

Bear in Mind

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From the Editor:

Thanks so much for all of your patience. We are finally settling in and the bears are so... happy. Along with the physical move of the bear, we moved our website. Soon you will notice that it, too, will have a new look. To return to our schedule we combined the June/July issues. We hope you enjoyed Lori Popelka's article on detachable smocked collars. Our August issue has lots of ideas for your favorite wee ones.

Michie' Mooney has done an adorable Diaper Shirt and Diaper Cover in our Bearissima Seafoam Green. A little about Michie'. She began sewing at a young age and really began sewing in earnest after having children of her own. In 1996 she began working for Joy's Creative Sewing Center in Decatur, AL where she was finding a gap in patterns for baby boys. This led her to launch "Creations By Michie" in 2000. She is regularly featured in Sew Beautiful Magazine, and a Martha Pullen School teacher. She continues to produce classic patterns that she enjoyed sewing for her own children. Visit her website: www.creationsbymichie.com and see her blog that is ever growing in popularity.

Also we have a sweet and quick to sew, Baby Bow Bonnet. This will be a cherished gift for any mom to be. So that you can enjoy sewing these projects and saving pennies at the same time, see our specials on Bearissima and matching trimmings featured this month further in the newsletter.

A Grand Sewing Retreat

Our December issue of "Bear In Mind" will

feature an article on the Hemstitch Machine by Toodles Dorgan, owner of Lilies and Lace in Fairhope, AL This will be a special Christmas gift to all as most of us will never be so fortunate to own one of these 'dream machines'! In the meantime she is busy organizing A Grand Sewing Retreat and would like to share that information with all of you.

The event will be held October 1-3, 2010 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama. Lilies and Lace welcomes Wendy Poche Schoen as the guest instructor. Cost for the weekend is \$650 and includes hotel rooms, all meals, classes and kits. A few spaces are still available. For more information or to register contact Toodles at Lilies and Lace: 251-928-8483 or E-Mail her at toodlesdorgan@bellsouth.net.

Thank you, Toodles, for sharing this information. Having stayed at the Grand Hotel, I can attest that you all will be in for a special treat!

Many of you are hosting grandchildren for the summer. Summers spent with Grandma often mean a little girls' first cooking or sewing lesson. With that having been said, I will leave you with the following quote:

"My granddaughter came to spend a few weeks with me, and I decided to teach her to sew. After I had gone through a lengthy explanation of how to thread the machine, she stepped back, put her hands on her hips, and said in disbelief, "You mean you can do all that, but you can't play my Game Boy?" Author Unknown

Stay in and keep cool sewing, Sheila Nicol

BABY BOW BONNET

We used Bear Threads E-40G. This trim is our Bearissima in Seafoam Green which has been cut and appliquéd to the White Bearissima in a bow motif. This will co-ordinate with Michie's Diaper shirt and Cover.



Sizing the bonnet – Measure from the bottom of the baby's ear lobe over the top of the head to bottom of opposite ear lobe. This measurement will be "A" in the following supply list and in the directions.

Supply list:

- 1) Bearissima Bow appliqué Swiss embroidered edging, E-40G, "A" plus 2 inches
- 2) French Bow lace edging, L-9, "A" times 1 ½
- 3) Bearissima Swiss batiste, 5 ¾" times "A" plus 2"
- 4) Swiss Entredeux beading to carry 1/16" ribbon or Entredeux insertion ¼" wide
- 5) 1/16" ribbon – 1 ¼ yd if using beading above.

6) 7/8" ribbon – 1 ½ yd

7) Optional 3/4yd baby lace edging to finish back of bonnet. See photos.

The Baby Bow Bonnet may be constructed by hand or machine.

Roll and whip one long side of the Swiss batiste strip.

Attach Entredeux beading (or insertion) to the rolled and whipped edge.

Gather French bow lace edging to fit beading (insertion) above and attach.

