



## *Sunny Day Suit*



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A whimsical sun suit for girls and boys (for boys recommended up to 2t) with criss/cross straps and several strap options (find those in the sizing chart). [A snap button tape tutorial is included which you will find on page 24. All necessary notes when to skip are colored in blue.](#)

Materials can be quilters cotton or any other lightweight, non-stretch material such as chambray, lightweight cords etc.

**List of required materials:**

- Fabric for shorts, bib + lining, straps
- Thread
- Pins
- Safety pin
- Iron
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Buttonhole attachment
- 2-4 buttons (optional)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide non roll elastic
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide elastic for leg - optional
- 0.5 –  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide grosgrain ribbon
- Fusible interfacing (optional)
- 1 – 2 packages Snap button tape - optional

**Seam allowance:** 3/8" unless otherwise stated

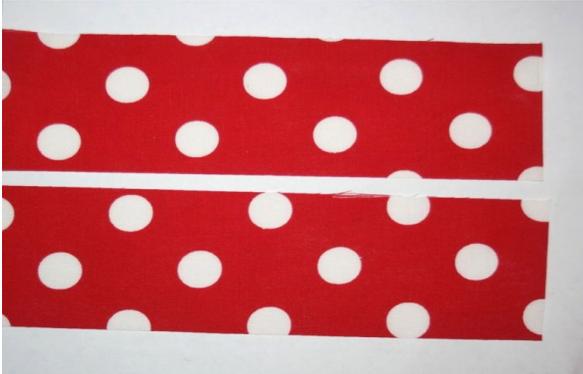
**To begin:** print your templates without scaling and double check the 1 inch print scale. Cut out the desired size for the bib.

Cut your shorts fabric out according to sizing chart:



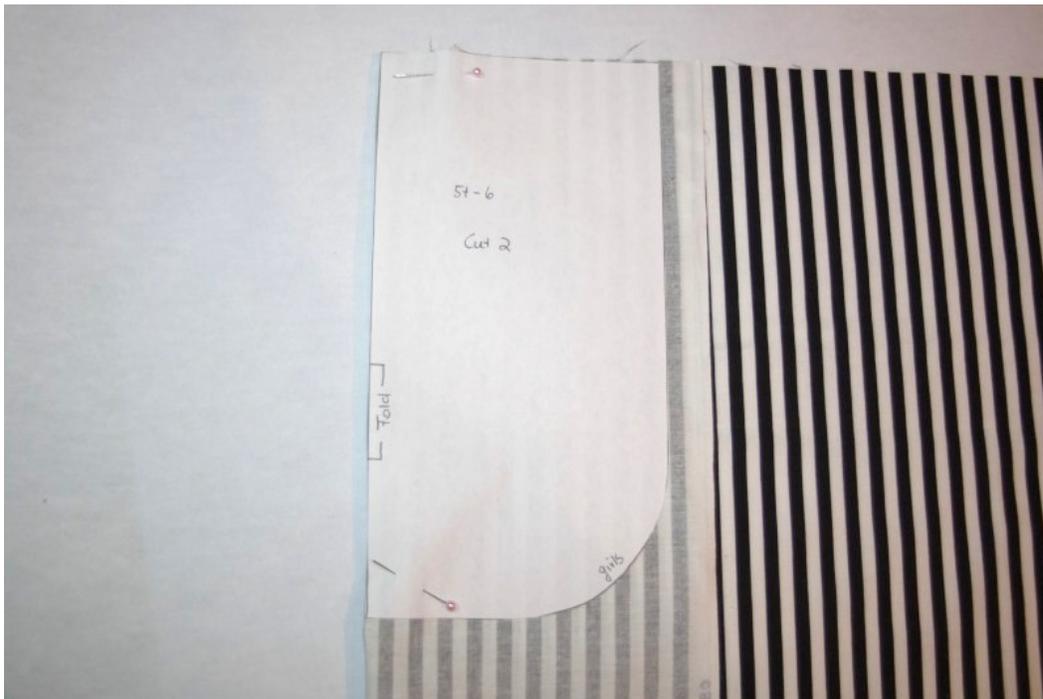
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Cut out fabric for straps:



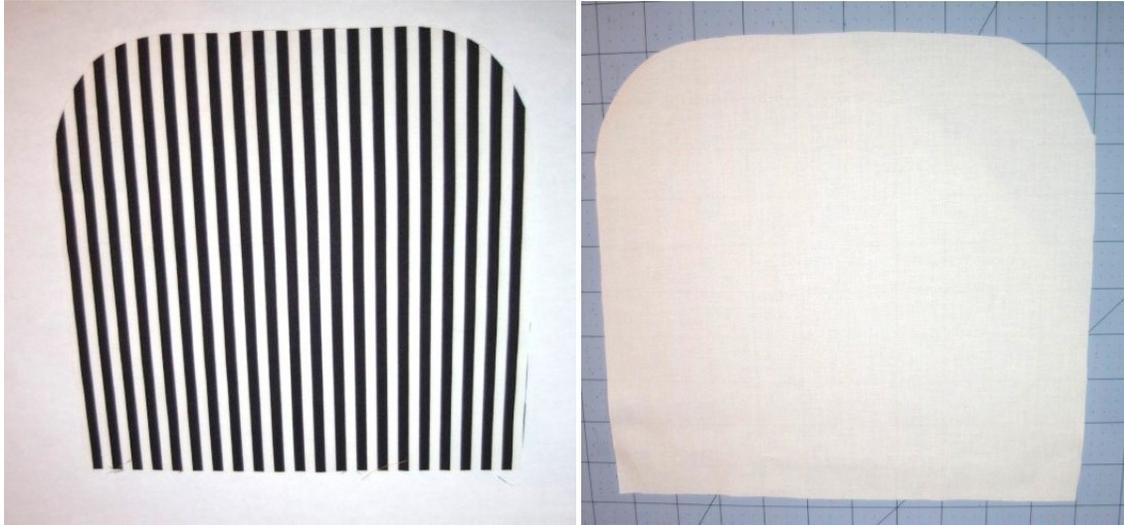
**To make bib:**

Fold your fabric over and place bib template onto fabric aligning the long straight edge labeled "FOLD" with the fabric fold:

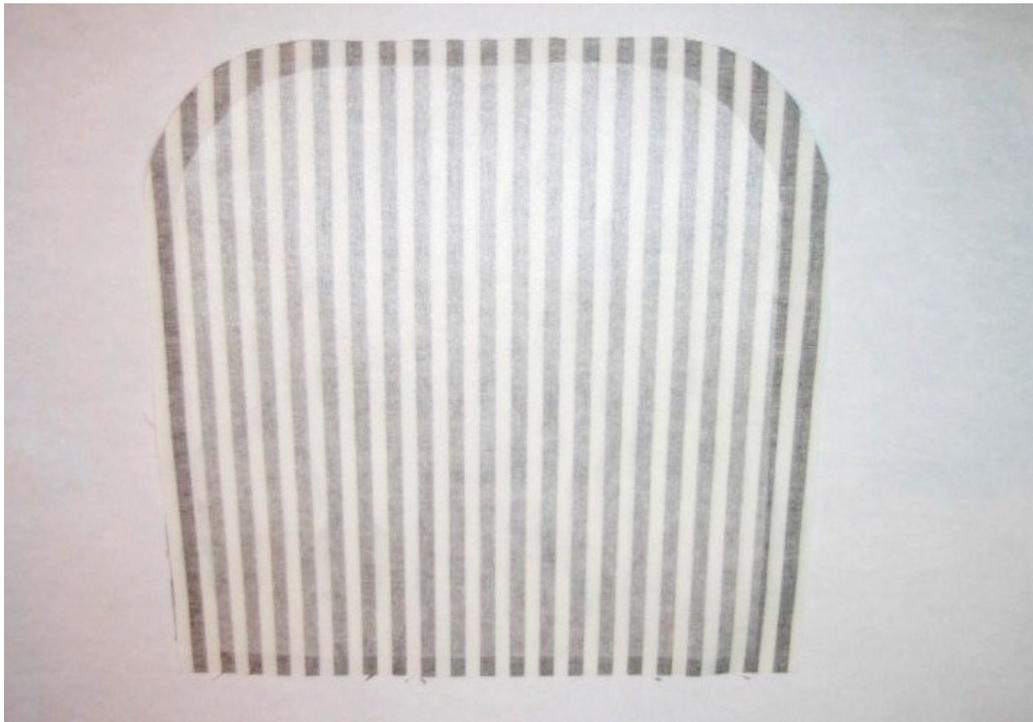


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Cut out one piece for front and one for back:



Cut one piece of interfacing slightly smaller than the front piece and apply to fabric according to the interfacing instruction:





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Turn bib with right sides out and press. Press the opening as well:

