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Heroes Come in All Shapes and Sizes Show#1503-3 Baby Bottle Cover



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With a sewing or sewing and embroidery combo machine you can create a cute, quick cover for a basic baby bottle in no time at all. The supply list is short and there are many ways to customize and decorate this must have item for a special little baby. Are you ready? Let's go sew!

Materials and basic supplies for bottle cover:

- Featured machine is the <u>Brother NS1750D</u>, combination sewing and embroidery machine.
- Embroidery design, decorative stitches, or trim of your choice for front of bottle cover.
- Embroidery supplies for embroidering.
- Purchased baby bottle.
- Pre-quilted fabric for bottle cover. See instructions below for specific measurements.
- Several inches of narrow braided elastic.
- Basic sewing supplies, including a tape measure for measuring bottle, and a small safety pin or bodkin for inserting elastic through casing.
- All-purpose sewing thread to match fabric.
- Overcast foot or serger for finishing edges.

Steps for Creating Bottle Cover:

 Measure bottle height from bottom to the point where you want your bottle cover to end at the top. Measure the width by <u>loosely</u> wrapping tape measure around bottle. Add 1-inch to each measurement for hem and seam allowance. Make a permanent pattern if you like.



If you plan to embroider your cover chose a design and cut a piece of single faced quilted fabric large enough to fit in your desired hoop. Layer fabric with tear-away stabilizer and embroider design in center of fabric piece using desired thread colors. When finished with embroidery you can lay the pattern on top, make sure the design is centered, and then cut fabric down to size using the actual bottle pattern.



2. Set up machine for sewing. Finish all four raw edges of the pre-quilted fabric piece. I used the 'G' foot and a basic overcast stitch for a clean finish. You could also use your serger to finish edges.



- 3. Turn and press under a $\frac{1}{2}$ " hem for the bottom and a $\frac{1}{2}$ " casing for the elastic at the top of the cover.
- 4. Wrap elastic around the neck of the bottle to determine size. Mark elastic and cut, leaving an extra inch or so at each end. Attach a small safety pin to one end of the elastic and pull it through the casing, pulling until you reach the markings. Pin to temporarily hold elastic in place.
- 5. Next, sew the center back seam of the cover, backstitching at each end and stitching a second time over elastic to make sure it is secure. Trim away excess elastic. Press seam allowance open. Tack seam allowances down at top and bottom with hand or machine stitches. Turn cover right side out and slip over bottle. You are finished! Enjoy!

Options and ideas:

- Add baby's name or a cute saying along with you selected embroidery design.
- If you're including other baby gifts with a particular color scheme you may want to alter the original thread colors of the embroidery design to coordinate with additional gift items.
- Decorate piece with rows of trim such as rick rack or ribbon.
- Sew rows of decorative stitches on the outside of the cover or consider hemming the top and bottom edge using a decorative stitch.

Additional Resources:

- I invite you to visit me at my Sewing and Embroidery website <u>www.letsgosew.com</u>. You'll find online lessons, videos, free downloads, and lots of sewing and embroidery information and inspiration!
- Visit the tutorial section of letsgosew.com for a <u>free tutorial</u> with a pattern for a coordinating burp cloth.
- Find me on Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/letsgosew/</u>
- Be sure to visit the <u>Official Brother Blog</u> to read my posts on a wide variety of sewing and embroidery topics.

Happy Sewing!

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