

Basic Bibs

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Keep those toddlers tidy with these cute and quick basic bibs. Use up your favourite scraps and create a cute stack of gifts to give, or practical bibs for the babies at your home.

Too large or small? – just enlarge or reduce the pattern!

*A quarter inch seam allowances has been used unless otherwise stated. Iron all your fabric before starting.

** Trims and velcro may melt if ironed. Use a pressing cloth if possible.

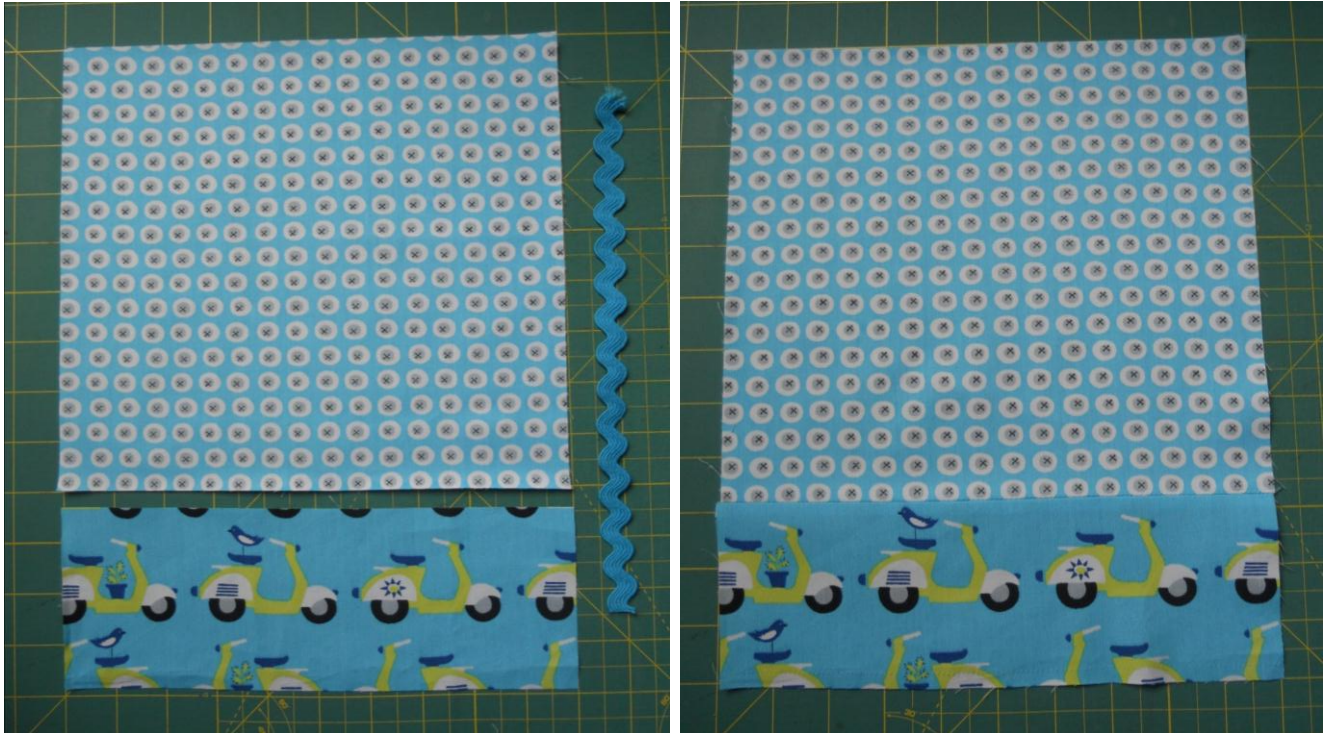
Materials

2 coordinating fabrics
10" square of Pellon
10" square of Flannelette or other absorbent fabric
Velcro

Optional

Fusible web for appliqué
DMC Stranded Cotton for applique – I used Blue 803
Scraps to applique

Print the Basic Bibs template and cut the template out.



From your coordinating fabrics cut
10" x 9" rectangle – top panel
10" x 3½" rectangle – bottom panel
10" piece of trim

Sew the top and bottom panels together as pictured and press the seam open.



Fold the panel in half longways

Match the seam on both sides and pin together.

This will keep the pieces even when cutting out the template.



Pin the bib pattern to the folded panel

Match the line on the template to the line of the seam and keep the bottom of the bib neat and even.

