

Free patterns are available from Teeny Tears, the original designer of the diapers (who generously granted permission for us to share this tutorial). Visit <http://teenytears.blogspot.com/2011/10/diapers.html> for instructions on getting patterns.

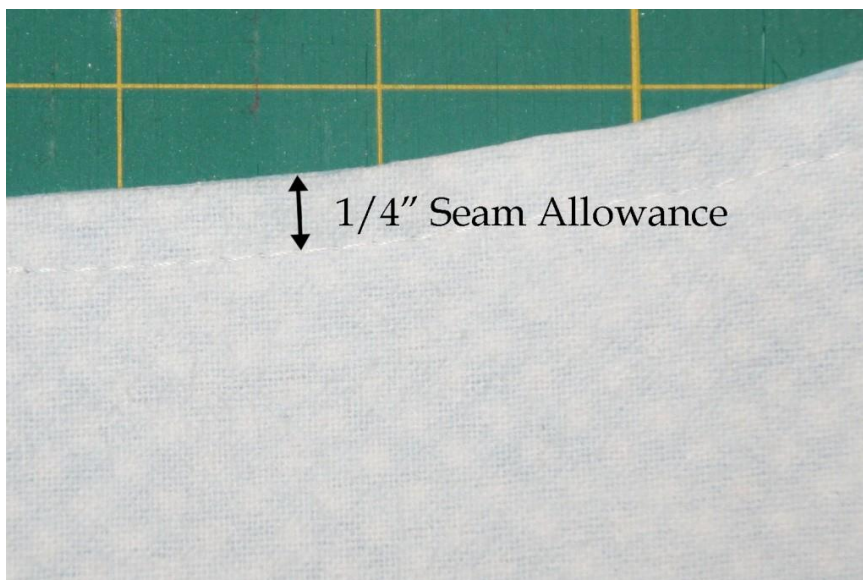
Once your patterns are printed and cut, you're ready to cut your fabric. You'll need to cut two pieces for each diaper.

- Megan from Teeny Tears makes the suggestion on her instructions to print the patterns on cardstock so that you can just lay them on the back side of the fabric and trace them. This will enable you to trace a bunch of diapers onto your fabric, saving lots of time. Teeny Tears also now has wooden pattern templates available for purchase. Visit their website for more information.



Place your two pieces of fabric right sides together (RST) and pin together if you would like. It's now time to sew. **It is very important that you keep a 1/4" seam allowance all the way around.** If you have a hard time sewing in a straight line, go sloooowww! The last thing you want is an uneven seam allowance. There are also lots of round edges on these diapers, which can take a bit of practice to master. Again, just go slow.

Sew all the way around the diaper, **with the exception of a small opening (about 1 1/2" to 2")**. You'll need this opening to flip the diaper right-side-out. Sometimes it helps to put a pin over the section that you plan to leave as your opening, just as a reminder to stop sewing. The best place to leave an opening is mid-way along either the top or bottom of the diaper...try to avoid leaving the opening at a corner.



After you've sewn around the diaper, you need to trim the edges. The reason for this is to decrease the amount of bulk inside of the diaper. Take care not to trim too close to where you've just sewn...you don't want the diaper coming apart when you turn it. I found it easiest to trim about halfway between the edge of the fabric and the line of stitches. **DO NOT TRIM ALONG THE OPENING YOU LEFT!**



I'll say it again just in case you missed it: **DO NOT TRIM ACROSS THE OPENING THAT YOU LEFT!!**



After you've trimmed, flip the diaper right-side-out by pulling from the inside through the opening. You can use a blunt object to poke out the corners as best you can, but don't push so hard that the seam pops. You might notice in the last picture that a tiny bit is clipped off of the bottom corners. This is done to decrease the bulk in the corner, since it's such a tiny space. You can do this as well, but be VERY careful not to cut too close to the stitching.

After you'll pulled it right-side-out, you'll need to press the diaper, taking care that the seams are all turned out completely. When you press, turn the edges of the opening down inside the diaper. You want the edge to look nice and straight, as though there was no opening at all.



You are now ready for the final step. You are going to run a stitch around the entire outside of the diaper, both to give it a nice finished look, as well as to close the opening. You can stitch as close to the edge as you want or as far in as 1/4". You just want to make sure that you catch the fabric that was folded under at the opening....if you sew further in than 1/4", you'll miss the edges there and have to unpick and fix it.



And that's it! Fold up the bottom of the diaper, fold over the flaps, and pin in place.

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