

# STITCHIN' for KIDS

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## Infant Krinkles



Infants need stimulants for play too. These little Krinkle squares have ribbon taggies which provide interest. They are filled with washable and dryable crinkle cellophane.

Krinkles are approximately 6 inches square as requested by hospital staff.

These instructions are written for volunteers of the Stitchin' for Kids project to make the squares as gifts for infants in hospitals.

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**Considerations:**

The squares are filled with a piece of cellophane that has been pre-crinkled to make an interesting sound when handled. The crinkle material may be washed and put into a dryer on medium heat, but it cannot be ironed.

Flannel should be cut into 6 1/2" squares (nothing smaller because of the possibility of choking), and there should be two loops of ribbon on each side.

**Requirements:**

Fabric – Small amounts of multiple colors of flannel.

Ribbon – Small amounts of multiple colors and widths of ribbon. Rick rack may also be used.

Crinkle Cellophane – One source is American Felt and Craft. Another source is liners from cereal boxes which are sturdy and louder than the commercial crinkle material. If using liners from cereal boxes, wash them in hot, soapy water, dry thoroughly and cut into 6 1/2" squares.

Scissors, Pins, Rotary Cutter, Cutting Mat and Thread coordinated and/or contrasting colors

**Assumptions:**

All seams are 1/4 inch.

**Preparation:**

- Cut two pieces of flannel into 6 1/2" squares using rotary cutter.
- Cut multiple pieces of ribbon for taggies.
  - Length of taggie pieces should be approximately 1 1/2 inches.
- Cut one piece of crinkle material into the same size as the flannel.

**Construction:****1. Adding the Taggies**

- Fold ribbons in half. Align raw edges of ribbon with raw edge of flannel so that the ribbon fold is towards center of the square (see below).
- Stitch the raw edge of ribbon to the flannel edge.



## 2. **Assembling the square**

- Place the second piece of flannel on top of ribboned piece, right sides together.
- Place the cellophane on top of the second flannel piece (see below).



- Stitch around three sides of the Krinkle.
- Clip corners.
- Turn the Krinkle square right side out.
- Turn the open side edges in 1/4 inch. Stitch closed around the edges of the square.
- Sew diagonally from corner to corner both ways so that there is an X across the Krinkle square (see photo on cover page) – this is done to prevent the Krinkle materials from shifting.

### Note:

If the crinkle material (cereal liner or cellophane) is the wrong size or shape, stuff the crinkle material into the square after you've sewn the three sides and turned the square right side out. Then straighten and flatten the crinkle so that it's not lumpy before doing the diagonal stitching.

## 3. **Making the Krinkle Hospital-Ready**

- Wash and dry Krinkle in the dryer.
- When Krinkle is totally dry, store your finished Krinkles in a plastic bag.