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Sewing for Children or "Grand Children"

We never talk about sewing for the tiny ones! Having my own Grandchild now it's quite exciting sewing for wee little ones again! You only need remnants or left over scrap fabric. Let the design juices flow..... Do some appliqué and design your own unique outfits from remnant fabric.

With **New born babies**, I find you don't need much... wait for the baby shower and usually you get mostly everything. Personally I sewed some nice PJ's with little angels appliquéd onto it. What the kids mostly need to be sewn, is a changing mat, a baby bag and off course the all important christening outfit!

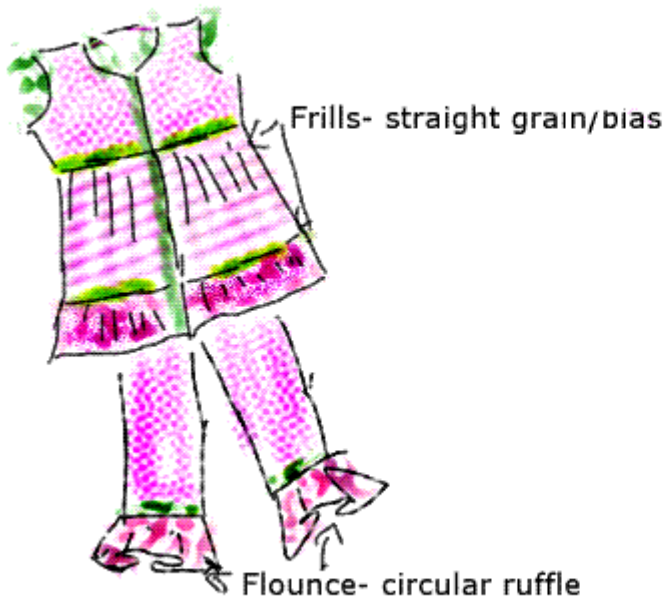
Toddlers and little Girls and Boys are the most fun to sew for -

Little girls need tutu's, bright colours, patterns and trims. Mostly with girls you can add a frill or a flounce to almost everything. Play around, explore and use your conventional patterns to dolly them up. Girls need bow's, hats and anything exciting goes!

With boys "Sons of style"- For them they're easy to sew up a completely affordable cool pieces for your little man in your life. Jeans are always prominent - try new colours with soft chinos and drill on a new foundation fabric.

Boys need some attitude so add checks as shirt fabric and definitely a puffer jacket or vest. If you want to be the favorite sewing ma or grandma add pockets, secret pockets is a must. They love pockets!

Kids



Gathering and Shirring:

Softness and suppleness will always be associated with the graceful fullness produced by gathering and shirring. This can be used on all age groups, in skirts, dresses, tops just about everything.

Gathers are small, soft folds made by drawing fabric up on a line of hand- or machine-stitching. **Shirring** is formed by numerous rows of gathers and is both decorative and functional. It can be used to achieve varied surface effects such as smocking and may be used at waistline, yokes and sleeves.

Ruffles:

● **Straight Ruffle:**

- A Straight ruffle is gathered and constructed from a continuous strip of material.
- It can be cut either on the straight of grain or on the bias grain.
- If the ruffle must be seamed, the seam should be made on the straight of grain.
- If it is on the bias- rolled hemming is best to use.

● **Circular Ruffle:**

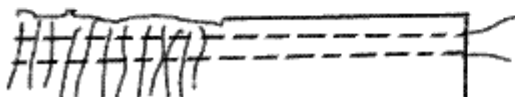
- A circular ruffle can be added to any edge - cuffs, V-neckline, rounded neckline - wherever you wish.
- It is cut from several circles that are first slashed and then joined along the straight grain.
- This method produces a maximum amount of fullness - but you don't do any gathering.
- If you are applying ruffles to a neckline or any curved edge, first staystitch the seamline so that its shape will not be distorted by weight of the ruffle. The inner circle should be staystitched and then clipped where necessary. Then you pin the ruffle to the garment in order to fit smoothly on the seamline.

Ruffles:

Straight Ruffle:

A straight ruffle is gathered from a continuous strip of material, either on the straight grain or on the bias.

1. Single layer of fabric with narrow hem.



Circular Ruffle:

It can be added to any edge. It can be cut from several circles that are first slashed and then joined along the straight grain. Staystitch each ruffle section $1/8$ " (3mm) from the inner seamline in the seam allowance before joining.



