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## #1038 Ninja Droolers: Straight Suck Pads for Narrow Straps Fits Ergo 360, Ergo Omni 360, and more.

This pattern is for a Straight (also called Rectangular Suck) Pad which covers the straps of your baby carrier. Protecting your straps from baby drool lessens the need for frequent carrier washings and keeps straps from becoming discolored. These pads fit carriers with narrow straps, like Ergo 360 and Ergo Omni 360, as well as carriers with similar strap width.

The Straight Suck Pads are easy to sew and great for a beginner. You can even get some corner coverage by opening the bottom snap and allowing the pad to flare out and around the top corner.

The suck pads are made of three layers and are reversible. You can pick two great fabrics that match or coordinate, or just pick fun fabrics you love! You can also choose to use PUL or other waterproof fabric inside or as the backing for ultimate carrier protection from that super drooler.

You can be as creative with this pattern as you desire: add trim, ruffles, or embroidery. Use your imagination!



If you are new to sewing, TheSewingDictionary.com may help with unfamiliar terms.

Thank you for choosing my pattern! If you find an error, have a suggestion, comment, or question let me know. I'm here to help.

-Alice Smith-Goeke, Fabric Ninja



## Printing the Pattern

Please make sure your printer is set to print at 100% or “actual size” and NOT “shrink to fit”. Check the size of the boxes printed on every pattern piece to confirm accurate printing. These boxes should not just be close to the stated size, they must be EXACTLY the stated size. Please remember that plastic and cloth tape measures stretch over time. Try measuring with a ruler or the less-used end of your tape measure.

## Supplies

A Fat Quarter (22 x 18) is enough for both sides. Each side/layer uses 18” x 7.5” tall or 9” x 15” tall.

| Fabric                           | Fashion Fabric | Lining   | Absorbent Center | Optional Waterproof layer |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>For a Pair, Cut 2 of Each</b> | 1/4 yard       | 1/4 yard | 1/4 yard         | 1/4 yard                  |

### Outside / Fashion Fabric - 1/4 yard or a Fat Quarter

- Suggestions: woven quilter's cotton, cuddle fabric (Minky), or terry cloth.

### Lining Fabric - 1/4 yard or a Fat Quarter

- Since the pads are reversible, this side can also be used facing out.
- Suggestions: woven cotton, cuddle fabric (Minky), fleece, PUL, felted wool, or terry cloth.

### Absorbent Fabric (Inside) - 1/4 yard or a Fat Quarter

- This layer is inside and will never be seen.
- If either your side 1 or side 2 fabric is very absorbent like terry cloth, you do NOT need an inside absorbent layer.
- Suggestions: cotton batting, Zorb, or terry cloth.
- Note: If you choose to use a very thick fabric inside like terry cloth, you will need to use a slightly smaller seam allowance to accommodate this extra thickness.

### Optional Waterproof Fabric (Inside) - 1/4 yard or a Fat Quarter

- This is a second interior layer, which is made of PUL or Nylon for waterproofing. If you add this layer, stack those pieces with the Lining and sew them like they were one layer. This technique is called flat lining.

### Closure: ONE of the following

- 6 snap sets (12 caps, 6 sockets, 6 studs)
- 12" of hook and loop tape (Velcro)
- 6 Buttons (Requires you to make button holes or loops. Instructions on how to do that are not covered in this pattern.)

### Ribbon (Optional): 18" long

- I use 3/8" wide ribbon, but you may like larger or smaller. 18" gives you three 3" nice loops on each pad.

### Typical Sewing Materials (pins, matching thread, etc.)

## Getting Ready

1. Wash fabric the way that you will wash your finished drool pads.
  - Do NOT wash cotton batting or Zorb, as it will fall apart in the washer.
2. Cut Fashion Fabric, Lining, Absorbent Inside, and Optional Waterproof Inside.
3. Mark snap placement on the Right side of the Lining pieces.
  - I like temporary marker or tailor's chalk, but there are many methods.
  - If you forget to mark them, the marks are placed 1/2" from the edge. Once sewn and turned, snaps will be a little under a 1/2" from the edge.
4. (Optional) Zig-zag or serge edges of Lining and Fashion fabric.
  - This is only necessary if using fabric that easily unravels, like hand-woven fabric.

