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## Joshua Cook

Baby Onesie

**Personalize your baby's wardrobe with a custom onesie!**  
Featured in this photo is my beautiful new nephew Jaxon, enjoying his custom Joshua Cook onesie!  
Let's get started!

**MATERIALS:** Onesie, fabric, binding, leather for trim, buttons, pattern paper, thick marker, pins, scissors, thread.

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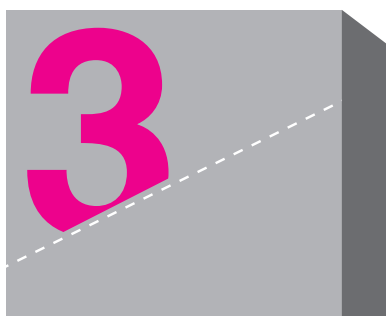
Deconstruct an old onesie at the seams and place onto pattern paper.



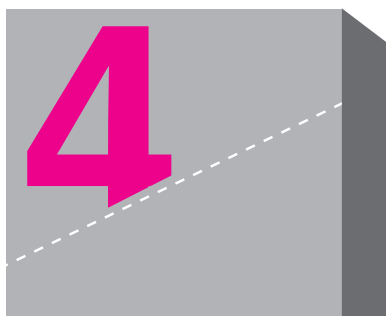


Trace the outside of each piece and add  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch to every side (as seam allowance).

*(Note: I have added  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch at the bottom edge of the sleeve.)*



Cut out your paper pattern pieces.



Place your new pattern pieces on your chosen fabric.

*(Note: I have chosen to work in a graphic fleece for comfort and look.)*

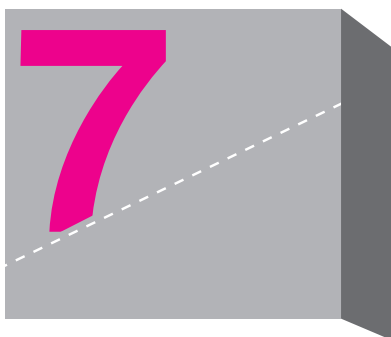


Lay your paper pattern pieces out on your fabric, then pin and cut.

*(Note: If you have a graphic print like me, do your best to strategically engineer where your print will be within each individual piece.)*

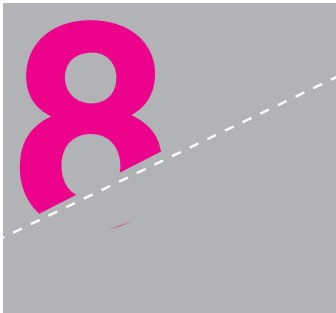


Sew your sleeve pattern pieces to the front and back pieces.



Add an interesting stitch option to sew down your seams.

*(Note: I have chosen to use Stitch #3, which is a slanted zigzag. I have set the length to 2½ inches and the width to 3 inches.)* Feel free to play around with these options; it's really a great opportunity to make your design unique!



Press back the bottom hem of your sleeve 1/2 an inch and add a top stitch to add.

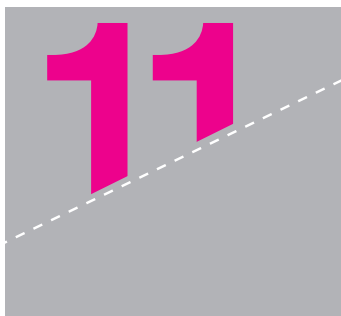
*(Note: I have chosen to use Stitch #15, which is almost ladder-like with a squiggle in between. I have set the length to 2 1/2 inches and the width to 6 inches.)* As in Step 7, and in steps to come, feel free to play around with these options and choose a stitch that speaks to you.



Now that you have some of your decorative top stitching done, pin the binding down along the center front of your entire onesie and stitch 1/2 inch.



A photo of what your project should look like up until this point; give or take of course the different fabrics and stitches you may have decided to use!



Press back your binding and choose a top stitch option.

*(Note: I have chosen to use Stitch #15, which is a blanket stitch and very appropriate for children's wear.)* I have set the length to 2½ inches and the width to 5 inches.



A photo of your binding and blanket stitch, complete up until this point.



Sew up the left side and press open seams.



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Place binding at the bottom of your baby onesie with 1 inch extra at center front, and pin.



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Fold back 1 inch at center front and pin down to have a nice, clean edge and stitch binding  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, press back and add Blanket Stitch #15.



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Follow Step 15 for the bottom hem of the right side, and then stitch up right side seam and press open.



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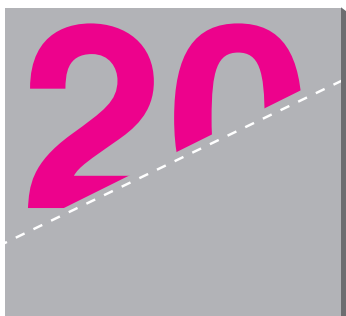
Mark and secure where your snaps will go. Use a durable trim to secure your snaps on the fabric.

*(Note: I chose to use leather, which is quite durable. A woven fabric is a solid option as well.)*

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Sew your trim into place.

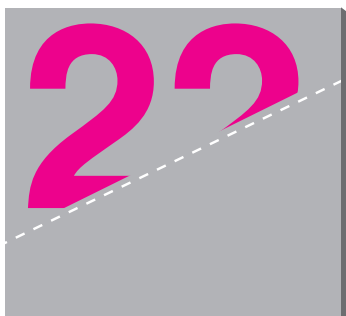
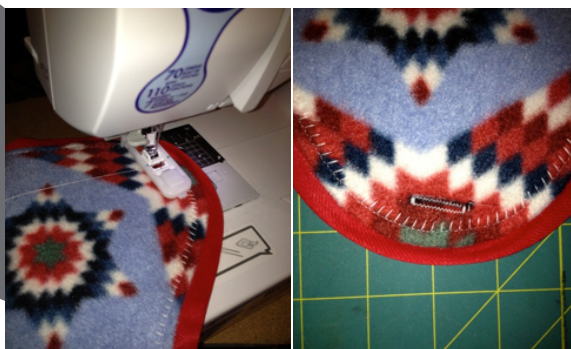


On the bottom back piece, mark your 1 inch buttonhole for placement.



On your machine, attach your buttonhole foot and choose your favorite buttonhole.

*(Note: I chose to use buttonhole #30, as it is basic, simple, and clean. I have set the length to 1/2 an inch and the width to 5 inches.)*



Cut open your buttonhole and fold up to mark where your button is to be placed on your front pattern piece.







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Sew your button into place.



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A photo of your finalized product!



(This project was created from the designer's perspective.)

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