3/8" seam allowances, and leaving a 3"-4" opening for turning.



- After sewing, carefully clip the rounded corners close to the seam and turn. See the directions below for top-stitching and completing the burpie.



***Edging with Piping:**



- When using piping as edging, I prefer to first pin the piping around the edges of the entire burpie fabric panel, lining up the edge of the piping along the edge of the fabric. Keep pinning until you get back around to the point at which you began.

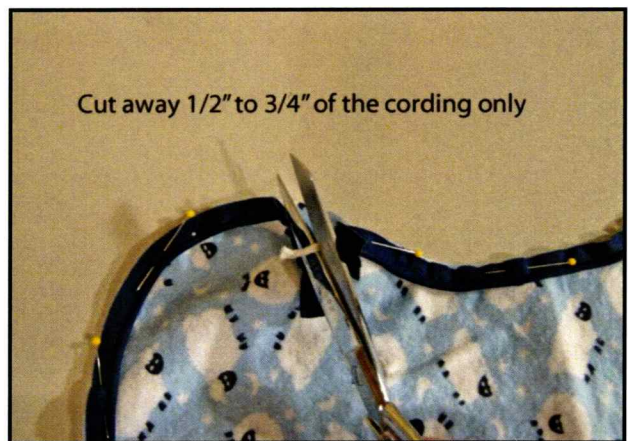
- You will want to merge the two ends and create the appearance as if they are one continuous length of piping. To do this, leave an overlap of about 1 to 1 1/2" between the two sections, and do not pin them near the overlap.



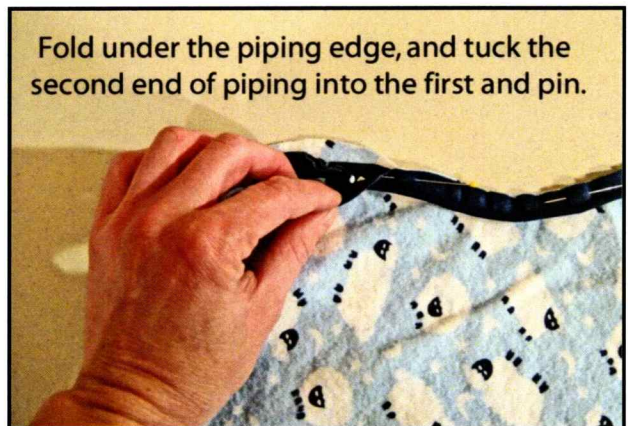
- Take the first length you pinned, and with a seam ripper, open up, or "fillet" the seam of the piping fabric that holds the cording in place about 1".



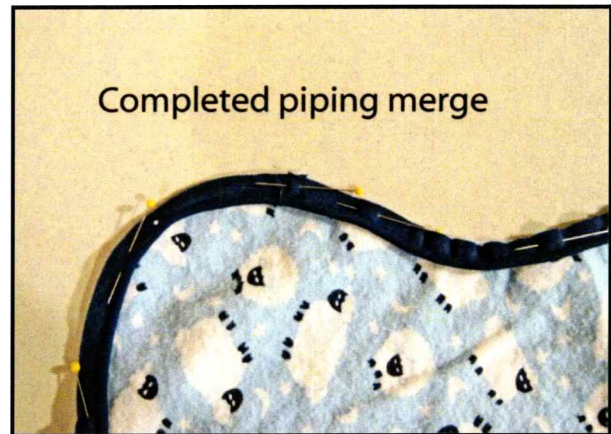
- Cut away about 1/2"-3/4" of the cording only. Fold under the piping fabric about 1/8"-1/4" to hide the raw edge, and press.



- Now take the other end of the piping, and measure it to fit inside the original piping fabric near the cording you just cut away. Trim that second length so it can be tucked in, and so it fits snugly.



- Pin the two pieces of piping securely near the cording; making sure the end of the piping fabric is still tucked under to prevent the raw edge from showing.



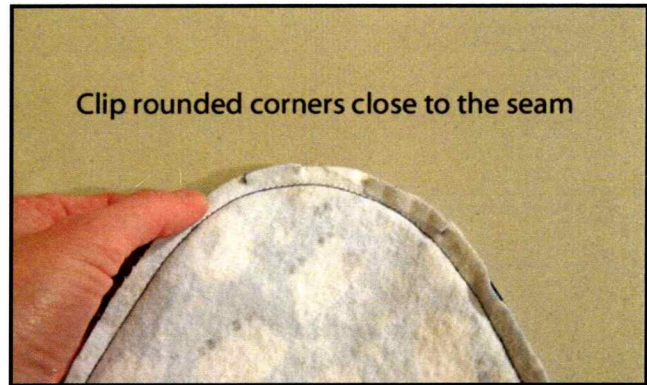
- Sew the piping to the burpie fabric using the zipper foot of the sewing machine. Sew as closely to the cording as possible, while still keeping the edge of the piping fabric and burpie fabric aligned.



- Now, take the fabric panel and pin carefully to the diaper panel, right sides together. With the wrong side of the fabric panel facing up, begin sewing at the edge of the burpie, sewing right on top of the seam that you sewed earlier when adhering the piping. By doing this, you will hide that previous seam from showing when the burpie is turned.



- After sewing, carefully clip the rounded corners close to the seam and turn. See the directions below for top-stitching and completing the blanket.



Creating a Binkie Holder:

- To create an attached binkie holder with your burpie, first cut the grosgrain ribbon to 15". At one end, fold under the ribbon 1/4" and sew. Apply Fray Check to the end to prevent fraying, and let dry. Following the manufacturer's instructions, attach the large snaps, creating a loop large enough to hold the handle of a baby's pacifier. Be sure to attach securely to avoid the snap from coming off and becoming a choking hazard.



- Take the other end of the ribbon, and baste it 1/8" from the edge at the "neck" of the burpie, on the right side of the fabric panel. To avoid the other end from getting caught in another seam, pin the ribbon to the fabric panel, and sew the diaper panel to the fabric panel as previously directed.



Top-stitching and Completing the Burpie:

If you prefer to not use any edging, you can simply top-stitch the edges of the burpie, and it will still be adorable!

- Once you have turned the burpie right sides out, press carefully with an iron on both sides near the edging. Slip-stitch the opening closed by hand.



- Pin the burpie once again around the perimeter. With coordinating thread in the top and bobbin, top-stitch 1/8" from the edge of the fabric around the entire perimeter of the burpie.

We hope you have enjoyed this project from You Can Make This! Please let us know if we can help you in any way, and we'd love to see what you are creating!

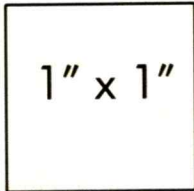


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Burpie Pattern Piece

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