



<b>Technique:</b>	Decorative machine stitching
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<b>Skill Level:</b>	Easy
<b>Crafting time:</b>	An evening

Bibs are a great place to try out new threads, new techniques and decorative stitches that come with your sewing machine..

**Finished Size of Project:** 13" x 10" (33 x 25.4cm)

### Supplies

Coats Dual Duty XP All-purpose thread

Coats Jeans Topstitching Thread

Denim fabric 3/8 yd (.34m)

Plush lining 3/8 yd (.34m)

**Note:** The above yardages will actually make 4-5 bibs, depending on the fabric width.

Hook-and-loop tape, 3/4" wide (1" (2.5cm) for each bib)

### Assorted Trims:

Single Fold Bias Tape

Printed Ribbon

Rickrack

### Additional Requirements

Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies

Machine needle in appropriate size for threads used

Tear-away stabilizer (optional)

Fusible web tape, 1/2" or 1/4" (1.3 or .6 cm) wide (optional)

Glue stick (optional)

Bib pattern

## Cutting

Print bib pattern. Cut one bib shape from both the lining and the denim.

## Sewing

1. Embellish the bib front as desired using trims, rickrack, bias tape and/or decorative machine stitches. Use stabilizer underneath the area for dense decorative stitching. Keep the trims on the lower portion of the bib front, and avoid using small sew-on things like buttons, pompoms, etc. that could be safety hazards for babies. See below for instructions for the bibs shown in photo.
2. Place the embellished bib front right sides together with the bib lining. Sew around the edge using a ¼" (.6cm) seam allowance; leave a 3" (8cm) opening along one side for turning.
3. Trim the seams and clip the neckline curves. Turn the bib right side out through the opening. Press the edges firmly. Hand stitch the opening closed.
4. Sew the hook portion of the fastener to the back neck underlap and the loop portion opposite on the overlap.



### Embellishing the bibs

**Bib 1 Supplies:** Coats Dual Duty Jeans Topstitching thread, rickrack and printed ribbon

Mark a horizontal line across the bib front in the desired trim location. Slide the rickrack under the edges of the ribbon trim and secure along the line on the bib with pins. Set the machine for a blanket stitch in the width and length desired. Stitch along the ribbon edges, allowing the wider portion of the stitch to extend onto the ribbon. Remove the pins as you come to them. For a quicker trim application, use a glue stick to hold the rickrack in place under the ribbon edges and allow to dry before placing the combined trims onto the bib.



### Bib 2 Supplies:

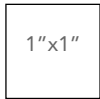
Coats Dual Duty Jeans Topstitching thread, Dual Duty XP All-Purpose multicolor thread, single-fold bias tape  
 Mark placement lines across the bib front in the desired locations. Pin the bias tape in place along the lines. Thread the machine needle with the thread of choice and set the machine for a decorative stitch. Test-stitch on a scrap before committing to the project and adjust the length and width as needed. Note that the stitch width needs to catch the turn-back portion of both bias tape edges. Stitch along the bias tape center.  
 For a quicker trim application, use fusible web tape (½" or ¼" (1.3 or .6 cm) wide) to hold the bias tape rows in place before stitching.



**Bib 3 Supplies:** Coats Dual Duty Jeans Topstitching thread, Dual Duty XP All-purpose

Play with the decorative stitches in your machine to plan a pleasing border combination. Draw a single line across the bib front to locate the center of the stitched border. Place tear-away stabilizer under the bib front. Sew the first line of stitching for the border center along the drawn line. Select the subsequent stitches and threads, then stitch from the center outward on both sides, using the presser foot width as a guide for spacing. Note that you'll have to stitch from opposite directions for a symmetrical look, or use the mirror-image feature to flip the stitches, if your machine has this option.





Pattern is scaled to 50%  
Box should be 1"x1"  
when enlarged correctly

