



strawberry PATCHWORK BOW

what you'll need

1 STRAWBERRY
MINI CHARM PACK

1 FAT QUARTER
OF YOUR CHOICE

1 HAIR ELASTIC
OR BARRETTE CLIP



1. Sew your charm squares into pairs making sure to mix up the fabrics/colors.

2. Iron your seams open (to prevent some bulk).

3. Sew your pairs vertically into:
- 1 set of 10 pairs (for bow)
- 2 sets of 5 pairs (for bow tails)
- 1 leftover pair (for the bow center)

4. Iron the rest of your seams open

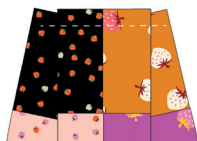
5. From your fat quarter:

- cut (1) 4.5 x 20.5 inch rectangle (for bow)
- cut (2) 4.5 x 10.5 inch rectangles (for bow tails)
- cut (1) 2.5 x 4.5 inch rectangle (for the bow center)

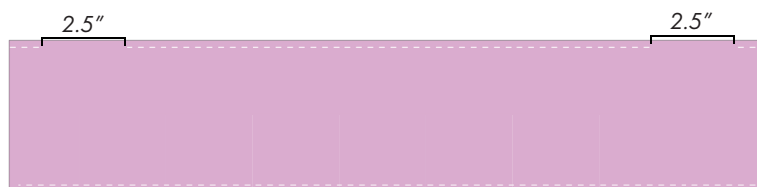
6. Make two bow tails. Stack each patchwork bow tail strip with the same size rectangle from your fat quarter, RST. Diagonally trim the bottom of each stack into a V shape (shown below). Sew pieces together with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch SA, leaving the top of each strip open for turning.

Trim bow tips, and grade seams (carefully trimming seams to less than a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch) this will help make your bow tips more pointy. Turn each piece RSO. Using a chopstick or similar tool, push corners out and iron flat.

7. Fold two pleats into the top of the bow tails as shown below. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to hold folds in place. Set pieces aside.



8. Take the large patchwork bow piece, and the same size rectangle from your fat quarter. With RST, sew down one long edge. On the other long edge, leave a 2.5 inch opening on each end (shown below). Leave short edges open for turning.



9. Turn piece RSO, and press.

10. Insert and pin bow tails into the slots you left open. On the bow piece, we will see the solid side, and on the bow tails we will see the patchwork side (see image). Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ inch from the edge on the bow piece.



11. Fold the entire bow piece in half so the two open ends are aligned. Sew through those open ends with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Raw seam will be hidden in the next step.

12. To make your center bow piece, stack your patchwork bow center section with the matching piece from your fat quarter RST, sew down both long ends (leave short ends open) and turn RSO and press.

13. Gather bow in center, wrap center section around, and stitch carefully on the back side; it should be tight enough to keep the bow shape nice and firm. You may find pinning or clipping helps during this stage.

14. Using glue of your choice, glue your barrette, elastic, or clip to the bow - secure and let dry. You may want to tack down additional parts of the bow to the barrette or clip.

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