



BABY SUNBONNET

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materials:

- At least 1/2 yd. For nice long ties on the brim, you'll need c. 44 inches of fabric, ideally running with the grain but if you are using scraps it's your call.

other info:

- This is a very simple hat, made only slightly more complicated (but much more pleasing) by flat felled seams on the top and a French seam for attaching the brim to the bonnet. The French seam is the key to getting the ruffle to stand out and frame the baby's face.

Cut pattern pieces:

- 6 bonnet upper pieces
- 1 bonnet brim (Notice the pattern piece is designed to go on two folds. You may wish to duplicate the pattern piece and tape it together instead.)

Stitch bonnet upper:

1. Stitch two pairs out of the six panels together. Flat fell seams. Stitch the third hat piece to each of these pairs. Flat fell these seams too. You now have two halves of three sections each.
2. Sew the two halves of the hat together, also flat felling the seams.
3. Mark the center front of your hat (wherever it looks best to you) and the center back. Fold the hat in half on the center back marking, and cut out the back using the pattern template (or do it yourself without the template: cut up an inch straight across the center back panel, and then taper the side back panels to meet the side front panels. It's easier to do it once folded than to try to get both sides the same). Make a narrow hem on the center back section only.

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Prepare ruffled brims:

1. Fold brim in half with long edges together and with wrong sides together. Press. Mark brim center and seam lines.
2. Fold end right sides together and stitch closed from the end seam line marking using a 1/4" seam. Trim seams and turn to form the tie. Repeat for other end.
3. Using a large basting stitch and decreased tension, stitch raw edges together at 1/4" from side seam marking to side seam marking. This line of stitching will serve as your gathering stitches and basting stitches.
5. Pull bobbin threads to gather brims, distributing gather evenly between side seam markings.

Attach brim to bonnet top:

1. Pin brim to hat top with wrong sides together, matching centers and seam markings. Distribute gather evenly in front half. Stitch from side marking to side marking, taking care to taper in back section. Complete the French seam by bringing right sides together and stitching again.
2. Giggle with glee: you're done and your baby is safe from the sun.

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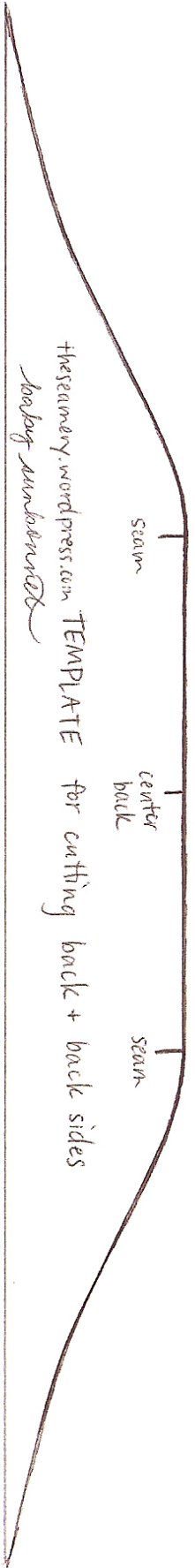
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cut 1 on folds



seam line



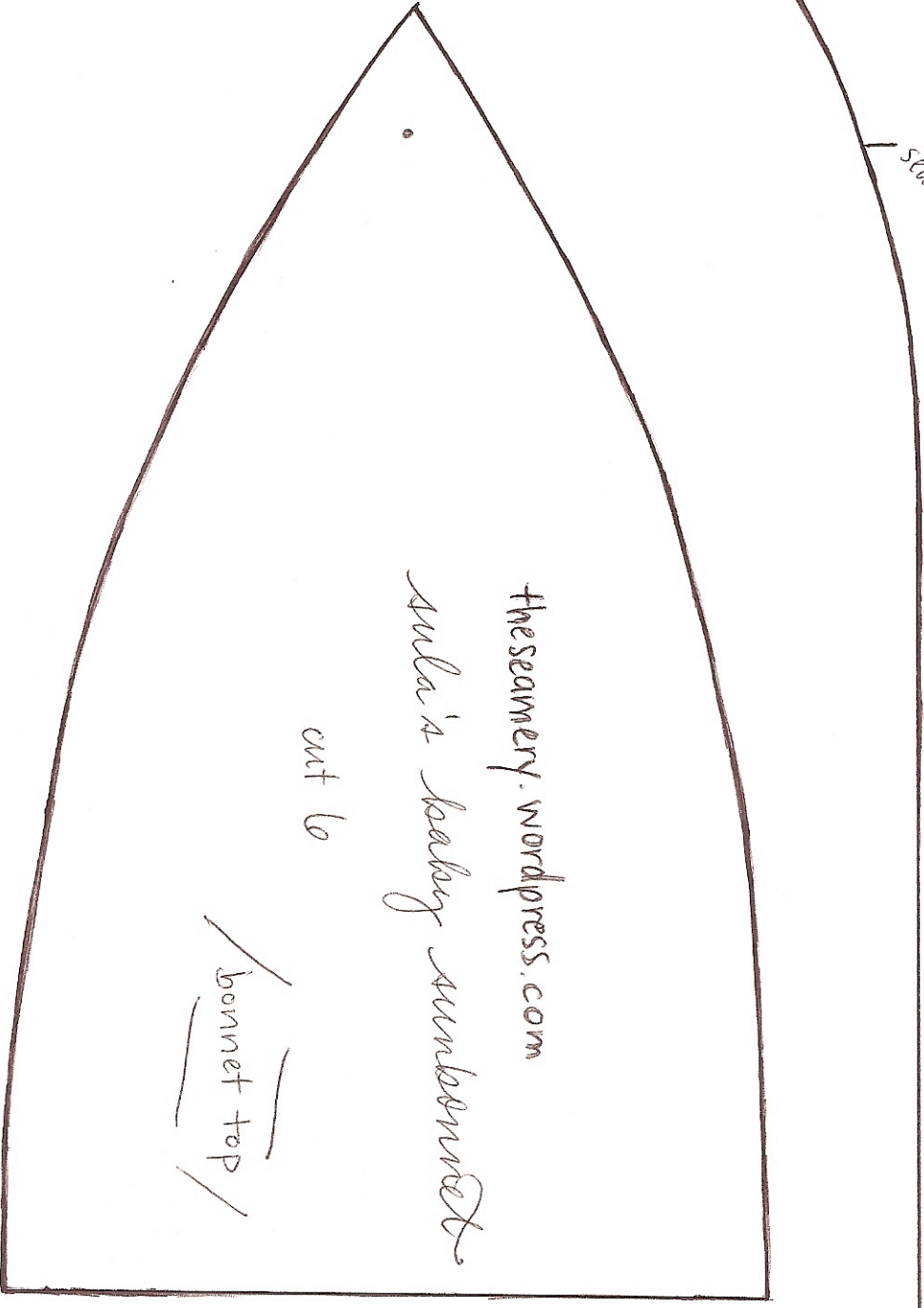
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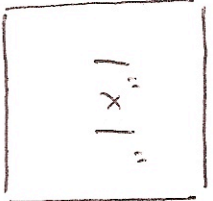


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cut to

bonnet top



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