



Cuddle Capelet



Want to keep the chill away? This super easy free project tutorial, written by Whimsy Couture™, shows you how to make a capelet. Learn step-by-step how to make this cuddly essential for preteens, teens and adults.

List of required materials:

- Cuddle fabric (all sizes require 1/2 yard of Cuddle)
- Thread
- Store bought bias tape 1" (or handmade, for which you need 2 cotton fabric strips 4"x22")
- Sewing machine
- Stretch/knit needle
- Cutting mat
- Rotary cutter
- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Vacuum or lint roller (sticky brush)
- Basic sewing supplies, as needed

For this project, I used the following fabrics from Shannon:

Cuddle 3 in Red (link) <http://www.shannonfabrics.com/cuddle-3-red-p-929.html>

Cuddle 3 in Turquoise (link) <http://www.shannonfabrics.com/cuddle-3-turquoise-p-923.html>

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Seam allowance: 3/8" unless stated otherwise

To print the templates:

Print the templates on regular computer paper. Double check that the arrow with the word "stretch" above measures 1 1/4". Cut out each shape along the perimeter of each page. Tape together matching the diamonds. Cut out the size you are making.

To make the ties from fabric:

Fold both long edges towards the middle like shown and press.



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Fold over both side edges (ends) about ¼ inch as shown and press:



Fold piece in half along the long way. Then sew all around the strap with backstitching at beginning and end:



Repeat with second strip. Lay both ties aside.

To cut out the Cuddle fabric:

Fold your fabric in half (from selvage to selvage) and make sure the direction of the nap or fibers and/or the print is facing down. Place the template onto the fabric with the fold of the template matching the fold of your fabric. The curve must face down as shown. Pin in place and cut around the template. Do not cut the fold:

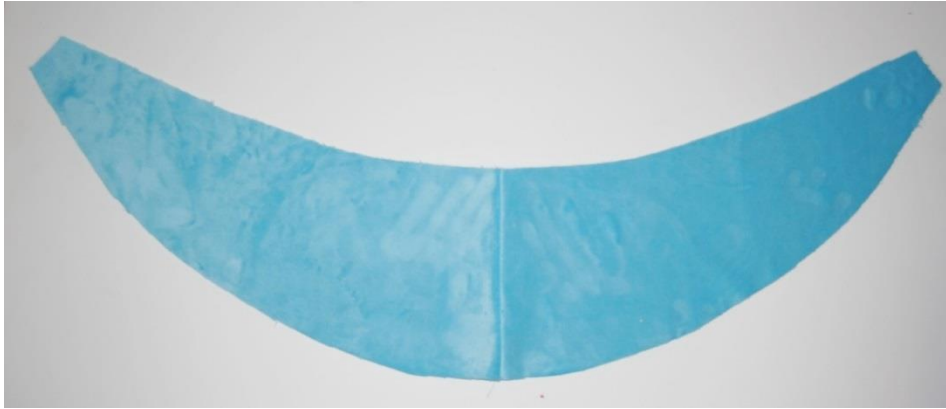


Unfold your fabric and this is what your shape will look like:



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Cut out the reverse side of the capelet:



TIP: to remove most of the lint, throw your cut piece and a damp towel into the dryer and set it on very low- low heat for about 10 minutes.

To sew capelet together:

Place both sides with right sides together, then fold back the right side and place one of the ties into the right corner. The seam of the tie, if handmade, should face down. Pin tie in place and sew along the dashed line as shown and marked with the arrow:



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Tuck the tie strap in and guide it out the left corner. Then fold the top layer back over the tie. Pin entire piece in place and sew along dashed lines. The top left corner where the tie end is peeking out will remain open. Backstitch the beginning and end by the opening:



Gently pull on the tie end that is peeking out the left corner and pull entire capelet through:



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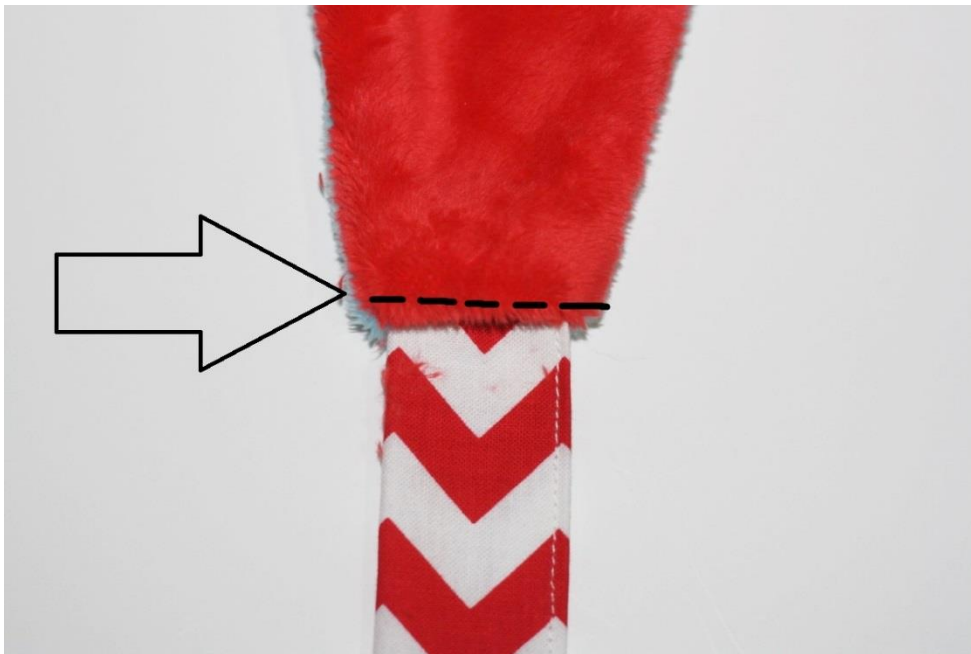


Tuck in the opening 0.5”:





Take your second tie and insert it with the tie seam facing into the same direction as the other tie, into the opening about $\frac{3}{4}$ " in. Pin and sew along dashed line. Backstitch beginning and end:



All done!



For more Cuddle projects please visit the sites below.

You can find Shannon Fabrics Cuddle at your local fabric store or quilt shop. Here are a few stores across the country that carry a wide selection: Fabric Depot, Beverly's Fabrics, and Mary Jo's Cloth Store. You can also find Cuddle through many other online retailers.

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