

Fun, Fast and Fabulous

Sewing Projects

10 simple projects to add some "eye candy" to your sewing classes!

1. **Headband**- uses only a small amount of fabric (great way to use up those extra scraps), fun to give as gifts, Have a headband day- Let your students show off what they are making in your class!

www.heatherbaileydesign.com/HoorayforHeadbands.pdf

Instructions also included in this packet.

2. **Ribbon Key Fob**- Super Quick and practical for gifts and fundraiser!

www.craftersvision.com is a great source for key fob supplies. I haven't found any local stores who sale the key fob, but many places on the web do sale them including ebay.

Instructions included in this packet

3. **Covered Button Hair Accessories, Magnets & Thumb Tacks**

www.howaboutorange.blogspot.com/2007/03/thumb-tack-tutorial.html

www.jcarolinecreative.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Store_Code=JC&Screen=MAGNET_S

Instructions included in this packet.

4. **Bubble Gum Machine**- Makes a great little gift, present topper, party favor, valentine, etc. Visit my blog for this pattern.

www.funandfastsewing.blogspot.com

5. **Tissue Holder**

http://belladia.typepad.com/photos/travel_tissue_holder_tuto/index.html

<http://howaboutorange.blogspot.com/2007/03/thumb-tack-tutorial.html>

6. **Recycled Jeans Apron**

www.mybyrdhouse.blogspot.com/2007/09/september-apron-tutorial-jeans-apron-2.html

7. Coin Purse/ Business Card Holder

www.splityarn.com/split_yarn/2005/10/sew_an_easy_cha.html

www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?topic=187229.0

Tons of tutorials for purses, wallets, etc.

www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?topic=175550.0

8. Zippered Wristlet

www.splityarn.com/split_yarn/2007/06/sew_a_zippered_.html

9. Pincushion

www.whipup.net/2006/03/01/stickin-it-to-the-pincushion/

www.paperstringcloth.blogspot.com/2007/07/pincushion-tutorial.html

Pincushion & Thread Catcher

www.kquilts-studio.com/pincushionthread_catcher_tutori.htm

10. Chapstick Cozy

www.funandfastsewing.blogspot.com

I would love to hear of your successes with any of these projects that you try in your class! Also if you have any questions, feel free to email me!

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www.littlerabbits.etsy.com (etsy.com is a fun place to get ideas and sell handmade items)

My blogs:

www.funandfastsewing.blogspot.com More simple sewing ideas

www.littlerabbits1.blogspot.com Information on sewing and using cloth diapers

Hooray for Headbands

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Materials List:

- 1/8 yard of fabric
- 4-5" of 1/2" wide elastic for Adult & Child Sizes
or 1/4" elastic for Baby Size
- thread

1. **Cut Out:** Cut headband pieces from fabric according to the illustrated layout to the right. Follow the Fabric Cutting List on the following page for patterns & measurements.

2. **Sew & Press Band:** With right sides together, fold band in half as shown. Stitch a 1/4" seam the length of the band, back-stitching at each end. Carefully press the seam open with the edge of your iron.

3. **Turn, Press & Tuck in Ends:** Turn the band right side out. Center the seam along the back of the band and press. Tuck the band ends in 1/4" and press again.

4. **Sew, Turn & Press Ties:** With right sides together, sew two tie pieces together, leaving the blunt end open. Trim the point as shown. Notch curves and clip inside corners. Turn the tie right side out. Press. Repeat with two remaining tie pieces.

5. **Attach First Tie:** With the seamed side of the band facing up, insert the blunt end of one tie into one end of the band. Tuck the tie approximately 1/4" to 3/8" into the band. Center the elastic over the tie and tuck the elastic into the band as well. Pin tie and elastic in place. Stitch through all layers and near to the end of the band. For added strength, stitch through or zigzag over the elastic a couple of times.

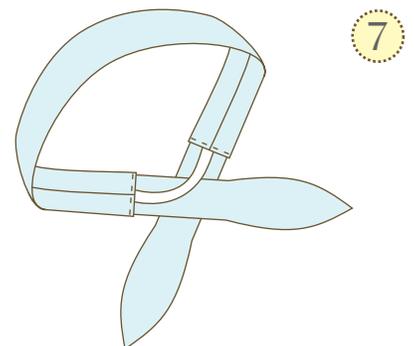
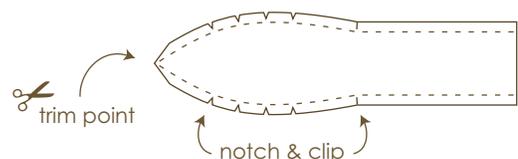
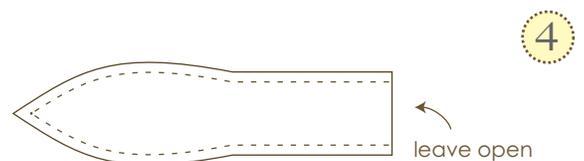
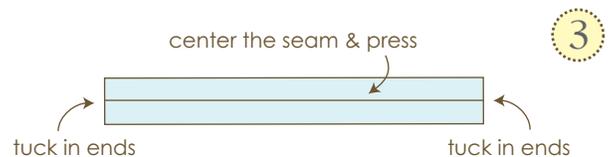
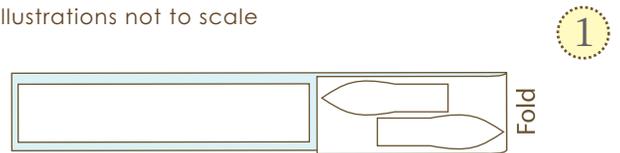
6. **Mark Elastic Length:** For a good fit, wrap the band around your head and note where the elastic comfortably meets the unfinished end of the band. Mark appropriate elastic length with a pin, chalk or a water-soluble marker. Trim the elastic 1/4" to 3/8" beyond this mark.

