

# How to Make a Terry Cloth Baby Towel



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## What You Need

- \* 1 yard of 36" x 36" terry or stretch terry fabric
- \* 3 yards of matching terry or stretch terry fabric
- \* 2 packages of 3 yards each of extra-wide cotton bias tape
- \* thread to match bias tape
- \* spool of thread of a color that contrasts with bias tape
- \* pins
- \* sewing machine
- \* needle
- \* scissors
- \* small saucer

## Key Terms

*right side*—the side that shows on outside of finished product

*basting*—running hand stitches or large machine stitches to hold fabric in place so it doesn't slide around during the final stitching

*wrong side*—the side showing on the inside of the final product

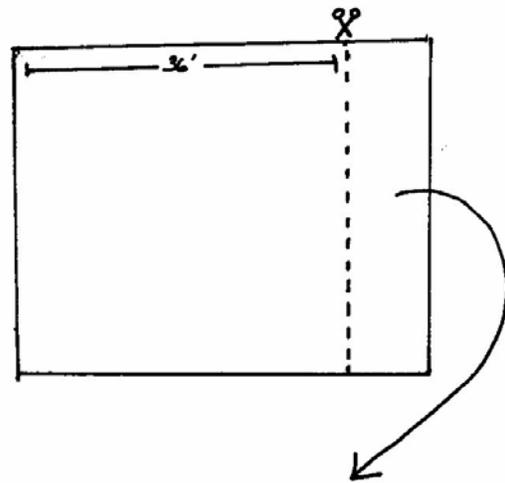
*raw edge*—cut edge of fabric or bias tape

*back stitching*—a reverse stitch to prevent stitches from unraveling

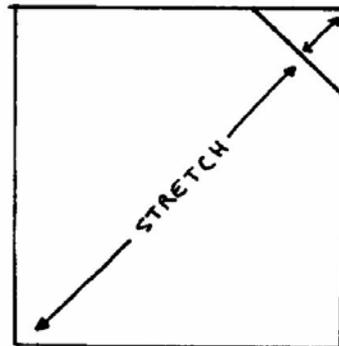
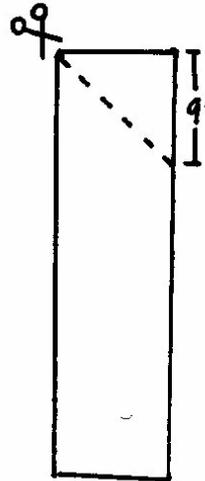
*pressing*—gently pressing up and down with iron for a few seconds at a time

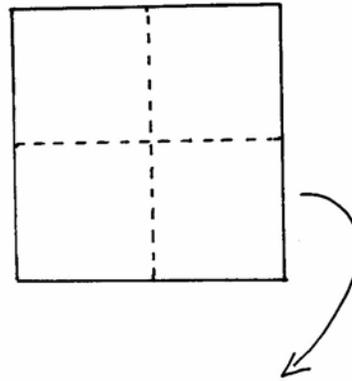
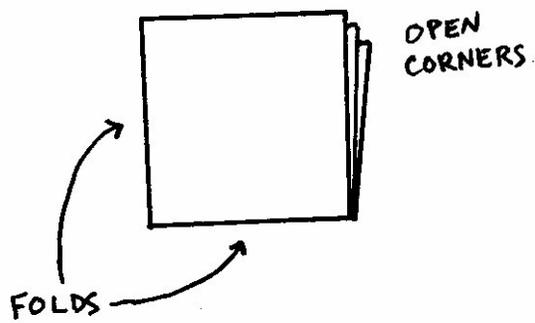
# Directions

