

Tiny Little Bow Tie

A Quilting Cuddle® Bow Tie for Cuddle® Critters

Fabric/Notion Requirements

- Quilting Cuddle®:
 - 5" x 5" square
 - 3" x 1½" rectangle
- 12" knitted elastic, ¼" wide

Suggested Notions

- Polyester thread
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Micro-serrated scissors or craft knife
- Long flower head pins

Sewing Basics for Cuddle®

- Use a ⅛" seam allowance.
- Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
- Use a 90/14 stretch machine needle.
- Use polyester thread: top and bobbin.
- Sew with right sides together, unless indicated.

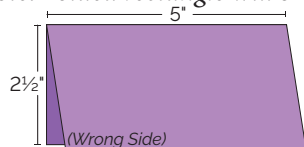


DIRECTIONS

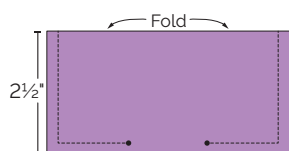
Prepare the Bow

1. Right sides together, fold the 5" x 5" square of Quilting Cuddle® in half horizontally.

Note: Folded rectangle will be 5" x 2½".

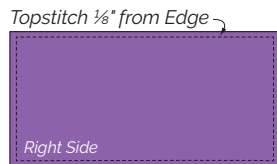


2. Mark a 1½" gap along the cut edge of the 5" side. Sew three cut edges, leaving the gap open.



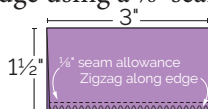
3. Turn the rectangle right side out.
4. Topstitch ⅛" around all four sides of the rectangle.

Note: This also closes the turning gap.



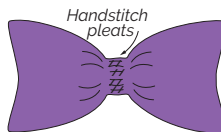
Prepare the Center Band

1. Fold 3" x 1½" rectangle in half.
2. Sew the long edge using a ⅛" seam. Zigzag seam allowance to add stability.
3. Turn the Center Band right side out.
4. Center seam on back. Topstitch ⅛" from each edge.



Assemble the Bow Tie.

1. Pinch small accordion pleats in the middle of the larger rectangle, creating the "bow" shape.
2. Handstitch the pleats in place, if necessary.
3. Measure the circumference of your stuffed animal's neck.
4. Trim elastic to this measurement **minus 2"**.
5. Overlap the ends by ½". Zigzag back and forth to secure the ends.

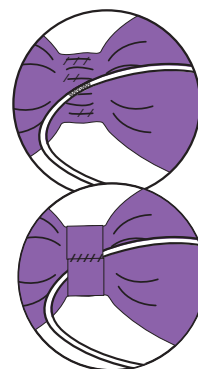


Overlap ends ½"



6. Center the zigzagged ends of the elastic to the back of the Bow. Handstitch in place.

Note: Add a few extra stitches now to eliminate wardrobe malfunction in the future.



7. Wrap Center Band around the Bow, covering the elastic ends. Handstitch securely in place.

Note: Add a few extra stitches to catch both the elastic band and the bow rectangle in the stitching.

8. Slip the Bow on the neck of your Cuddle® Critter!

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Keep your Cuddle® Critter stylish—make bows for holidays, birthdays, and family celebrations!

How to Wash Cuddle®

- Machine wash on gentle with cool water.
(Do not use fabric softener!)
- Machine tumble with no-heat for about ten minutes.
- Set out until dry.