

- Skill Level: 😛 😝 😝 🜐
- Approx. crafting time: Afternoon project
- Final size: Fits newborn to 3 months

Fabric Requirements

- Main 1/3 yd of Bambino in 211-0082 Sky
- Elastic Casing 1/8 yd of Bambino in 211-0082 Sky
- Bows 1/8 yd of Bambino in 211-0082 Sky

OTHER TOOLS & SUPPLIES

- 1 yard of 1/4" elastic
- paper printer
- basic sewing supplies:
 - sewing machine
 - needle & coordinating thread
 - iron & pressing surface
 - measuring tape
 - scissors & fabric shears
 - straight pins
 - fabric marker

NOTES

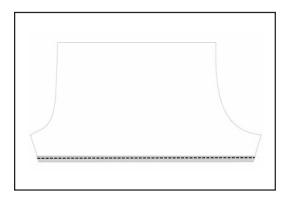
- Please wash, dry & iron your fabric before beginning, and trim the selvages.
- Unless otherwise directed, use a 1/2" seam allowance throughout.
- To prevent fraying, stabilize your fabrics' edges by overlocking or edge-stitching them with a short stitch length on the zig-zag setting.
- RST = Right Sides Together

CUTTING

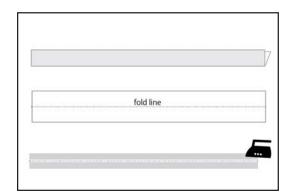
- 1. Print the Baby Bloomers pattern template (pp 5-8) at 100% of actual size. Tape the pattern pieces together, matching letters ("A to A", "B to B" etc.) and aligning the small black triangles to form diamonds. Cut out the pattern pieces.
- 2. Pin the pattern pieces to folded double layers of Bambino fabric as indicated on the pattern templates, and cut out the pieces.
- 3. Cut the elastic into (2) 9" lengths & (1) 16" lengths.



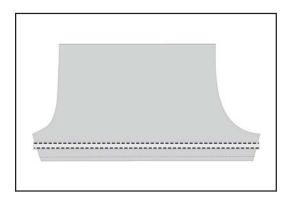
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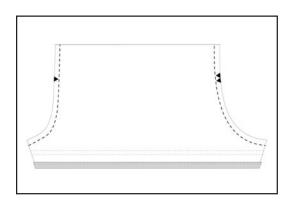
1. Turn & press a 1/4" hem along the bottom edge of each Bloomer piece, RST. Repeat, and topstitch in place for a rolled hem.



2. Fold each Elastic Casing in half lengthwise, Wrong Sides together. Unfold & press each edge to the center of the strip, using lots of steam for crisp folds.



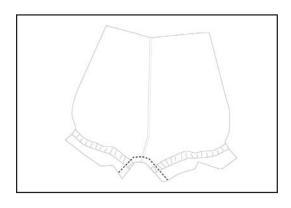
3. With the Wrong (raw-edged) Side of the Elastic Casing against the Right Side of (1) Bloomer leg, pin the Elastic Casing into place 1/2" from the bottom edge of the bloomers (draw a chalk guideline if needed). Topstitch (2) seams, 1/8" from the top & bottom edges of the Casing, and trim any excess Casing length. Repeat for the second Bloomer piece.



4. Pin & sew the Bloomer pieces together, Right Sides facing, along their curved groin seams. Make sure to line up the single (front seam) & double (back seam) notches.

Don't clip theise curves - Bambino's loose weave will accommodate the curve quite nicely, and clipping will cause it to fray.

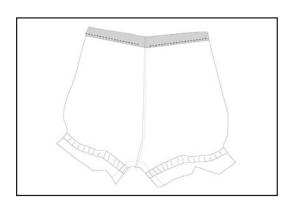




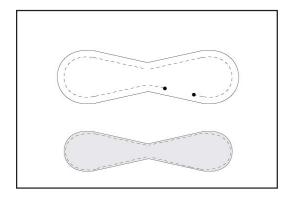
5. Thread (1) 9" piece of elastic through the Elastic Casing of a Bloomer leg with the help of a safety pin. Tack the ends of the elastic in place, about 1/4" from the fabric's edge.

Repeat for the second Elastic Casing.

6. Lay out the bloomers, Right Sides together, with the center seams aligned. Pin and sew the short inseam, pushing the casing gathers away from the seam allowance as you sew.



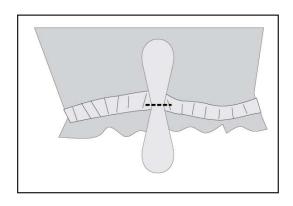
- 7. To create the waist elastic casing, turn the raw edge of the waistline down by 1/4", Wrong Sides together, and press. Turn by 1/2" and press again. Secure the casing as shown, with a line of stitches 1/8" from the inner fold (a scant 1/2" from the top edge of the waistline).
- 8. Feed the 16" piece of elastic through the waistline casing with the help of a safety pin, join the ends and stitch the gap in the casing closed.



9. Sew the Knot Bow pieces from dot to dot, Right Sides together, with a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave the gap between the dots open.

Clip your curves & the "V" of the Knot Bow, then turn it Right Side out using the blunt end of a pen or knitting needle. (Start by poking one rounded end of the Knot into the "tube" until you can grab and pull the bow right side out.) Press, turning the edges of the gap under by 1/4".

Topstitch all the way around the Knot Bow, including the gap.



12. Center the Knot Bow vertically on the placement mark indicated on the pocket. Stitch across its center several times, and tie it in a single overhand knot.

Play with the arrangement of the Knot's tails until they sit nicely against the elastic casing.



