

Free Pattern: Tag Toys

Make your own baby toys, inspired by popular baby toys in stores everywhere.

These two toys are easy to make and babies and toddlers love them.

Tactile Snuggly, a small “blanky” with satin-feel ribbon loops for your child to finger.

Loopy Ball, a fun ball, about 5” in diameter, with satin-feel ribbon loops sticking out all around.



Suggested Fabrics:

Velour, Fleece, Minky, Flannel, Terry Cloth, Washable Satin, Panne Velour

These toys will probably end up in baby’s mouth. If using a polyester plush fabric, an absorbent contrasting fabric is recommend, such as Minky with Velour that is 80% cotton.

Suggested Ribbon: Must be Washable!

Satin-like ribbon is most alluring to babies; velour ribbon and grosgrain ribbon may also be used.

Materials Required: Tactile Snuggly

Thread

Main Fabric 13” x 13” (just over 1/3 yd.)

*Contrasting Fabric 13” x 13” (just over 1/3 yd.)

10 or more pieces of washable ribbon 4-5” long and 3/8” to 1 1/2” wide.

Straightedge or Quilter’s Rule

Paper Grocery Bag

Pins

*Optional, the same fabric can be used for both sides.



Materials Required: Loopy Ball

Thread

*6 pieces of fabric 8" x 4"

10 or more pieces of washable ribbon 4-5" long and 3/8" to 1 1/2" wide.

Fiberfill / Polyester Stuffing

Pins

*Optional, the same fabric can be used for all sections.

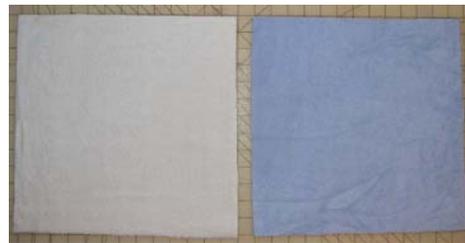


Tactile Snuggly

1. Using the straightedge or Quilter's Rule, cut a square measuring 13" x 13" from the paper grocery bag to use as a pattern.



2. Using the pattern, cut one square from each fabric, or, if using one fabric, cut two squares from the one fabric.



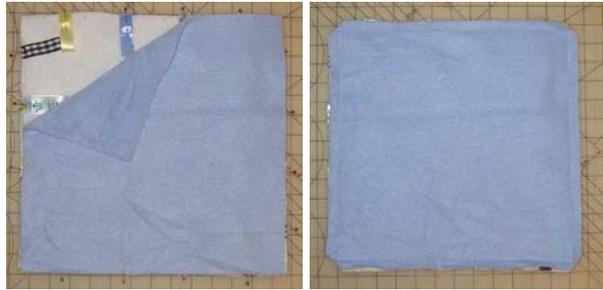
3. Cut the ribbon to lengths of 4" to 5" and fold them with wrong sides together and raw edges even. Ribbon lengths can be varied.

On the right side of one square, arrange the ribbons around the edge, raw edges of the ribbon even with the raw fabric edge. Pin.

I prefer the ribbons to be 3"-4" apart, but some commercial versions have 5 ribbons on each side.



4. Place the fabric squares with right sides together. Sew all the way around using a 1/2" seam allowance, leaving an opening between two ribbons for turning. Trim the corners.

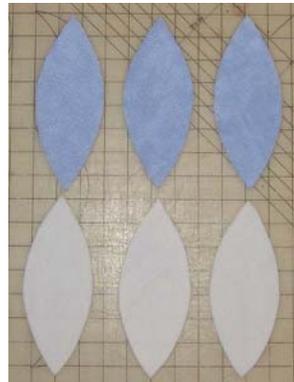


5. Turn the squares right sides out. The ribbons will now be on the outside edge. Turn the edges of the opening to the inside and close the opening by topstitching all the way around 1/4" from the edge.



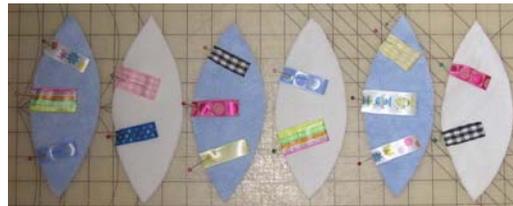
Loopy Ball

1. Using the provided pattern, cut six sections out of the fabric.



2. Cut the ribbon to lengths of 4" to 5" and fold them with wrong sides together and raw edges even. Ribbon lengths can be varied.

Arrange the ribbons on the sections with raw edges even. Pin.



3. Place two sections right sides together and stitch using 1/4" seam allowance. Be careful not to catch the folded ends of the ribbons in the seam. Stitch another section together for a total of three.



4. Place two of the remaining three sections right sides together and stitch using 1/4" seam allowance. Be careful not to catch the folded ends of the ribbons in the seam.

Sew the last section to this group of two, leaving an opening between two ribbons for turning later.



5. With right sides together, place the two sections together, aligning raw edges. Stitch all the way around.



6. Turn the ball right side out and stuff with fiberfill. Stitch opening closed.



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