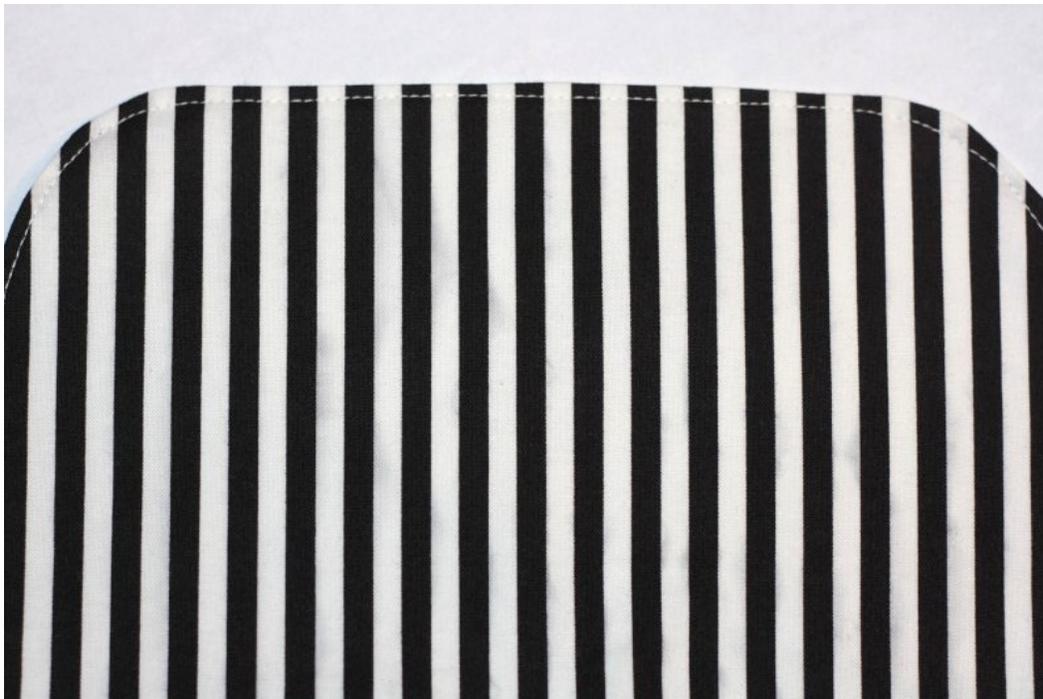
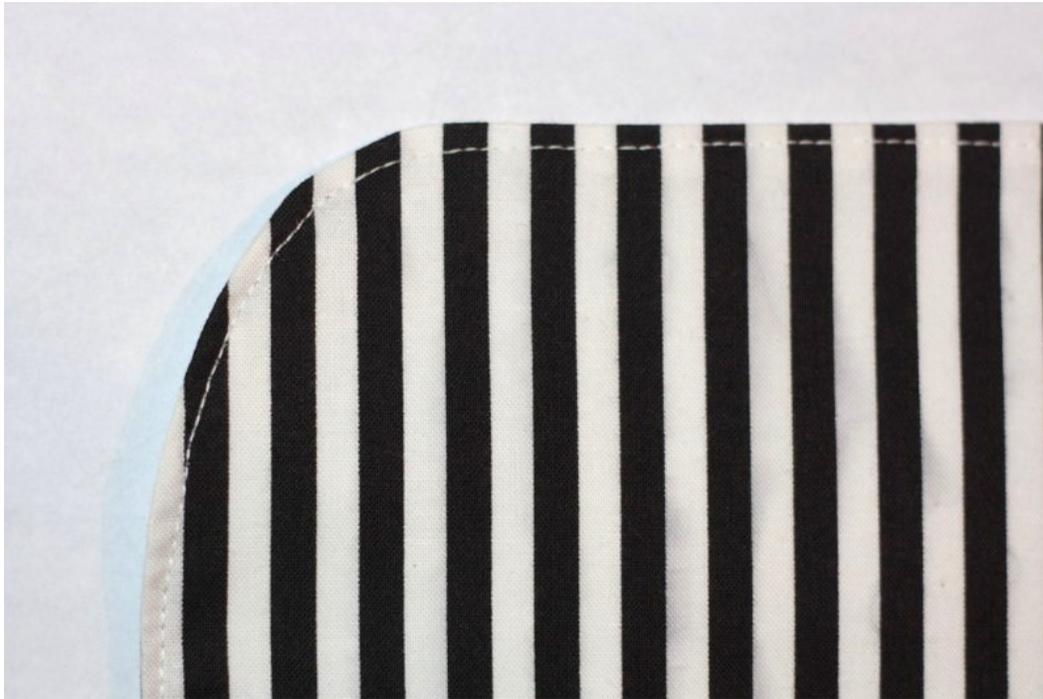


