



Burial Wrapper Sewing Pattern...

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One of our hospitals stated that these wraps are perfect for the tiniest preemies (under 20 weeks). They dress the babies if at all possible and then place them inside wraps like this one. Doing this helps the family to connect with their baby by presenting the baby as 'normally' as possible.

Note: there are two methods for sewing the wrap. see pictures for differences.

The top of the square can be folded back in a 'cuff-like' style making the wrap adaptable to different size babies.

Materials required:

2 squares fabric - size can vary depending on desired size of finished wrap. Try starting with a 12" square. Fabric can be the same or contrasting but they should be soft and drapy - a good flannel or robe velour work well. For something fancier, try a soft velvet or velveteen outer layer with a satin liner.

Ribbon for ties, trim as desired.

Directions:

1. Place the two squares right sides facing and sew 1/4" seam all the way around the edges leaving a small opening at the bottom.
2. Turn right side out. Apply trim as desired. In photo, I put ribbon trim on by applying to the outside fabric in a U-shape (up each side and across the top). Don't worry about the opening, it'll get sewn shut later.
3. Add ribbon ties:
 - a. if folding so the sides meet in the center (as in photo), sew the ribbon ties on the sides where it meets about half way up from the bottom.
 - b. If folding in thirds, do this instead:
 1. fold the square in thirds and mark where the fold is on the left side.
 2. measure up just over 1/3 from the bottom.
 3. open square out and sew one piece of ribbon where you just marked
 4. measure up the same distance on the right edge and sew the second ribbon in place on the very edge of the square.

5. fold the square in thirds again (left side goes in first then right side goes on top) and make sure the ties line up neatly

4. Sew the bottom:

a. if folding so the sides meet in the center, turn square so the outside is face up. Fold the two sides into the middle, overlapping just slightly. Sew across the bottom, making sure the raw edges of the opening are tucked neatly inside the square. Turn the square right side out. The seam just sewn should be hidden inside the wrap.

b. if folding in thirds, make sure the raw edges of the opening are tucked neatly inside the square. Fold the left side in first. Then fold the right side over. Make sure the bottom edges line up neatly and then top stitch as close as you can to the edge.

Note: if the fabric is really thin and you're folding in thirds, try using Method A for a nicer finish. This doesn't work as well on denser flannels. Just be careful how you fold it or you'll end up with the ribbon ties in the wrong place

Trims can be applied in numerous ways. Experiment with lace, satin or embroidered flowers, tiny appliques, embroidered ribbon, etc. Just keep in mind that the end result should be a soft, cuddly wrap for the baby.