

Smocked Baby Boy Bonnet Premie Size

Materials:

1/4 yd. Batiste
8" - 1/8" ribbon
18" - 1/4" ribbon
Floss

Directions:

Cut a bias strip of batiste 1 1/2" x 8 1/2". Fold in half lengthwise and lightly spray starch and press. Set aside for use later. This is the **front band**.

Cut 3 brim pieces by brim pattern (one piece will be the interfacing). Layer all pieces and stitch around outside curved edge with a scant 1/4" seam. Turn right sides out, lightly spray starch and press.

Cut one hat body piece for the lining. Make two tiny pleats on the back edge to the inside of the notch marks. The area between notches should measure 3".

Cut a strip of batiste 22" x 3". Mark the center of the piece, mark one long edge as the front and the other long edge as the back. **Imagine** that you have cut the hat body pattern in half along the center front line. Line up each end of the pattern with each end of the 22" strip and trace the pattern shape (the area left in the center will be pleated).

Pleat with 15- 1/2 space rows. Remove the pleating threads 1 3/4" from the ends on each side of strip. Tie the pleats so that the front edge measures 5 1/2" and the back edge measures 3 1/4".

Smock with desired design. Remember: do not smock on the first and last pleating rows. Remove pleating threads. Cut along marked pattern lines.

Place front band piece along front edge of smocked piece. Baste in place. Place the brim over the band matching the center fronts and baste in place. Place lining piece on top of brim, band and smocked piece matching up front edges and back edges, adjust pleats in lining if necessary.

Stitch around front, one end, and back with a scant 1/4" seam. Trim corners and turn hat right side out. Press the brim forward. The band will lay over the top edge of the smocking on the hat body. Turn in edges on unfinished end and slip stitch.

Stitch 4" piece of 1/8" ribbon to each corner in the back. Tie into a little bow. Cut 1/4" ribbon in half and stitch front ties to each front corner.

Unsmocked variation:

Cut two pieces by lining pattern, one will be the body of the hat the other will be the lining. Follow previous instructions for making tiny pleats on the back edge of each piece. Construct and finish as directed ignoring pleating instructions.

Cut bias strip 1 1/2" x 8 1/4" for front band.