Carefully cut around the pattern piece

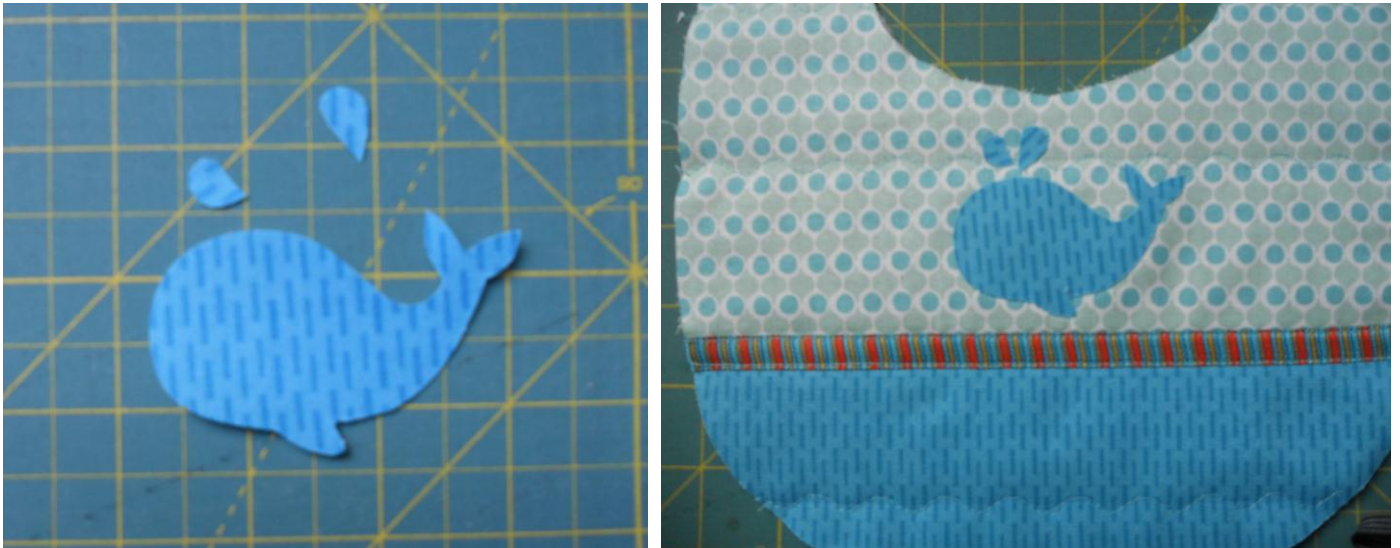


Using the same method, cut one from pellaon and another from flannelette so that you have three identical pieces. You could also use towelling, chenille or minky for the backing, or anything else that is comfortable and absorbent for a baby.



Place the bib front on top of the pellaon and pin into place. If your pellaon is iron on, following the manufactures instructions, iron into place. Pin the trim over the seam line and sew into place. I decided to quilt my bib front lightly by sewing a wavy decorative stitch on my sewing machine in horizontal lines 2" apart.

Applique Option



Trace shapes from the pattern template onto the fusible web with at least half an inch between them and cut shapes out roughly. Iron onto the wrong side of your chosen fabric scraps with a hot dry iron, then cut out neatly on the drawn lines.

Referring to the photograph, arrange the appliqué pieces on the front of the bib.

When happy with the placement peel off the backing papers and fuse the pieces into place. Make sure that your applique is placed at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the front edge of the bib.

Use your favourite method to applique. I sewed around my appliques using the raw edge technique, sewing around the shapes at least three times. Using the photograph as a guide and three strands of DMC Stranded cotton, embroider the details on the whale.

I also stitched around the outside of the applique with two strands of DMC stranded cotton to outline the shape.





Place the bib front and flannelette right sides together, carefully matching all sides and pin into place. Sew around the bib, leaving a small gap above the trim for turning. Make sure that you backstitch at the start and finish.

Trim the seam allowance with pinking shears if possible to reduce bulk. Clip into the seam allowance around the curves, being careful not to cut any of your stitches.

Turn right sides out through the gap, using a turning tool or chop stick to help push out all the edges. Press everything flat. Top stitch around the bib, closing the turning gap as you go. You may have to change your thread colour here!



Cut the velco to measure 1" and sew into place. One side will go on the top of the bib and the other is attached to the back. Check the placement before sewing to ensure that they will match up.



Finished! A cute bib or two.