This is now your bib:



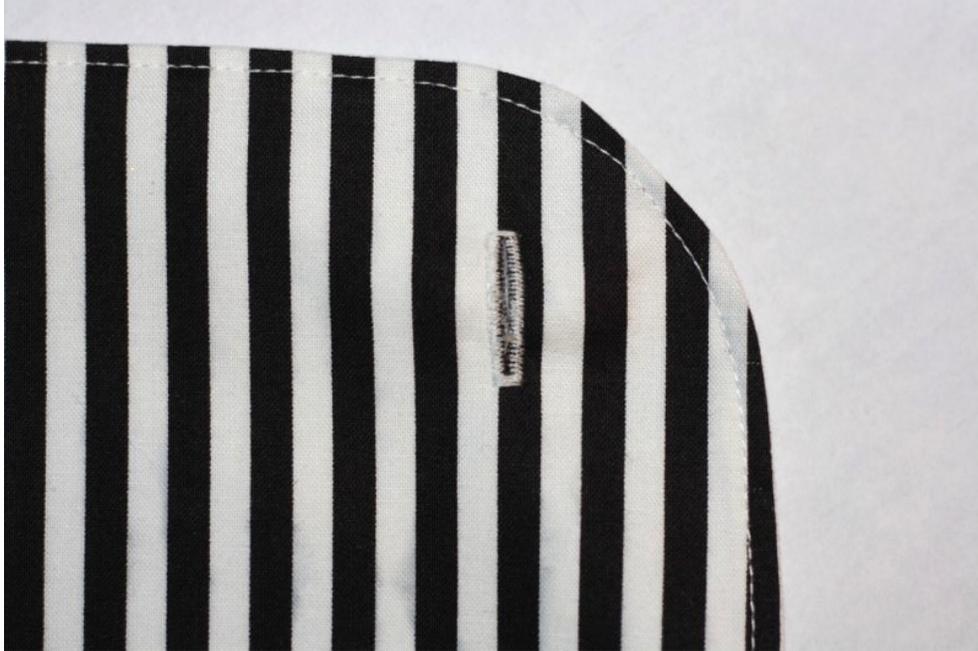
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Top stitch around bib with a 1/8" seam allowance, excluding the bottom edge where the opening is.



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Mark your button holes at about 1" down from top edge and 1.5" away from sides for sizes up to 2t and 1 3/4" away from sides for sizes up to 6:



Open buttonholes with seam ripper.

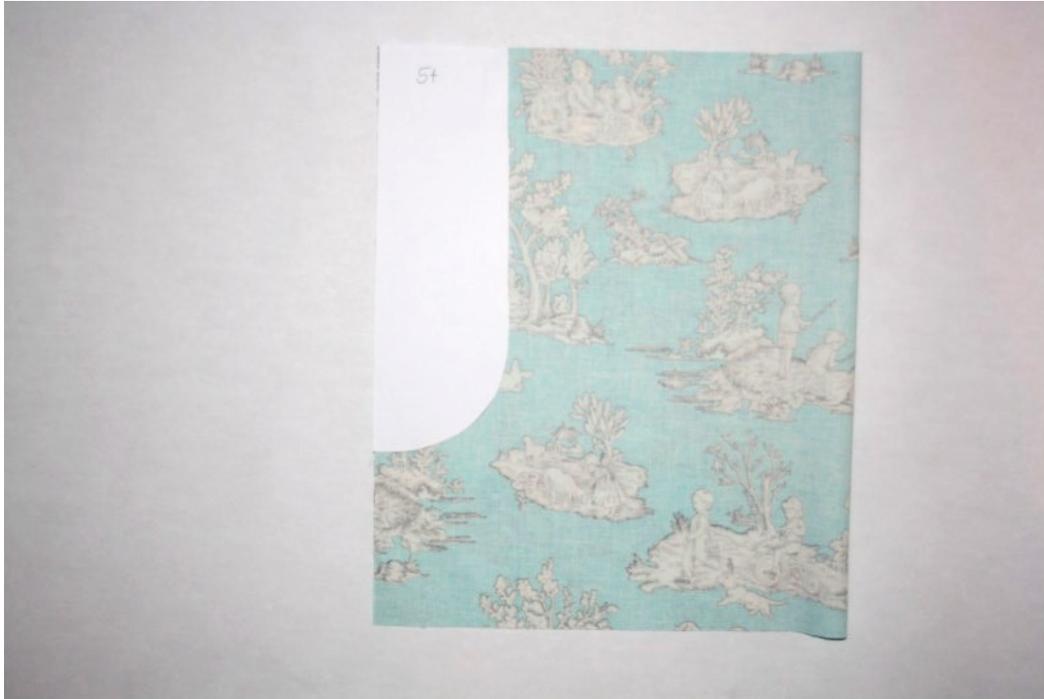
**To make shorts:**

Fold one piece of shorts fabric over so your fold is on your right and your print is facing downwards:



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Place your crotch template into the upper left corner aligning with top and side edges. Curve should face to the right. Pin:



Cut around template and discard scraps. Repeat with other fabric piece. No need to pay attention to the direction for right and left.





