

## Burp Cloths Trimmed with Satin Blanket Binding

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I do my burp cloths like this:

1. Wash and dry the diaper.
2. Iron on several "coats" of spray starch on the area I am going to embroider.
3. Hoop one layer of Aqua Magic.
4. Put diaper in hoop (I always baste these into the hoop rather than actually hooping the diaper--your method will depend on the type of machine you have, of course.)
5. Embroider. I use white bobbin thread.
6. Soak the diaper to remove all traces of stablizer.
7. When dry, press the diaper, making the ends as straight as possible. Clip off those little serger tails that most diapers have on each side.
8. Cut a piece of blanket binding that extends approx. 3/4" on each side. Press it lightly to remove fold marks resulting from being wound around the cardboard.
9. Lay it on the ironing board with the edge that is slightly wider at the back. "Tuck" the end of the diaper into the binding. Start pinning in the middle.
10. Work your way out to each end, keeping the diaper smooth as you go.
11. When you get to an end, fold the top layer of binding around the side edge of the diaper, pin through this layer to hold. Continue the fold to the back side, bringing the ends together. Pin the side edges together. I use my iron at the stage to put a sharp crease into the fold.
12. Set your machine for a blanket stitch. The length is somewhat important. You might want to do a practice stitch. On my Pfaff 2140, the W=4.5 and the L=5.0.
13. Stitch slowly so that the diaper does not bunch up. My machine has that wonderful Integrated Dual Feed that functions like a very efficient walking foot. That helps, of course, but the important thing is that you have pins close together.
14. After doing the blanket stitch, switch back to a straight stitch and stitch the vertical ends.
15. Press lightly again.

This sounds more complicated than it is. I probably took longer to write these directions than I do to prepare an end. I started doing this three years ago when I found I had some multicolored binding (which I had purchased for a blanket) that matched perfectly the colors in the embroidery I had just completed. The burp cloths are very durable when done this way. Three years ago, in addition to some nicer ones, I did a dozen with only a name embroidered on them for my daughter to take to day care for my granddaughter. The day care required that the baby's name be on the burp cloth. These, especially, got a lot of washings. Great test of durability.