

## Flannel Diaper Instructions

1 1/3 yard flannel yields 3 toddler diapers

3/8 inch Swimsuit elastic (EE 96 from Home Sew), cut in 4 1/2 inch pieces per side for toddler or 3 inch for newborn & small.

Washcloths, tri-fold (We buy them at Wal-Mart, 18 for \$4.00)

Thread

### **ALWAYS BACKSTITCH!!!!**

#### **To cut:**

- Unroll material from the bolt, keep it folded. Lay diaper pattern crosswise of the folded material. This results in the least waste of material. Cut out the diaper. Lay pattern as closely as possible and continue cutting.

Hint: Lay a folded print piece over a folded solid piece. Cut out two diapers at the same time. Then use the solid for the inside and the print for the outside of each diaper.

#### **To sew:**

- With right sides together, use **3/8 inch** seam allowance and stitch across one end of the diaper.
- Tri-fold a washcloth and sew across the middle to hold the folds in place.
- Open the diaper pieces. Center the washcloth on the wrong side of the plain fabric. Refer to placing marks on the pattern. Stitch around the washcloth.
- With the right sides together, use **3/8 inch** seam allowance and stitch around the diaper, but **LEAVE** a 6" opening on one end to turn right sides out.
- For the elastic guide, in the seam allowance find the center of the diaper from top to bottom. Mark 3" above and 3" below the center for elastic guide. Use a wide zigzag stitch, stretch the elastic tightly and sew elastic on the **seam allowance** to the outside of the former stitching between the guide marks.
- Clip corners of diaper and turn right side out. Gently poke the corners to fully turn.

#### **To Finish:**

- Start at the opened end. Finger tuck the raw edges in and topstitch 1/8 inch from the edge.
- Continue topstitching using a **3/8 inch** seam allowance all around the rest of the diaper. Stretch the elastic, but DO NOT sew through the elastic. It will lose its stretch.
- Clip threads.