**To sew legs together when NOT using snap button tape:**

If using snap button tape, skip the following step and go to the next picture/instructions colored in blue.

Fold shorts piece with right sides together and pin the inside of the leg. Sew along dashed line with backstitching beginning and end:



Repeat with other shorts piece.

**(Continue here if you are using snap button tape)**

Place both shorts pieces/legs side by side with the right piece turned right side out:



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Insert the right leg into the left leg as shown:



Side view: match the crotch and pin both pieces together. Then sew along dashed lines starting at the top edge. Sew over the crotch area and up the other side until you reach the top edge. Backstitch beginning and end:



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Zigzag stitch or serge raw edge. This is what your crotch seam should look like now:



**To finish the legs:**

Place shorts with wrong side out in front of you as shown:



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Fold up the leg hem 0.5" and press. Then sew down with backstitching end:



Repeat with other leg hem.

**To make waist casing:**

Zigzag stitch/serge top edge:



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Fold down top edge 1" and press. Then sew in place on top of the hemmed stitches. Leave an opening of 2" in the center back. Backstitch beginning and end:



This section is from another project but has better visible pictures:

Place elastic  $\frac{1}{4}$ " over the ribbon and pin:



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Sew it with several stitches down. If you use your machine use a tight stitch (stitch length at 1.5-2).



Back to my white combo:

Attach a safety pin to the elastic as shown:



Insert the safety pin into the shorts casing. Once you reach both ends, overlap them  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and pin, then sew together with machine or by hand with several stitches:



Move the ribbon part by feeling with your fingers, to the front. You can feel where ribbon and elastic was sewn together. Once positioned correctly you want to flatten out the front as shown so that there are no more wrinkles from the waist casing:



It is helpful to secure the waist band with pins on both sides to ensure the shorts front will stay unwrinkled.

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Place bib onto shorts so that the bib's bottom part overlaps the shorts 1". Pin in place on both sides and center:



With the same color thread as you topstitched the bib you want to continue sewing now. Sew bib to the shorts along dashed lines. Backstitch beginning and end:



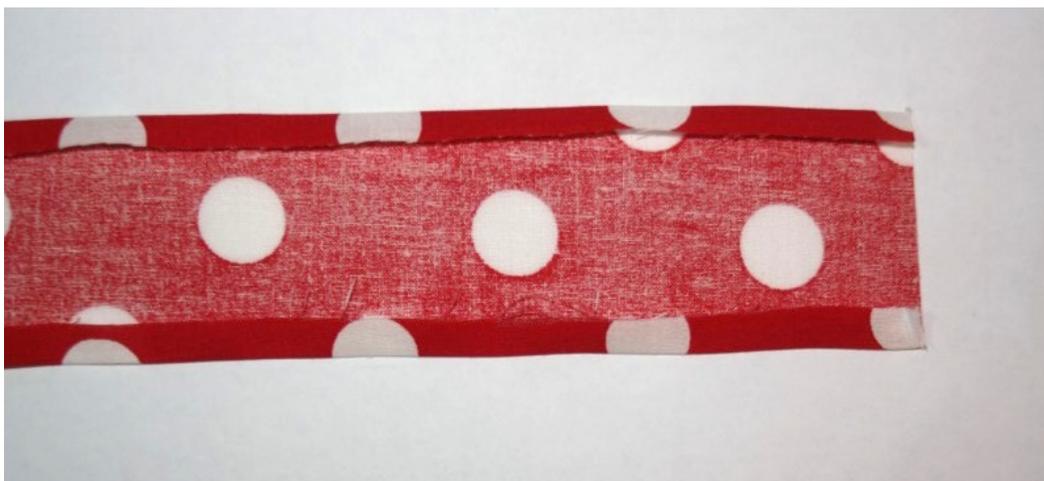
Add a size/care label and close opening with your machine. Backstitch beginning and end:



