

# ***Upcycled Baby Clothes***

Make your own upcycled baby clothes and more



## **3 FREE PATTERNS FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE**



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## PLUSH BABY TOY



I had some fleece left from the booties I made in a previous article ([here](#)) and you'll know by now that I like to get the most out of everything! This bit of fleece started life as a baby blanket, cost £2.45 and I've already made 4 items out of it.

I decided to incorporate the teddy bear embellishment and to use the purple ribbon I had in my stash. You can use your imagination here, even do different shapes if you wish. I had a cushion I no longer needed so took the stuffing out and used some of that. No purchases needed for this upcycled project.



I used a 6"/15cm bowl and drew around it with tailors chalk to cut 2 circles.



The next step is to cut your pieces of ribbon, (mine were about 5cm) then fold each piece in half and lay on the bottom piece of the plush fabric. Lay the upper piece right sides in on top then pin making sure you also pin the ribbon. The folded end goes in towards the middle and leave a small bit sticking out over the edge.



Leave a few cm open, this is where you'll turn right sides out, put your stuffing in and add the piece of ribbon for hanging.



Carefully sew where you've pinned it, I put the machine on slow speed when I'm doing anything circular for more control. Remember to leave the end open.



Turn right sides out and stuff, don't stuff it too tight, you want it to feel a bit "squeeshy!" Cut a longer piece of ribbon. The length will depend on where you're hanging it. Pin in into the opening at the top at the same time turn the edges in and pin.

And that's it, a simple plush baby toy which, took around 1 hr to make! You could make a few of these with different shapes and colours. They can be hung from the handle of a baby bouncer or pram hood.





# **DIAPER BAG**



## **MATERIALS**

For this project I used a curtain pelmet which, I'd stripped down into fabric and lining.

Hook and loop/Velcro for fastening.



## **CUT OUT THE PIECES**



I started with my curtain pelmet material using the lining for the inside and cut two pieces of fabric (58cm x 28cm), 1 from the print and 1 from the lining.

Cut 2 pieces for the straps (20cm x 5 cm) 1 from the print and 1 from the lining.

## **PUTTING IT TOGETHER**



Put right sides together and stitch around the edge leaving an opening for turning right sides out.



Turn right sides out and press turning in the edges of the open edge

Top stitch around the edge catching the open end as you go round.

Sew the strap in the same way and top stitch around the edge.



Pin the strap to the body of the bag positioning it centrally top to bottom and 22cm in from one end along the width.

Pin it in place and sew a 4cm square and a cross within the square to reinforce it.

## **MAKE THE POCKETS**



Lay the sewn piece with the right side facing up. Fold the short ends toward the middle about 11cm at each side leaving 6cm between the pockets. Stitch the sides then turn right sides out.



Put your items in the pockets, fold in half then mark where you need to put the hook and loop/Velcro.

Stitch the hook and loop in place.



And that's it, it took me around 1hr 30mns to do including the photos. It would make a nice gift filled with some nappies, wipes and cream.



# **TAGGIE BLANKET**



I used microfibre fleece for the main part of the Taggie Blanket. You could also use pretty print cotton fabrics like fat quarters but, if you've read my other tutorials, you know I prefer the microfibre fleece. Why? It's very soft and feels so good on baby's (or anyone else's) skin.

## **MATERIALS**



2 pieces of micro fleece 30cm x 30cm (12" x 12")  
14 fabric scraps of differing sizes. (I used different textures to make it more tactile)  
Thread  
Scissors

## **MAKING THE TAGS**



Once you have all your materials, take the scraps first and cut into rectangles of various sizes. Remember these will be getting folded in half and sewn so allow for this. My largest piece was 10cm x 15cm (4" x 6")



Fold each piece in half lengthwise right\_sides together and press till you have 14 tags ready to sew.  
Sew two sides leaving one side open\_for turning right sides out.

Turn all pieces right side out and press. I pressed the seams to the side but you can press seams to the centre if you prefer.



## **PUTTING IT TOGETHER**



Fold the tags in half and lay on 1 of the pieces of fleece with the folded ends facing the centre.

Space them out as shown in the picture and pin in place. If you're using fabric pin the tags to the right side.



Baste/tack in place, you can find an [explanation of basting here](#). Take the second piece of fleece and lay on top of the basted pieces. If you're using print fabric remember to place the right side down.



Stitch around all 4 sides leaving a gap for turning right sides out. Turn right sides out then turn in and pin the open end.



[Top stitch](#) around the edge to give a nice neat finish.





The fleece centre looked a bit plain to me so I thought I'd try my new found [applique](#) skills. I had an old charity shop cushion cover with animals printed on it so I cut out the giraffe for this project.

And that's it, simple to do and it also makes a nice gift!