



Featuring Shannon Fabrics Terry Cloth and Cuddle, and assorted prints by Ann Kelle for Robert Kaufman

Scrappy Happy Hooded Towels

Lots of Shannon Terry Cloth and a little bit of bright patchwork make these towels the perfect thing to snuggle a little one after a bath or day at the beach. For a thicker, cozier option, use one layer of Terry Cloth and one of Cuddle.

Materials:

For Scrappy Towel:

- 1 1/4 yard Shannon Terry Cloth
- 7 fat quarters printed quilting cotton
 - Or more for variety
- Optional: 1" Bias Tape Maker
 - We used Clover size 25

For Terry Cloth and Cuddle Towel:

- 1 1/4 yard Shannon Chevron Cuddle
- 1 yard Shannon Terry Cloth
- 1/2 yard coordinating solid cotton

Towel and Hood Cutting Directions:

- Towel Body — 32" square
- Towel Hood — 12" square, cut in half on the diagonal

Notes:

- Read all directions before beginning.
- All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise noted.
- A fat quarter generally measures 18" x 21". For the purposes of this pattern, we will use a 21" measurement for the longer side, if the fat quarter measures longer than 21", no need to trim it to 21".
- RST = Right Sides Together
- Using a walking foot for sewing with Cuddle will help keep the layers from shifting.

Scrappy Towel

1. Make Binding

Select one fat quarter to use for the bias portion of the binding. Measure an 18" square from the fat quarter, with a removable pencil or marker, draw a diagonal line down the center of the square. Measure 1" on either side of the line and cut (Figure 1).

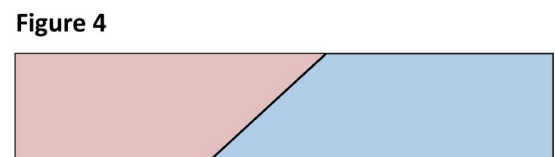
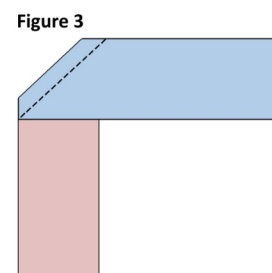
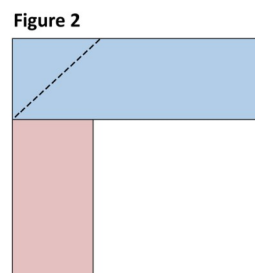
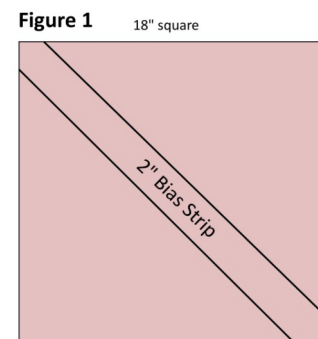
From each remaining fat quarter, cut one 2" x 21" strip for binding.

Using two strips, place at a right angle, RST, and sew from corner to corner (Figure 2). Trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ " from seam (Figure 3).

Press open to form a single strip with a diagonal seams (Figure 4). Continue piecing remaining binding strips in the same manner.

With the wrong side up, press the right edges toward the center of the strip, lengthwise, or use a binding maker to fold the binding (Figure 5).

Fold in half lengthwise a second time, press. Fold or roll long strips of binding gently and set aside.



2. Patchwork Hood:

From the remaining fat quarters, cut a variety of 2" strips. Sew together to create a piece that measures at least 18" across the bottom and 9" tall (Figure 6).

Optional: Use 2 1/2" squares, vary strip width, or piece vertically for a unique patchwork look.



Use the curve diagram from the last page to round the point across from the long edge of the Terry Cloth hood piece. Round one corner of the towel body to match hood.

Place the Terry Cloth hood piece on the wrong side of the patchwork, pin, and quilt in place (we quilted along the seam lines). Trim patchwork to the size of the hood piece.

Tip: Use a walking foot to help keep the cotton and Terry Cloth from shifting.

Use one section of the binding (not the bias portion) to finish the long edge of the hood piece.

3. Finish Towel:

Pin hood to the towel, matching the rounded corners.

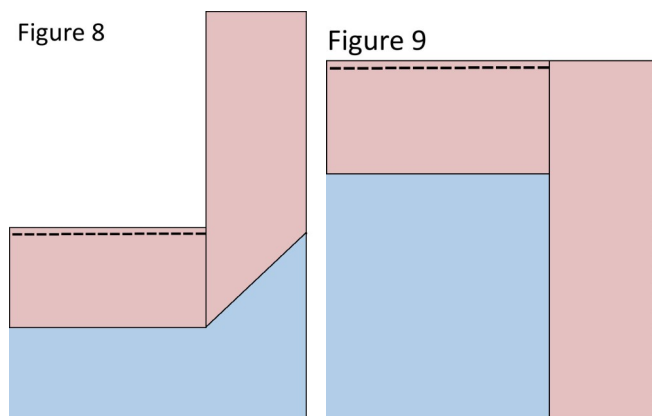
Unfold one side of the bias tape/binding and pin around edge of towel, using the bias portion to go around the curve of the towel (Figure 7).



At the remaining three pointed corners, sew binding piece to edge of corner, then fold up at a 45° angle (Figure 8).

Figure 8

Fold strip back down and stitch along towel and binding edge (Figure 9).



Using ironed lines as a guide, fold binding around to the back of the towel, mitering three pointed corners. Pin and stitch in place.

Tip: Use a small zig-zag stitch to secure the edge of the binding. This will provide a neat finish and catch all edges of the binding.

Chevron Cuddle and Terry Cloth Towel:

Use the cutting method from step one to cut six 2 1/2" bias strips from the 1/2 yard of solid fabric. Fold in half and press, set aside for binding.

From the Chevron Cuddle cut one towel body and one towel hood.

From the Terry Cloth cut one towel body.

Using the curve diagram on this page, round one corner of each towel body, and the corner of the hood as for scrappy patchwork towel.

Place the towel pieces with the Terry Cloth on the wrong side of the Chevron Cuddle, matching rounded corners.

Place the towel hood on the towel, matching the rounded corners, with the wrong side of the Chevron Cuddle to the Terry Cloth side of the towel body.

Bind with a double fold binding, curving around the rounded corner, and following the directions in Step 3 for the mitered corners.

