



# Shirt Covers / Toddler Capes

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♥ Appliques: MS Flat Label & appliques

♥ Closure: Plastic snap set

(two flat tops plus one inner, one outer)

**Material:** for Shirt Covers: water-resistant nylon, or flannel;  
for Capes: shiny satin, fun polyester, etc. Avoid sequins, glitter or wool. Shorten straps for child's height.

♥ Collar: 2 (single layer) 15 x 3" or 2 (double layer) pieces 30 x 3"

♥ Body: 1 (single layer) 16 x 21" or for (double layer): 16 wide x approx. 40" long

## Instructions:

1. Prepare Collar strips: One short end may be left as raw edge that will insert into Body.

*Single layer:* Cut 30 x 3". Cut in half to create two pieces of 15 x 3". For each piece, finish edges by either hemming, serging or cover with double bias tape.

*Double layer:* Cut 2 of 30 x 3". Fold 30x3" in half to get 15 x 3", right sides together. Sew all around but leave an opening to turn out. Turn right side out and stitch opening closed (that has edges pressed in already.) Repeat for other strip.

2. Body: Note – if desired Shirt Cover to cover lap as well, add 10" to length.

*Single layer:* Cut 16 x 21" and either hem, serge or cover edges with double bias tape.

*Double layer:* cut piece 16 x 40" and fold to 16 x 20 right sides together straight stitch with 3/8" seam allowance all around, leaving the short 16" side open ONLY at the corners (last 4" in order to insert short ends of each collar strip.) Turn right side out.

3. Insert Collar Strips:

*Single layer:* Pin collar strips at top corners at 45 degree angle so as to go around a neck. See diagram below. Secure with zig zag stitch or straight stitch, remember to backstitch at start and ending for added security.

*Double layer:* Insert collar strips into corners at 45 degree angle, so as to go around a neck. See diagram. Secure with zig zag stitch or straight stitch, remember to backstitch at start and ending for added security. Tip: opening for collar strips are best not at the very corner, but 1/2 inch closer to middle for added security of stitches.

4. Appliques: Attach MS label with zig zag stitch around edges of labels to prevent fraying. Attach label to fabric leaving a 2.5" margin from all edges for the seam allowances. Optional to add fun appliques, in same manner, such as animals, superheroes, etc.

5. Closure: Attach plastic snaps at tips of collar strips. Test for functionality. *Note: Velcro is not favored due to scratching skin and over time it can fill with lint.*



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