

# Hooded Cozy Bear Blanket



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## Supplies needed to sew the Hooded Cozy Bear Blanket

1 ½ yards of Satin

1 ¼ yards of Cozy

1 ¼ yards of muslin or interfacing (at least 40" wide)

Thread to match

Sewing machine

Hand sewing needles (if you plan to attach the binding by hand)

Pins (lots of them... especially since you're working with slippery satin!)

### \* Helpful hints to keep in mind when sewing with satin:

1. Use a cotton pressing cloth (if necessary) and press the wrong side of the fabric with a dry iron
2. Use sharp scissors, a sharp rotary blade or pinking shears when cutting fabric to lessen the fraying
3. If you must mark the fabric, mark on the wrong side with chalk
4. Use a new/sharp sewing machine needle (size 14 or 16)
5. Use sharp pins (many of them!) and try to pin in the seam allowance to avoid holes in the fabric that will show
6. If the fabric is really slippery, hand baste into place before machine stitching
7. Use a good quality thread and small machine stitches
8. It's also helpful to layer the satin under muslin and then cut the two fabrics together

## Cutting Instructions: Hooded Cozy Bear Blanket

1 @ Muslin 40" x 40" square

\*Cut the muslin square first. Place the muslin square on top of one layer of cozy and one layer of satin. Pin all three layers together around edge. Use the muslin as a guide to cut the cozy and satin. I used pinking shears to cut down on fraying.

1 @ Satin 40" x 40" square

1 @ Cozy 40" x 40" square

1 @ Cozy 15" x 15" square

4 @ Cozy bear ears (cut out Bear Ear pattern piece)

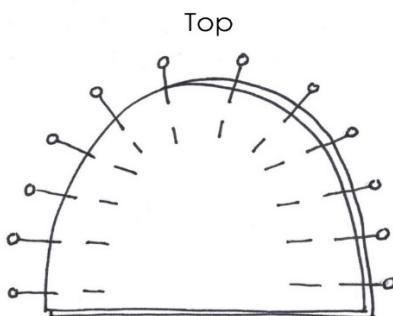
4 1/2 yards of 2 1/2" bias strip (I used MMF Satin)

\*How to make continuous bias tape:

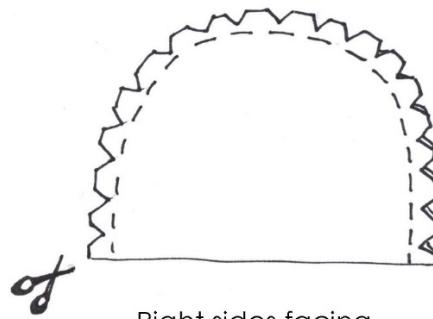
<http://www.coletterie.com/tutorials-tips-tricks/continuous-bias-tape-tutorial>

## Sewing Instructions:

1. Arrange your 40" squares so that the cozy is on the bottom (right side facing down), the muslin is in the middle, and the satin is on the top (right side facing up).
2. Pin all three layers together and baste around edges.
3. Create a bear ear by stitching two ear pieces, right sides together, along the top edge. Clip the seam allowance, turn ear right sides out and create a pleat. Baste raw edges through the pleat. See diagram. Repeat for second bear ear.



Right sides facing

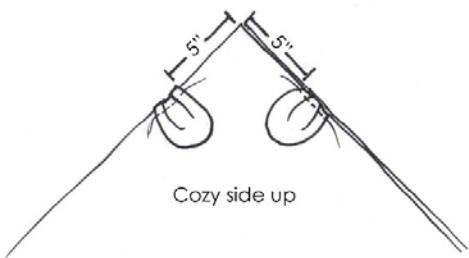


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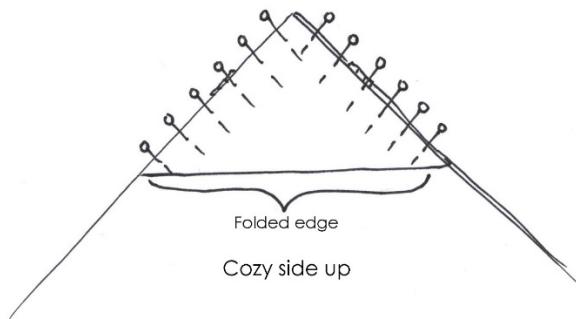


Right sides out

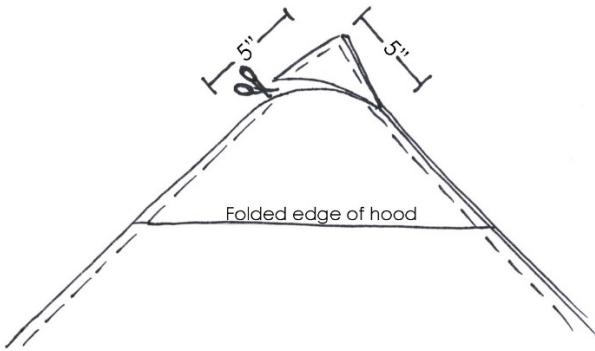
4. Place bear ears on 40" square as per diagram below- Baste in place through all three layers.



5. Fold 15" cozy square in half diagonally with right sides out and place in the corner of your 40" square, sandwiching the ears and pinning in place- see diagram below-



6. Baste all layers together around perimeter about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge.
7. Round off the top of the hood by trimming off the corner (trimming will start and end at the top edge of the bear ears). See diagram below. Re-pin the curve and baste in place.



8. Use continuous length of bias binding and stitch around the edge to finish your hooded blanket- I've included links to websites with helpful hints about binding curves and mitered corners!

\*How to sew binding with mitered corners:

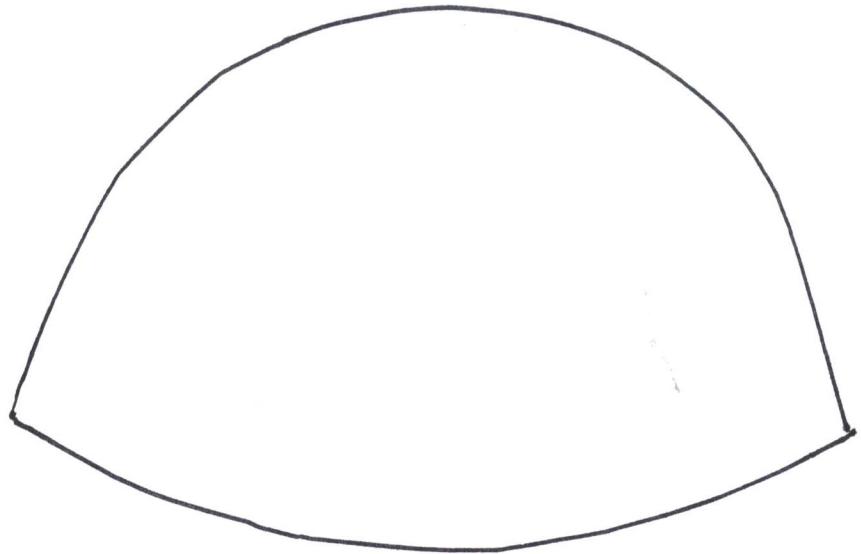
<http://sewtospeak.blogspot.com/2010/04/how-to-attach-bias-tape-with-mitered.html>

\*Sewing bias binding around curves:

<http://thecuttingclass.com/post/5134040660/sewing-bias-binding>

**Turn the hood out so the ears pop up and, voilà... you're finished!**

# Bear Ear Pattern Piece



cut 4 of Cozy