

Sula's Newborn Candy Corn costume

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This candy corn bunting is designed to be worn as a costume only. It is not intended to be worn for sleeping or extended time periods. My goal was to make a costume that was simple and quick to sew, and easy to take on and off a baby. With that in mind, I do NOT provide instructions for finishing the inside seams.

It was designed for a three-week-old baby of about 8 pounds. You may want to measure a current article of your baby's clothing against my pattern to make sure it is long and wide enough.

Finally, I ended up adding darts at the tie line on my original costume, but in my test run as I was writing up this pattern I couldn't replicate the gapping that necessitated them in the first place. The bunting is simple enough that you probably won't need any shaping. If someone makes this and finds that you DO need the darts, please let me know so I can amend the pattern for others!

Materials:

<1/2 yd. white or off-white knit (for hat)

1/2 yd. yellow cotton fabric

1/2 yd. orange cotton fabric

batting

fabric of your choice for lining

matching thread

matching ribbon for ties (optional, or you can make matching ties from the fabric)



CUT IT OUT!

Cut out the pieces with the appropriate fabrics:

- back: 1 yellow section, 1 orange section, 1 complete from lining, 1 complete from batting
- fronts: 2 yellow sections, 2 orange sections, 2 complete from lining, 2 complete from batting
- hat: 2 white according to pattern, and a 4"x8" band

If you are going to make matching ties, also cut two long strips of approximately 2 1/2" x 15".

Note the paper-saving quirks of the pattern: the back is cut along the indicated FOLD line while the fronts have a different edge. You need to an extra inch or so to the ends of the sleeves on the fronts and the back. Also note where the orange and yellow cutting lines and stitching lines fall. Finally, the hat has very large seam allowances near the tip, so that the extra fabric will fill the top of the hat to keep it pointy.

ASSEMBLY—the bunting

- 1) Prepare the fronts and backs by stitching together the yellow and orange sections.
- 2) Finish front edges: Pin lining and outer right sides together at the front center edge, and stitch. Trim batting along front center edge by 1/2". Repeat for other front. Repeat for ends of sleeves (both fronts and back) and back neckline, clipping as needed.
- 3) Make a sandwich of the front layers—outer, batting, lining—and baste along seamlines or quilt if desired. Be sure to tuck the batting into the pockets created by step #2. Repeat for other front, repeat for back.
- 4) Prepare the ties, if not using ribbons, by sewing the long edges of your strip together and turning. Repeat for other tie. Stitch ties onto fronts at indicated tie line.
- 5) Align fronts and back with right sides (outers) together, matching sleeves and overlapping fronts by 3" at bottom. Stitch shoulder and top of arm, leave ends of sleeves open, then stitch around the entire bunting.

ASSEMBLY—the hat

With right sides together, stitch along stitching lines to peak of hat.

With right sides together, stitch short ends of band together. Fold in half with long edges and wrong sides together (hiding the seam allowance). Using a 1/4" seam allowance and right sides together, stitch both edges of the band to the bottom of the hat. Turn hat right side out, flip band to outside just below stitch line. Arrange excess seam allowance in the top of the hat to create the desired point.

Enjoy your very own newborn candy corn!

