

Ribbon Lovey

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Fabric Requirements (makes 2)

½ yard Safari Babies Cuddle® Multi, Patchwork, Backing

¼ yard of Cuddle® 3 Spearmint, Patchwork

Suggested Notions

- 40–50 (4"–5") pieces of ribbon
- 2 (12" x 16") rectangles of crinkle material*, *optional*
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Hand sewing needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker and/or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Craft knife and/or micro-serrated scissors
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Point turner or chopstick
- Walking foot

* Ask for crinkle material at your local quilt shop.
It is generally sold in one-yard packages.



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DIRECTIONS

Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.

Cutting

For each Lovey, cut the following:

- From Safari Babies Cuddle® Multi, fussy cut*:
 - 5 (6" x 6") squares, *Patchwork*.
 - 1 (16" x 16") square, *Backing*.
- From Spruce Cuddle®, cut:
 - 4 (6" x 6") squares, *Patchwork*.
- From ribbons, cut:
 - 20–25 (4"–5") pieces
- From crinkle material, cut:
 - 4 (3" x 16") strips (*optional*)

Assembly

- Arrange the patchwork squares as shown, with the nap going in the same direction.
- Double pin the squares of Row 1, right sides together. Sew using a ½" seam allowance.
- In the same manner, double pin and sew Row 2 and Row 3.



- Join the Rows, creating the 16" Patchwork Square.

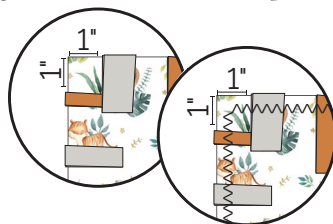
* *Fussy Cut*: Centering a motif in the center of each square.

Add the ribbons

- Lay the Backing right side up on a flat surface.
- Fold ribbon pieces in half. Space ribbons evenly around the perimeter of the square. Use fabric clips to hold raw edges of the ribbon to the Backing.



Note: Leave 1" from each corner empty to ease turning the blanket right side out in a later step.

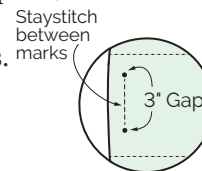


- Baste the ribbons to the Backing around the entire square, using a zigzag stitch ¼" in from the edge.

Optional: If using crinkle fabric, place a strip at each edge on the wrong side of the Patchwork Square. Baste in place.

Finishing

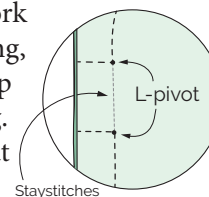
- Mark a 3" turning gap on the Patchwork Square, centered in one of the small squares. Staystitch between the marks.



- With the nap going in the same direction and right sides together, align the Patchwork Square with the Backing. Mark and staystitch a corresponding 3" gap on the Backing. Pin.

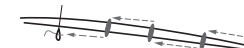
Note: Have both naps going down.

- Sew the Patchwork Square to Backing, leaving the 3" gap open for turning. Sew an L-Pivot at the gap.



Note: The L-Pivot secures the seam ends as the Lovey is turned and helps the seam allowance turn in at the gap.

- Trim corners. Turn Lovey right side out. Gently push out the corners with a point turner.
- Pin the turning gap closed. Hand sew with a ladder stitch. Use the staystitching as a guide to get an accurate ½" seam.



Ladder Stitch: Use polyester thread and a hand sewing needle to catch one side of the opening, then the other. Tighten every few stitches.

- Using a zigzag, serpentine, or long straight stitch, topstitch around the perimeter of the blanket a ¼" from the edge.



For a Quick Baby Gift

Instead of patchwork, simply use two 16" squares. Add the ribbons—fun and easy!

Cuddle® Basics

- Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
- Mark measurements on wrong side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
- Cut with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or micro-serrated scissors.
- Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
- Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
- Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
- Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
- Double pin using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
- Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
- Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!

