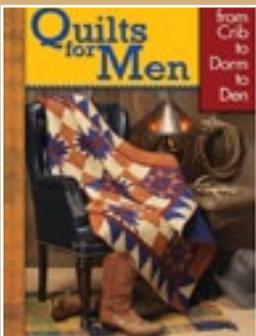




Magic Cape



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Cutting and Piecing Instructions

1. Measure circumference at the base of child's neck, add 1-1/2". Divide this measurement by 2.

This is measurement A .

2. Measure from collarbone to desired length of cape. Add the measurement of A . **This is measurement B.**

3. Fold the blue print fabric in half with right sides together, aligning the selvage edges. Tie one end of the string to the T-pin. Tie the string to the marking pen, keeping the length of measurement A between the T-pin and pen. Do not cut the excess string beyond the marking pen. Anchor the T-pin to the fold at one cut edge of the fabric. Draw a partial circle on the fabric with the marking pen by making an arc with the string as shown. This marks the neck opening.

4. Move the marking pen on the string, now keeping the length of measurement

B between the T-pin and pen. Anchor the T-pin to the same point it was

anchored when measurement A was marked. Again, draw a

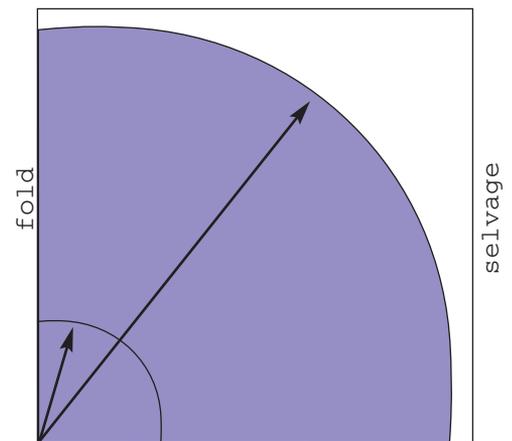
partial circle on the fabric with the marking pen by making an arc with the string. This will mark the bottom edge of the cape.

5.

Cut through both layers of the fabric on the drawn lines for the cape front.

6.

Using the orange print fabric, repeat steps 3-5 for cape lining. The remaining orange print fabric will be used for the star appliques.



Yardage and cutting instructions are for a child whose measurement is 21" or less.

Materials

3/4 yard blue print fabric for cape front

3/4 yard orange print fabric for lining and appliques

1/4 yard of light blue fabric for star tail and appliques

3/4 yard of contrasting blue print fabric for binding

8" x 10" piece of blue dot fabric for appliques

1 yard of string

T-pin

Fabric marking pen

Lightweight paper-back fusible web

Lightweight tear-away stabilizer

Novelty threads for quilting

22" x 42" piece of lightweight batting

2 squares of sew-on hook-and-loop fastener



Adding the Appliqués

1. Using the applique templates, trace the shapes the number of times indicated onto the paper side of the fusible web. Cut out the shapes, leaving a scant 1/4" around the outside of each shape.
2. Following the manufacturer's directions, fuse one small star web shape and two medium star shapes on the wrong side of the light blue fabric. Fuse the remaining small star shape and one medium star shape onto the wrong side of the orange print fabric. Fuse the final medium star shape and the star tail onto the wrong side of the blue dot fabric.
3. Cut out the star tail and the blue fabric stars on the drawn lines. Cut out the orange print stars and blue dot star a scant 1/4" inside the drawn lines, making them slightly smaller than the blue background stars they will be paired with. Remove the paper from the fusible web.
4. Position the star tail applique piece on the light blue star tail and fuse in place. Cut a piece of tear-away stabilizer slightly larger than the star tail. Place the stabilizer on the back of the tail. Stitch around the applique piece with a satin zigzag stitch. Carefully remove the stabilizer after stitching. Baste the open end of the appliqued star tail to the cape front about 1-1/2" from the right-hand corner of the neck opening.

5.

Refer to the photograph on the 1st page to arrange the stars in pairs on the cape front, positioning the small pair over the basted end of the star tail. Fuse the stars in place. Cut a piece of stabilizer slightly larger than each layered star. Place the stabilizer on the wrong side of the cape front. Stitch around each applique piece with a satin zigzag stitch. Remove the stabilizer after stitching.

Finishing the Cape

1.

Layer the lining, the batting, and the cape front. Baste the layers together. Machine quilt to outline the appliqued

stars two or three times. Machine quilt stars over the cape, using the small, medium, and large star templates.

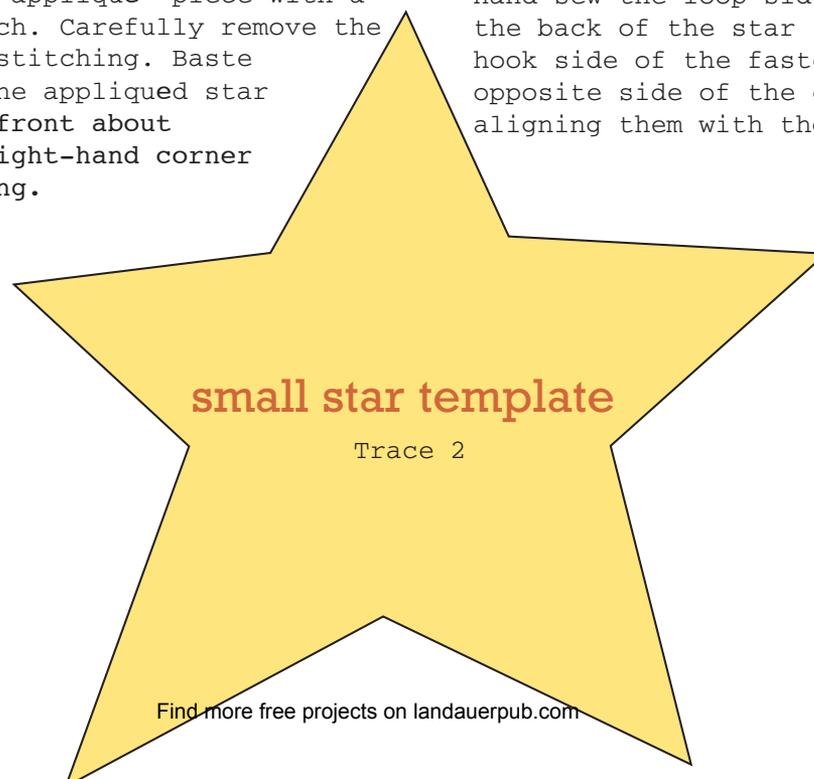
2. Use diagonal seams to sew the 2-1/2" wide blue print binding strips together to make one long strip. Sew the binding to the edges of the cape.

3.

Trim the extra batting and lining even with the edges of the cape front. Turn the binding over the edge to the lining and hand or machine sew in place.

4.

Hand sew the loop side of the fasteners to the back of the star tail. Machine sew the hook side of the fasteners on the opposite side of the cape, aligning them with those on the tail.



Scant 1/4"
seam allowance

**small tail
template**

Trace 1

Scant 1/4"
seam allowance

**large tail
template**

Trace 2

medium star template

Trace 3

**large star
template**

Trace 1