7. **Attach Second Tie:** Repeat Step 5 using the remaining tie and the opposite ends of the band and elastic, inserting elastic until the length-mark (Step 6) aligns with the end of the band. Be sure the headband is not twisted.

8. **Knot Ties:** Place the headband on your head, then knot the ties in an attractive square knot. Remember, it's the elastic that's providing the fit, so there's no need to knot the ties tightly.

Note: If you plan to make several headbands, you can measure the exposed elastic from your first headband. Add 3/4" for seam allowances, then skip Step 6.

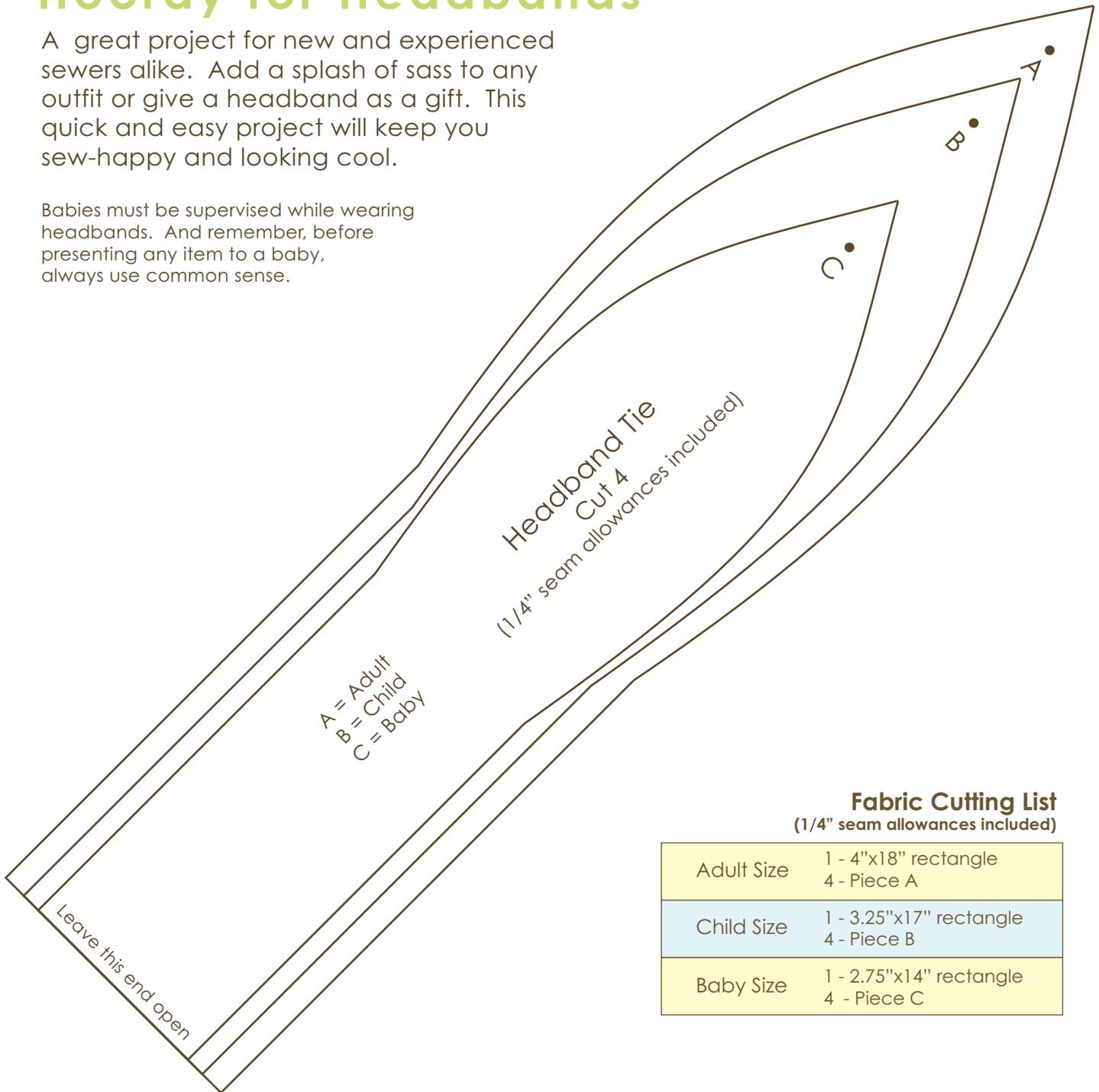
Illustrations not to scale



Hooray for Headbands

A great project for new and experienced sewers alike. Add a splash of sass to any outfit or give a headband as a gift. This quick and easy project will keep you sew-happy and looking cool.

Babies must be supervised while wearing headbands. And remember, before presenting any item to a baby, always use common sense.



Fabric Cutting List (1/4" seam allowances included)

Adult Size	1 - 4"x18" rectangle 4 - Piece A
Child Size	1 - 3.25"x17" rectangle 4 - Piece B
Baby Size	1 - 2.75"x14" rectangle 4 - Piece C

Instructions for Ribbon Key Fob

Materials Needed:

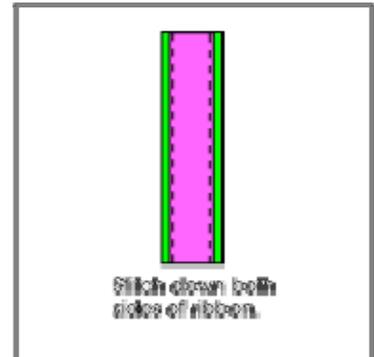
- 10" of 1 1/4" cotton webbing
- 10" of ribbon narrower than 1"
- 10" piece of stitch witchery
- 1 Nickel Key Fob 1 1/4" End Tip
- 1 Nickel Key Ring

Step 1:

Place your piece of stitch witchery in between the ribbon and the webbing. Iron.

Step 2:

Stitch the ribbon down both sides.



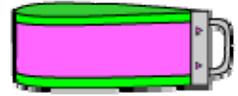
Step 4:

Fold the webbing in half, with the ribbon showing on the outside. Stitch the raw edges together. This just helps it keep from slipping when you attach the hardware. You can also trim up the ends and use Fraycheck to prevent any ragged edges, if you prefer.



Step 5:

Clamp the key fob end tip over the raw edges of the webbing with pliers. Use a cloth or piece of paper to prevent scratching the hardware, but unfortunately, that makes it harder to see what you are doing. Make sure you crimp the hardware as tightly as you can to the webbing.



Clamp the fob to the raw edge with pliers, taking care not to scratch the metal.

Step 6:

Using the flat blade of a screwdriver, pry open the key ring and slip it onto the hook of the key fob.



Attach the key ring to the fob, using a flat blade screwdriver to open the key ring.

Covered Button Accessories

1. Pick One:

Pony tail holder, Bobby pin, Magnet, Thumb tack

Magnet (we are using Size 36, or 30)

1. Pull the loop off the button backing piece with a pliers.
2. Follow the package directions steps 1-5.
3. Use a generous amount of glue to attach a magnet to the back of your button.

Thumb Tack (we are using Size 24)

1. Pull the loop off the button backing piece with a pliers.
2. Follow the package directions steps 1-5.
3. Use a generous amount of glue to attach a thumb tack to the back of your button.

Bobby Pin (we are using Size 20)

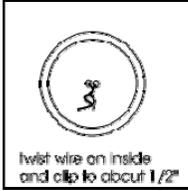
1. Pull the loop off the button backing piece with a pliers.
2. Using wire cutters, cut a piece of wire about 3" long. Bend the wire in half to create a loop and slip the bobby pin into the loop. Insert the ends of the wire through the holes on the button back. Make sure the bobby pin is on the correct side of the button back. The bobby pin should be on the side of the button back where the edges are bent towards you (like a pie plate right side up).
3. Using pliers, twist the wire on the back side until the bobby pin is snug against the button. Don't over twist, as you can break the wire. Nip the wire ends to about 1/2" long and bend flat against the button.
4. Follow package directions steps 1-5.

Pony Tail Holder (we are using size 36, or 45)

1. Pull the loop off the button backing piece with a pliers.
2. Using wire cutters, cut a piece of wire about 3" long. Bend the wire in half to create a loop and slip the ponytail holder into the loop. Insert the ends of the wire through the holes on the button back. Make sure the ponytail holder is on the correct side of the button back. The ponytail holder should be on the side of the button back where the edges are bent towards you (like a pie plate right side up).



- Using pliers, twist the wire on the back side until the ponytail holder is snug against the button. Don't overtwist, as you can break the wire. Nip the wire ends to about 1/2" long and bend flat against the button.



- Follow package directions steps 1-5.