**To make straps:**

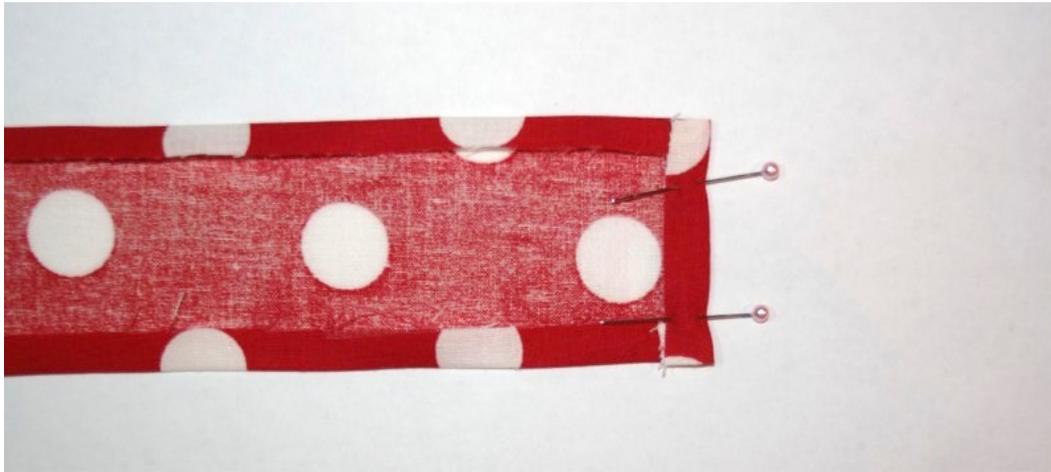
Place strap fabric with right side down in front of you and fold top edge 3/8" down and press.

Repeat with bottom edge:



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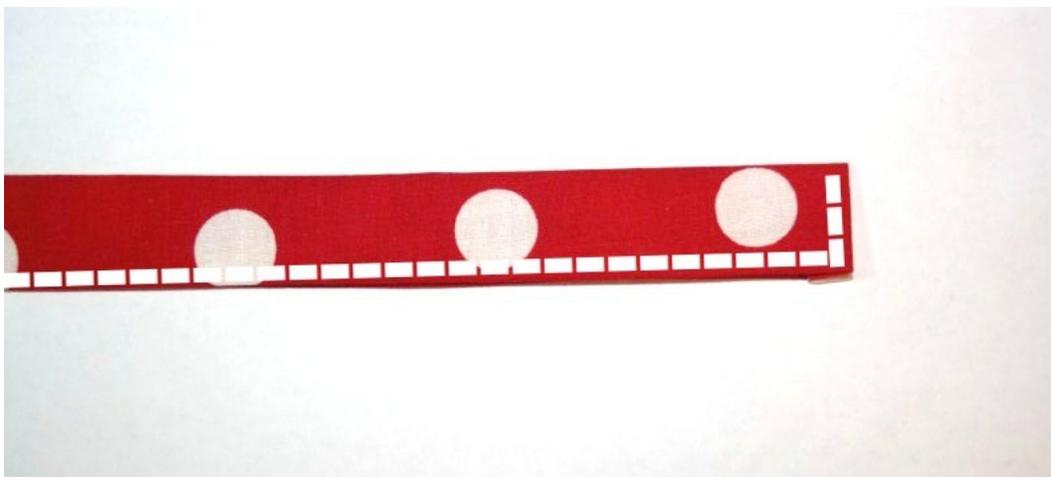
Fold in side edge 3/8 and press (I pinned mine for the picture only):



Fold strap in half with right sides out and press:



Sew along dashed lines with backstitching beginning and end:



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This should now be your finished strap (picture shows both ends):



Repeat with other strap.

**To sew straps onto back:**

Pin straps slightly slanted to the back inside about 1.5" away from the center seam. Sew straps down along dashed lines with backstitching end:



If using long straps, feed those through the buttonholes and tie them as you prefer. Below is a Sunny Day Suit with the longest version straps which are tied into a bow:

Wider straps (fabric cut to 4"):

slimmer straps (fabric cut to 3.5"):



If using buttons, hand sew buttons on to strap at about 2.5 – 3.5" up from the bottom of the straps:



I recommend sewing on 2 sets of buttons so the straps would become adjustable as on this boys suit:



All done!

[If you are using snap button tape please follow through with instructions starting at page 24!](#)

## Bonus tutorial

### To sew on snap button tape:

The following instructions are part of my overall pattern and have different pictures.

Place your shorts with the front facing you. Flip up the crotch. Fold down crotch hem 0.5" and press, fold up the back crotch hem 0.5" and press:



Snap button tape comes in a package such as this:



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Open buttons from both sides.....

