fanfare changing pad cover
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Every new parent needs a diaper changing pad and (you know this is true) at least two covers for it. Two soft, comfy, washable, hands-down-adorable covers for your contoured changing pad = the perfect shower gift.

materials
- 1½ yd soft, comfy fabric, prewashed and dried
- 1 yd ½"-wide elastic
- coordinating thread

instructions

1. Cut a 48" x 32" rectangle of fabric.* Then cut a 7½" square from each corner as shown:

2. Fold each of the four cut-out corners, right sides together, so that the two 7½" edges overlap. Pin in place and stitch using a ½" seam allowance.

3. Fold ¼" under along the bottom edge (wrong sides together), and press with iron. Then fold under another ¾", and press again.

4. Sew along the edge of the first fold, leaving at least 2" unsewn for inserting elastic. You now have a casing for the elastic.

5. Thread one end of the elastic through the casing with a safety pin, being careful that the other end doesn’t get pulled into the casing. Pin the two ends of the elastic together.

Try the cover on your changing pad, and tighten up the elastic if necessary.

6. Overlap the ends of the elastic by ½" and sew together using a zigzag stitch. (Go back and forth a few times so it won’t come undone!)

Sew the hole in the casing closed.

You’re finished!

*This cover was designed for a changing pad with the following dimensions: 16" wide x 32" long x 3" high. You may want to adjust the dimensions of your rectangle if your changing pad measurements differ from these. For instance, if your changing pad is 30" long, you can subtract 2" from the length of the rectangle (so cut 46" instead of 48").