

Baby Rings

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Gather your materials:

- Coordinating cotton prints (fat quarters and fabric scraps will do)
- Various ribbons for tags
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Bells, if desired
- Pattern piece (on last page of this tutorial)



Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

1) Prepare your pieces:

Using the pattern, cut out two pieces for the front and back.

You will also need one (or more) 3" piece of ribbon, a 1-1/2" x 22" strip for the outer edge, a 1-1/2" x 11" strip for the inner edge, and (not pictured) a 1/2" x 11" strip of scrap fabric.



2) Create the outer edge:

With right sides facing, place the 1-1/2" x 22" outer edge strip to the outer edge of the ring. Start sewing approximately 1/2" in from the top. No need to pin. Slowly ease the fabric in place as you sew, being careful not to stretch it. Stop sewing when you're about 1/4" shy from your starting point.



You'll have excess fabric on either end of the strip. Straighten it out so that it lines up with the edge of the ring, insert a ribbon piece folded in half, pin in place and sew.



Trim off the excess, iron the seam open, and sew it to close up the opening.

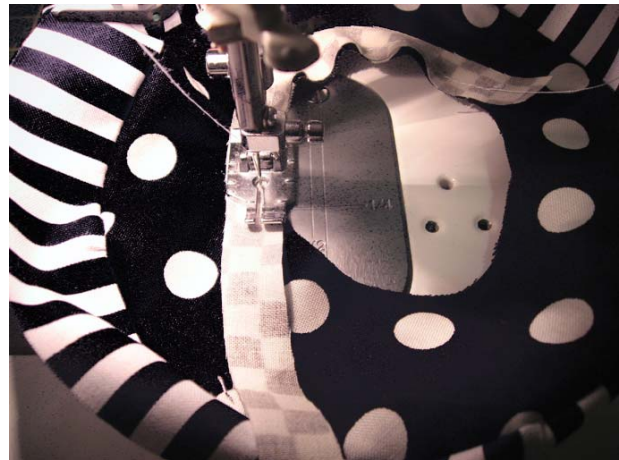


Optional: If you wish to have tags along the outer edge, instead of using a solid piece of fabric, sew four 1-1/2" x 6" pieces of fabric together, inserting a folded ribbon between each piece.



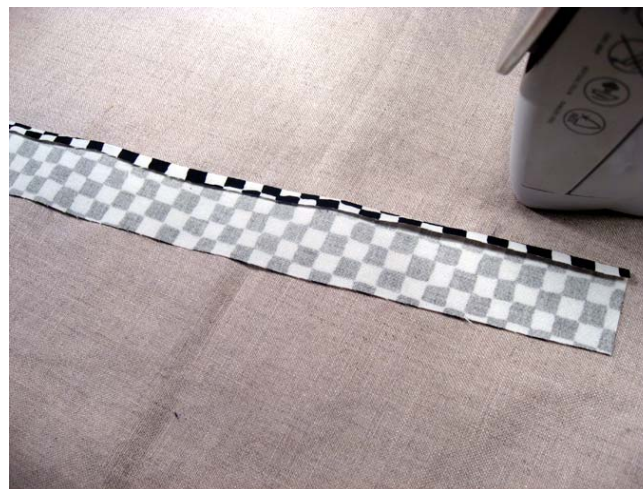
3) Prepare for hand stitching:

Sew your 1/2" x 11" strip of scrap fabric to the inner edge of the ring. This strip won't show in the end product, but it creates a nice edge for hand stitching later on.



4) Create the inner edge:

Take the 1-1/2" x 11" strip and iron down one edge 1/4", as pictured. Later on, this ironed edge will be hand stitched to the strip in step 3. This provides a neater outcome than trying to stitch raw edges together.



Sew the raw edge of the strip to the inner edge of the second ring. As in step 2, start sewing approximately 1/2" in from the top. Stop sewing 1/4" shy of your starting point. Close this edge off the same way as you did the outer edge in step 2.



5) Connect the front and back:

You now have two separate pieces. Place one piece inside the other, right sides together, as pictured.



Pin the outside edge of the second ring to the outside edge of the outer edge piece and sew together, by machine, all the way around the circle. Backstitch to reinforce.

Turn the baby ring right side out. Stitch by hand to close the ring, stuffing with polyester fiberfill every few inches. Insert bells if you wish.



