

Hooded Baby Towel and Washcloth Set

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Sketchbook



This project is relatively quick and very simple to sew. I think it would make a perfect gift for your next baby shower!

Materials



To make one 31-inch square towel and two 9-inch washcloths:

- 1 1/4 yard of [Michael Miller Organic Terry Cloth](#)
- 1 1/4 yard [Kokka Fabrics Sheer Floral](#) in Blue Posies
- [100% cotton thread in color #1105](#)

Please keep in mind that the Terry Cloth used here is a knit fabric so it has a lot more stretch than the sheer floral. Be very careful when cutting and sewing it not to stretch it out. Do not pull while you're sewing. As long as you're gentle with the Terry Cloth everything should work out fine!

Cutting



For the towel, cut:

- One 32-inch square from the Terry Cloth
- One 32-inch square from the Sheer Floral
- One 12-inch square from the Terry Cloth
- One 12-inch square from the Sheer Floral

For the washcloths, cut:

- Two 10-inch squares from the Terry Cloth
- Two 10-inch squares from the Sheer Floral

Sewing the Washcloths



Pin one of the 10-inch Sheer Floral squares to one of the 10-inch Terry Cloth squares with their right sides together. It can be hard to tell which is the right side of the Sheer Floral so be careful! The right side of the Terry Cloth is the fuzzy side.



Sew the squares together with a 1/2-inch seam allowance, leaving a 2-inch gap on one side unsewn as shown above. Backstitch at the beginning and end of this seam.



Snip off all four corners of the square and turn the piece right sides out through the 2-inch gap.



Iron the piece flat making sure the corners are nice and pointy and pin along the edges. Iron and pin the 2-inch gap closed with it's raw 1/2-inch seam allowances tucked inside the piece.



Stitch around the entire piece with a 1/4-inch seam allowance thus closing the gap and finishing the washcloth.



Repeat these steps for the second set of 10-inch squares to make your second washcloth.

Preparing the Hood



Cut the 12-inch squares you prepared in the first step in half diagonally, and just keep one of the resulting triangles

from each fabric. You can hold on to the other set of triangles to make another towel or in case you mess this step up.



Pin a Terry Cloth triangle and a Sheer Floral triangle right sides together along their diagonal side.



Sew along this diagonal line with a 1/2-inch seam allowance backstitching at the beginning and end of each seam.



Turn the triangle right side out by re-folding it along the diagonal line wrong sides together. Iron and pin the piece along this diagonal side letting the fluffy part of the Terry Cloth peek out a bit onto the Sheer Floral side.



Here is a closer shot showing the diagonal side and the Terry Cloth rolled slightly over to the Sheer Floral side.



Sew the sides together along the diagonal line with a 1/2-inch seam allowance.

This triangle is now the hood piece.

Sewing the Towel Together



Pin the 32-inch square pieces of fabric right sides together along all four sides. Smooth the Sheer Floral down on top of the Terry Cloth as flat as you can. If there are any sides that aren't matching up you can trim them.

Once all four sides are pinned un-pin one corner and peel the sheer floral back.



Place the hood piece onto this corner, matching its right angle to the right angle of the Terry Cloth, with the Sheer Floral side of the hood facing up.



Smooth the Sheer Floral back on top of the corner and pin it down neatly, matching up the right angles. Make sure you're pinning through all four layers, The Terry Cloth towel piece, the two layers of the hood, and the Sheer Floral

towel piece.



Sew along all four sides of the towel with a 1/2-inch seam allowance leaving a 3-inch gap unsewn.

Snip off the corners of the piece.

Turn the piece right sides out and press the sides just like you did for the washcloths.



Press the towel flat and pin along the sides just as you did with the washcloth.

The hood should be sitting on top of the Terry Cloth side of the towel with it's Sheer Floral side facing up.

Finishing



Sew along all four sides of the towel with a 1/4-inch seam allowance. This will close the 3-inch gap and give the whole piece a more finished look. Start at the bottom right corner of the hood. That way if you mess up sewing the edge of the hood you don't have too much to rip out!



Once you've sewn around all four sides of the towel press it again and you'll be all done!