1. Cut terry cloth into 36" x 36" piece if not already cut in these dimensions



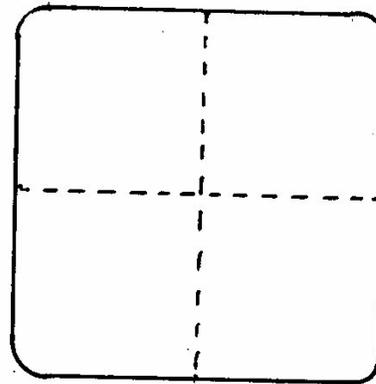
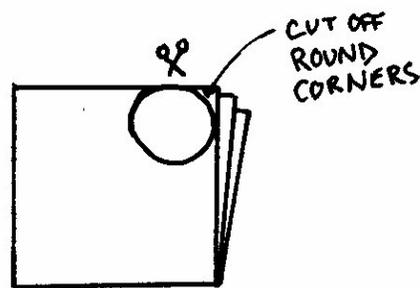
2. Take the remaining piece and cut off  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard off the corner. Make sure the stretch of the triangular piece fits the corner and the stretch runs in the same direction as the 36" x 36" piece.



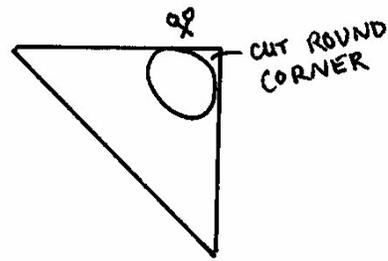


3. Fold square in half twice.

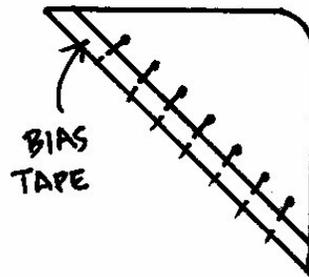
4. Place a small saucer (or other flat, rounded-edged object) at open corners and cut along the outer edge. This will result in four rounded corners.



5. Repeat with right angle of triangle piece.

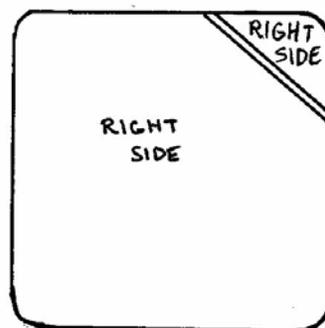


6. Wrap bias taped along long edge of triangle with short lip of bias tape against *right side* of fabric. Pin in place.

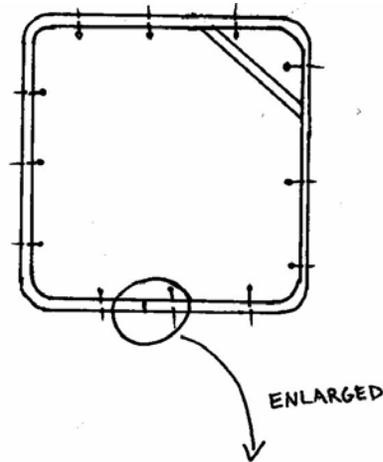


7. *Baste* bias tape in place. Make sure bias tape is secure, and sew bias tape using sewing machine from the right side.

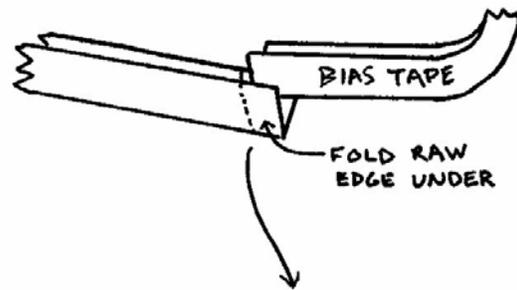
8. Place the *wrong side* of the triangle to the *right side* of the square in one corner.



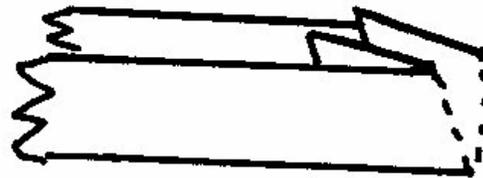
9. Wrap bias tape around the outside of the square and the triangle with the short lip on top (the *right side*). Pin in place. Then, *baste* the bias tape all the way around to secure in place. Stop just before you reach the *basted* bias tape again.



10. To finish the open edge of the bias tape, overlap one end on top of the other. Fold back top piece of bias tape and stitch with sewing machine.



11. Back stitch to secure the ends and clip threads. Check to see that there are no puckers along the back side of the bias tape. If there are, take a seam ripper, ease the fabric, baste and restitch it.



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