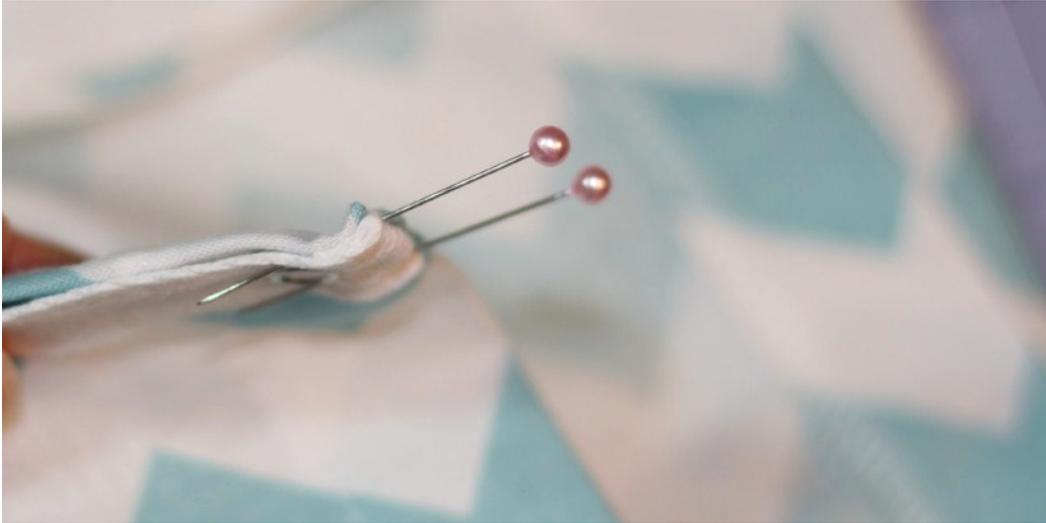


.....and place both tapes onto your crotch hems and trim off excess leaving 0.5 – 3/8" hanging over sides.

It is helpful to reposition the tape to make sure that both bottom hems end up with buttons at the same distance:



Fold down one side of button tape and pin to crotch hem with having the raw edge inside:



The snap button tape gets sewn on to the inside of the front crotch hem (shown in picture on top) and the other tape side to the outside (shown in picture on the bottom) of the crotch hem. Now is a good time to make sure you line up both button tape strips (upper and lower) positioned the same so they will match up when buttoned.



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Continue pinning both tapes in place aligning the edges:



Use a zipper foot to sew them on along the dashed lines (marked in photo above):



Backstitch beginning and end several times as this area will get lots of wear and tear. This should now be your sewn on snap button tape:



All done!

Design examples:





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## **SIZING CHART for Sunny Day Suit:**

The following chart is only a guide. Please measure to be sure that those are the correct sizes. Not all children are the same.

Cut TWO (2) of the following:

### **SIZING CHART for shorts:**

Size	width	length	fabric requirements for shorts
NB	15.5"	9 "	¼ yd
3-6m	16"	9.5 "	¼ yd
9-12m	17"	10 "	1/3 yd
12-18m	18"	10.5 "	1/3 yd
2t	19"	11"	0.5 yd
3t	20"	12"	0.5yd
4t	21"	12.5"	0.5yd
5t	22"	13"	0.5yd
6	23"	14"	0.5yd

### **Fabric yardage for bib part:**

All sizes: 1 fat quarter or 1/3 yard for both sides

### **Straps:** (width is 4" for wider straps and 3" for slimmer straps)

The following measurements are for the length:

	Buttoned	knotted	tied in bow
Up to 12m	14"	22"	not recommended due to age
Up to 3t	15"	23"	not recommended due to age
Up to 6	16"	24"	40"