The Swiss embroidered edging will be joined to the lace trimmed batiste strip at their short sides using a French seam. Note the Swiss appliquéd bow will be on top of the batiste strip and aligned so that the ruffled lace extends out front. PLEASE NOTE: the French seam should be constructed so that BOTH the Swiss embroidery and the batiste strip are right side up when completed. The French seam will be between the two layers. Note: gather the extended lace from the batiste strip into the French seam to finish.

Roll, whip and gather TOGETHER the remaining two long sides (back of bonnet) to a 10-12" length depending on the size. Attach remaining entredeux beading or insertion to this edge.

Optional – attach baby lace edging if desired to Entredeux above.

Bead ribbon. Attach ribbon ties and bows.



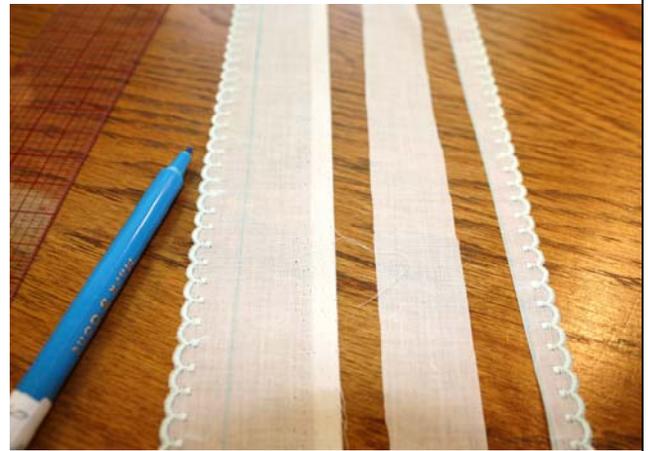
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Diaper Shirt and Panties Creations by Michie'

Made from white and Seafoam Bearissima fabric, I used "Creations By Michie" pattern #109 and pattern #123 for this diaper shirt and panty set. I used the trim on the right front opening, and around the bottom leg openings of the panties.



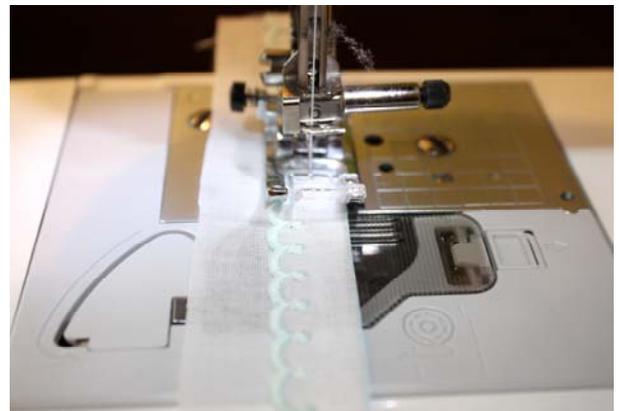
Cut two pieces of trim the length of the front opening. Next, cut a piece of fabric the length of the front opening and 1" wide. Using a blue wash-away marker, measure and mark $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the decorative edge of each trim piece and cut off the excess fabric. This leaves a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for each piece. (Fig. 1)



On the right shirt front, measure in $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the raw edge and cut off the excess fabric. (Fig. 2)



With right sides together, and using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, stitch both trim pieces to either side of the fabric strip. (Fig. 3)



Pin the right side of the trim piece to the wrong side of the gown front matching the raw edges. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Turn and press the trim piece to the right side of the garment and top stitch close to each seam line to secure the trim. (Fig. 4)



Complete the left front as indicted on the pattern. (Fig. 5)



Michie's sweet embroidery completes the outfit and compliments the Seafoam Bearissima and trims.



Don't forget the details!



Seafoam Bearissima is the perfect backdrop for E-40, Appliquéd Bows, and E-29 in Green. Pair them with beautiful Vintage Ribbon from our extensive collection and you have the makings for a spectacular garment. Add a softer touch with L-9, our bow lace.