**Coverups for the Family**

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Make these easy cover-ups for everyone, as gifts or just because. Using ordinary bath towels most of the work is done for you, leaving you more time to embroider the fun John Deer designs and embroidering hand puppet wash mitts for the kids, or mesh bags for their toys.

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**Embroidery Products**

- Fancy Baroque Designs (Adult Cover-up)
- Bubble Bath Designs (Child Cover-up)
- Froggies (Baby Wrap Cover-up)

**Materials for Embroidery**

- Embroidery designs listed above
- Embroidery thread
- Bobbin thread
- Tear away Stabilizer
- Heat Away (or equivalent)
- Baby lock Custom Works software

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**Materials for Robe**

- Terry bath towels or (super-size) towels
  (I used 28" x 50" and 35" x 67")
- Adult- Robe - 2 of the larger towels
- Young Child - 1 towel
- Pre-teen - 1 larger towel
- 1 Hand towel – for the hood of the baby wrap, or pockets for the other robes
- Wash Clothes
- Mesh Laundry bag
- 9 – 12 yd wide double-fold bias tape
  (if you make your own you will need ½ yd of 45" wide fabric)
- Matching Polyester Thread

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**Step 1 Infant Cover-up Wrap (Yellow)**

**Prepare bath towel:**
Cut off hems at each end of the towel
Cut about 2" off each side to make panel 21 ½" wide (save scraps)
Round off corners

**Construction-**

**Cover-up Wrap body:**
- Fold Bath towel in half crosswise
- Mark the outer edges at the fold (this is the shoulder line and will be referred to when enclosing the armhole edges with the bias tape)
- At center of fold, cut out 4" diameter circle for neck, following the diagram
- Cut down the center front (cutting the towel in half lengthwise) for the front part of the wrap only.
- Round off the corners at the neck and bottom front
**Cover-up Wrap Hood:**
From Hand Towel cut an 11'' x 13'' rectangle, being sure one of the 11'' edges is a hemmed end.
Overcast the two 13'' side edges.
Fold over 4'' of the hemmed end, right sides together and stitch side seams together with a ½'' seam.
Fold up a ½'' hem along each of the remaining 5'' sides and stitch in place.
Turn the hood right side out.
Mark the center neck back of the hood raw edge and the center neck back of the body raw edge.
Pin the hood to the wrap cover-up body, matching the center neck back to center of the hood (note: the hood side edges will not match up to the center front edges).
Stitch the hood to the wrap body using a ¼'' seam allowance.

**Enclose Armhole edge:**
Measure down 7'' from the shoulder line for the front and back and mark this point on both outer sides, giving you 14'' between markings and repeat on the other side of the cover-up wrap.

**Enclose Outer edge:**
Enclose outer edge of the wrap in tape and zigzag-stitch in place, starting at one of the bottom side seams. (this will enclose the neck edge of the hood as well)

**Tie**
For tie, cut the 2 side scraps to be 2'' wide.
Sew together the 2 strips along the 2'' side, using ¼'' seam overcast stitch.
Round the two ends.
Bind edges with tape in the same manner you encased the edges for the wrap cover-up body.
Using 6'' of bias tape, edge stitch along the open edge.
Cut in half creating 2, 3'' belt loops.
Stitch belt loops in place; measure down 4'' from armhole at side seam, zigzag stitch the belt loop in place.

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**Child Cover-up (Blue)**

**Prepare towel:**
Cut about 2'' off each side to make the panel 21 ½'' wide (save scraps), if you are using a wider towel because you want a larger cover-up then the panel will be wider than 21 ½'' after you cut off the 2'' strips.
You want the cover-up wide enough to cover the recipient. And the strips long enough for ties.

**Construction Child Cover-up:**
- Fold towel in half crosswise.
- At center of fold, cut out 4'' – 5'' diameter circle for neck, following the diagram.
- Make a 4'' slash at center front; round off corners at neck.
- Enclose outer edges of cover-up in tape with zigzag-stitch in place. Start by folding up ½'' of the bias tape end for a clean finish and continue to enclose the edges using a zigzag stitch, and finish at the by folding up ½'' for a clean finish. Complete by zigzagging the bias tape in place. Repeat for the other side.
- Enclose the neck opening as you did the outer edges, beginning and ending at lower edge of the slit.

**Ties**
For ties, cut side scraps to be 2'' wide, rounding off ends.
Bind edges with tape in the same manner you encased the edges for the cover-up.
Center tie across back at the waist, with top edge of the tie about 9'' below shoulders.
Stitch 8” of tie to back sewing near binding.
Adult Coverup

Prepare towel:
Cut 2" off both hemmed ends of each towel (save scraps to make the tie belt).

Construction Adult Cover-up

Taking the two towels, right sides together, sew the towels together at one end using a ½" seam (shoulder seam), finish off the raw edge with an overcast stitch (this is the shoulder line and will be referred to when enclosing the armhole edges).