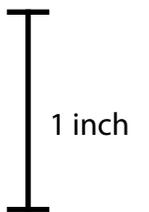
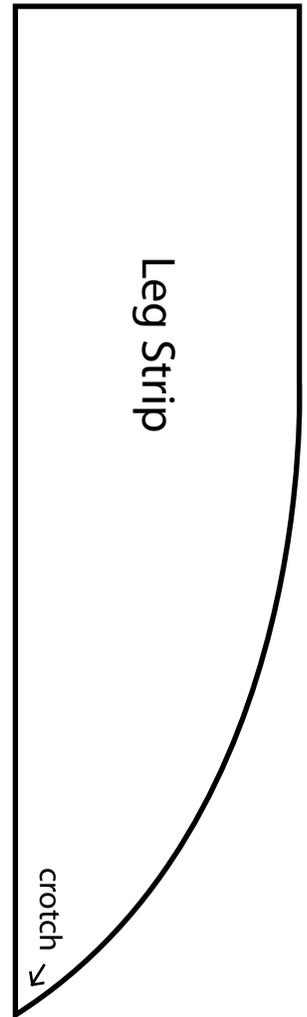
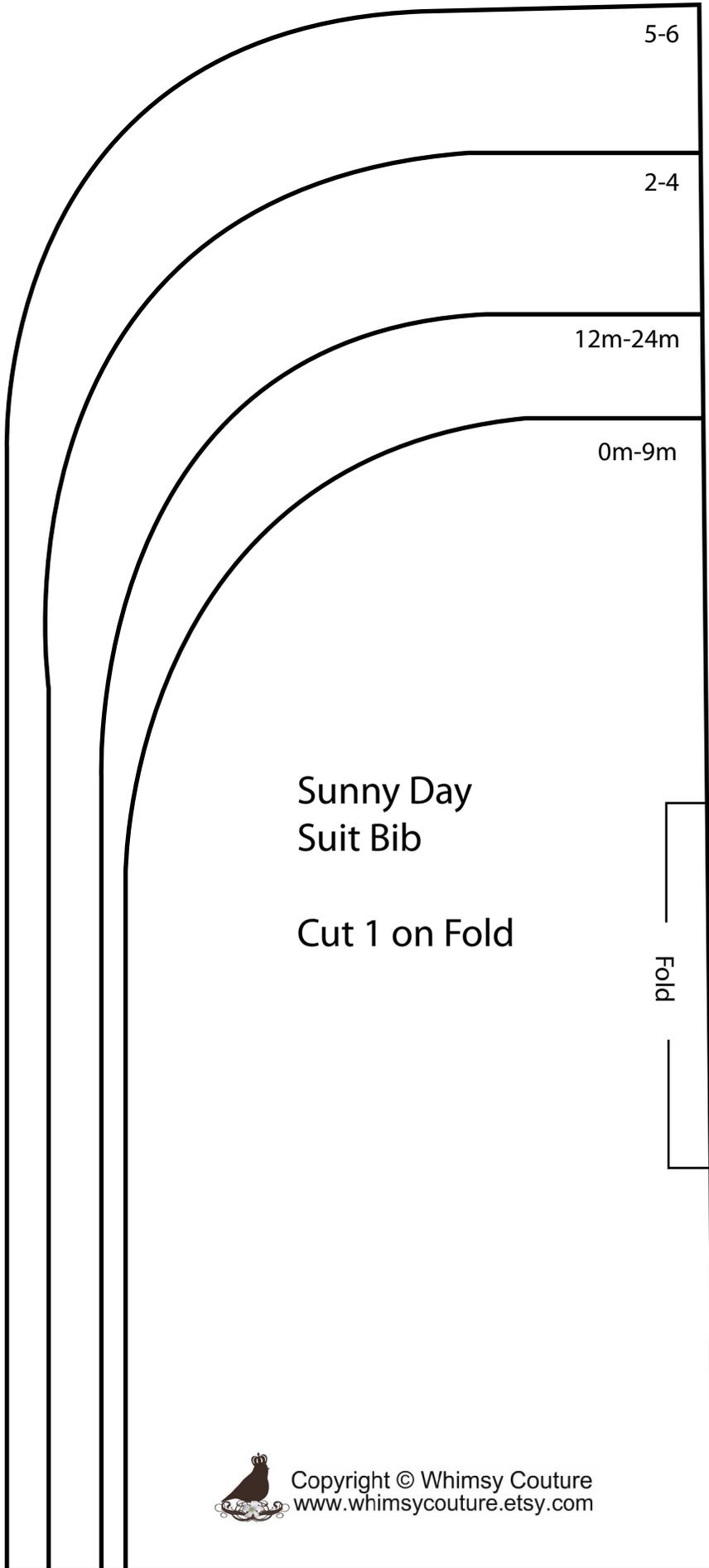
**Chart for waist elastic (3/4" width) and ribbon (0.5 – 3/4"):**

SIZE	elastic length:	ribbon length:
NB	7"	7"
3-6m	7.5"	7.5"
9-12m	9"	6.5"
12-18m	10"	9"
2t	11"	9.5"
3t	11.5"	10.5"
4t	12"	10.5"
5t	12.5"	10.5"
6	13"	10.5"

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5t

4t

3t

2t

18-24m

9-12m

3-6m

0m

# Sunny Day Suit Crotch Cutouts

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