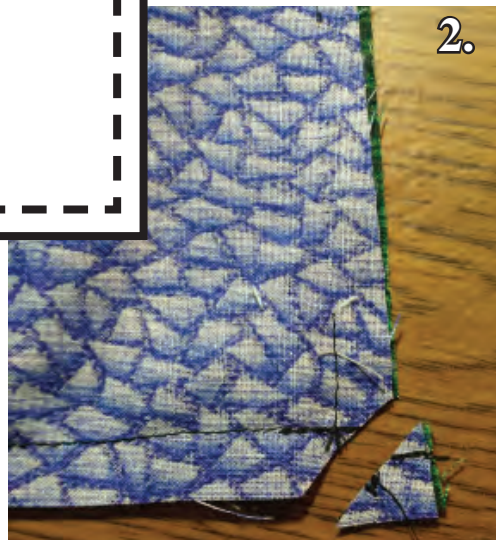
## Layering For Sewing

1. First lay down the Absorbent layer.
2. Then lay Fashion Fabric right side up on top of the Absorbent layer.
3. (Optional) Pin Ribbons into place along the top or bottom edge.
  - Place raw edges of the ribbon to raw edge of the fabric, ribbons laying to the inside.
  - You can sew into place now or leave them pinned and sew in the next step.
  - Hint: To keep your ribbons from fraying, hold the cut end up to a flame for a second so it melts.
4. Place Lining on top, wrong side up (so the Lining and Fashion Fabric will be right sides together).
5. Match up your edges all the way around, pinning if desired.



## Sew and Trim

1. Sew along all edges, leaving a 2" to 3" opening on a straight edge to allow for turning.
2. Clip the corners diagonally to reduce bulk, or fold carefully when you turn.
1. Trim away the seam allowance of the Absorbency Layer, cutting very close to the stitch line. This will reduce bulk





## Flipping (birthing)

1. Turn suck pad through the opening that you left. This is called birthing.
  - Reach between the Fashion Fabric and Lining when doing this. I suggest turning the corner farthest from opening first. Then pull the rest through.
2. Pull or push out corners with pin or chopstick if necessary to get them nice and crisp.

## Finishing

1. Iron suck pad flat getting crisp lines along the seams.
  - Iron-on hem tape can be used to close the opening, if desired.
2. Top-stitch the pad 1/8" to 1/4" away from the edge, catching the seam allowance of the opening.
  - If you sew too far from the edge, you may need to hand sew the turning hole closed with a whip or ladder stitch.
3. Apply your closure (snaps, Velcro, uttons, etc).
  - If using buttons, sew button-holes on the other edge.



***You Are Done! Try it on your carrier and post of a photo of your amazing work.***

***Thank you for sewing with a Fabric Ninja Pattern!***



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# Pattern Symbol Key


 Cutting Line: 1/2" Seam Allowance

 Cutting Line: 1cm or 3/8" Seam Allowance

 Sewing Line: The distance between this and the cutting line is the seam allowance.

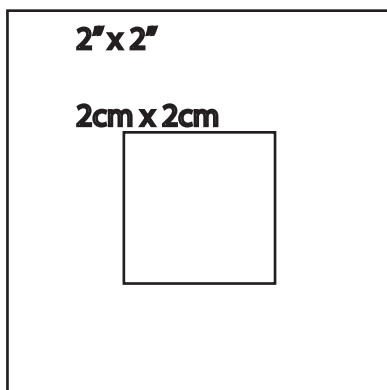
 Grain Line: Place on the straight grain of fabric. The arrow points upward on directional fabric.

 Grain Line #2: This pattern can also be a cut on the foldline because it is symmetrical.

 Page Matching: Use these crosshairs to match pages after printing.

 Match Mark: These symbols are used to indicate matching seams.

 Snap Placement: Center snap on the crosshair.



Printing Scale: Check the size of these boxes after you print to insure proper scale.