- Fold towel in half crosswise, at center of fold cut out 4" – 5" diameter circle for neck, following the diagram.

At center front cut down the center front (cutting the towel front in half lengthwise) Round off the corners at the neck and bottom front and bottom sides.

When using the whole width of the towel there is no need to finish off the armhole edges as they already have a finished edge.

Fold in half at the shoulder seam, with right sides together stitch front and back side seams starting 11" down from shoulder seam, and leaving a 12" slit at the bottom.

Enclose Outer edge:
Enclose the raw edges of the wrap in tape and zigzag-stitch in place.
Starting at the top of the slit and continuing around the cover-up.

Tie:
For tie, cut 3 of the hem scraps to be 2" wide.
Piece together the 3 strips along the 2" side, using ¼" seam overcast stitch.

Round the two ends.

Bind edges with tape in the same manner you encased the edges for the cover-up body.

Using 6" of bias tape, edge stitch along the open edge. Cut in half creating 2 belt loops.

Stitch belt loops in place; measure down 7" from armhole side seam, zigzag stitch the belt loops in place.

Center tie across back at the waist, with top edge of the tie about 16" below neck edge.

Stitch 10" of tie to back, sewing near binding.

Pockets:
Create a patch pocket out of coordinating scraps of cotton
Position the pocket
Do not sew the pocket in place until the embroidery is complete

Embroider the Cover-ups

Prepare towel:
The embroidery is done after the cover-up is constructed.
Because the cover-up is open it is easy to embroider the designs on the terry.

When embroidering on terry and fabric with nap you want the nap under the design to stay flat, NOT pop though the embroidery stitches. This is where a permanent stabilizer like heat Away works well.

All the designs stitch out nice and soft.

Wrap Cover-up and burp cloth Embroidery: I used the Froggies design pack which has a collection of fun frogs along with an assortment of dragonflies, and water lilies. I chose one of the individual frogs with a dragonfly, and used a silk leaf for the frog sit on. The pack also has designs that include a water lily leaf.

Follow the instructions Embroider the Cover-up ‘Sandwich’ below to embroider your garment.

The Child Cover-up: I used the Bubble Bath design pack, this design pack has a variety of fun things, besides the whale set, it has frogs, ducks, sailboat and more. I love the big eyes critters. Follow the instructions Embroider the Cover-up ‘Sandwich’ below to embroider your garment

The Adult Cover-up: I used the Fancy Baroque design pack which gives the cover-up an elegant touch. Combining 3 of the designs to create a vine effect. I did this by bringing the designs into my editing program and arranging them to the desired groupings. I made two groupings. One grouping has 3 designs combined and stitched out above the pocket and the second grouping has 2 designs and it comes down below the bottom of the pocket. Follow the instructions Embroider the Cover-up
‘Sandwich’ below to embroider your garment.
After the embroidery is complete position the pocket and stitch in place.

**Washcloth Puppets:** I used the Froggies and the Bubble Bath designs. These are great to use as a washcloths and the fun part is playing with them as puppets. Follow the instructions; Embroider the Cover-up ‘Sandwich’ below to prepare and embroider your washcloth. Take a 2nd washcloth and with right sides together draw a mitt shape on the washcloth. Stitch along the mitt line, and reinforce by repeating the stitching. Cut close to the stitching, turn right sound out.

**Toy Bag:** a laundry bag is a great way to store the bath time toys, and puppets. Use a purchased mesh laundry bag. Follow the directions for the Toy Bag ‘Sandwich’ below to embroider your washcloth.

**Embroider the Cover-up- ‘Sandwich’**
Select the placement for the design
Make a ‘sandwich’ which you will then hoop and embroider your design.

**Make your ‘sandwich’:**
1 layer - Light tear away
Cover-up (right side up) or washcloth
Optional – position the silk leaf
1 layer Heat Away or equivalent (smooth side up)

**Note:** Heat Away covers the nap of the towel so the terry loops won’t poke through the embroidery stitches. Also, by having the rough side down of the Heat Away, it grips the fabric well and the stitches from the embroidery design lay smooth on the top of the terry.
Hoop your ‘sandwich’ in the required hoop and embroider the design.
When complete, remove the hoop, tear away on the back, and Heat Away.
Don’t worry if all the Heat Away doesn’t all come off.
That is the beauty of Heat Away. With a warm iron, lightly go over the design and any pieces of the Heat Away will disappear.

**Embroider Toy Bag ‘Sandwich’**
Select the placement for the design on the washcloth
Make a ‘sandwich’ which you will then hoop and embroider your design.

Make your ‘sandwich’:
2 layers of Cut-away
1 layer Heat Away or equivalent (smooth side up)

**Note:** Heat Away covers the nap of the towel so the terry loops won’t poke through the embroidery stitches. Also, by having the rough side down of the Heat Away, it grips the fabric well and the stitches from the embroidery design lay smooth on the top of the terry.
Laundry bag (right side up)
1 layer Heat Away or equivalent (smooth side up)