

UNISEX ROMPER SUIT

SKILL LEVEL: ADVANCED BEGINNER

We love this practical and comfortable playsuit for a 9-to-12-month-old. Snap fastenings on the inside leg make nappy changing super-easy and adjustable straps, each with 2 buttonholes, leave plenty of room for growing.

YOU WILL NEED

- 1 m medium-weight cotton fabric (140cm wide)
- Interfacing: 12cm (W) x 35cm (L)
- Matching cotton thread
- Elastic: 75cm (L) x 1 cm (W)
- Safety pin or loop turner
- 2 flat buttons
- 3 snap fastenings

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length (shoulder to finished leg hem): 48cm

Garment size: age approx. 9–12 months

PATTERN

Print at 100% (actual size) on A4 paper and follow the instructions on the front page, sticking the pieces together as indicated, by lining up the corresponding letters.

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1 x lower front

1 x back

1 x front bib (cut 2)

1 x strap (cut 2)

1 x back top edge facing

1 x front leg facing

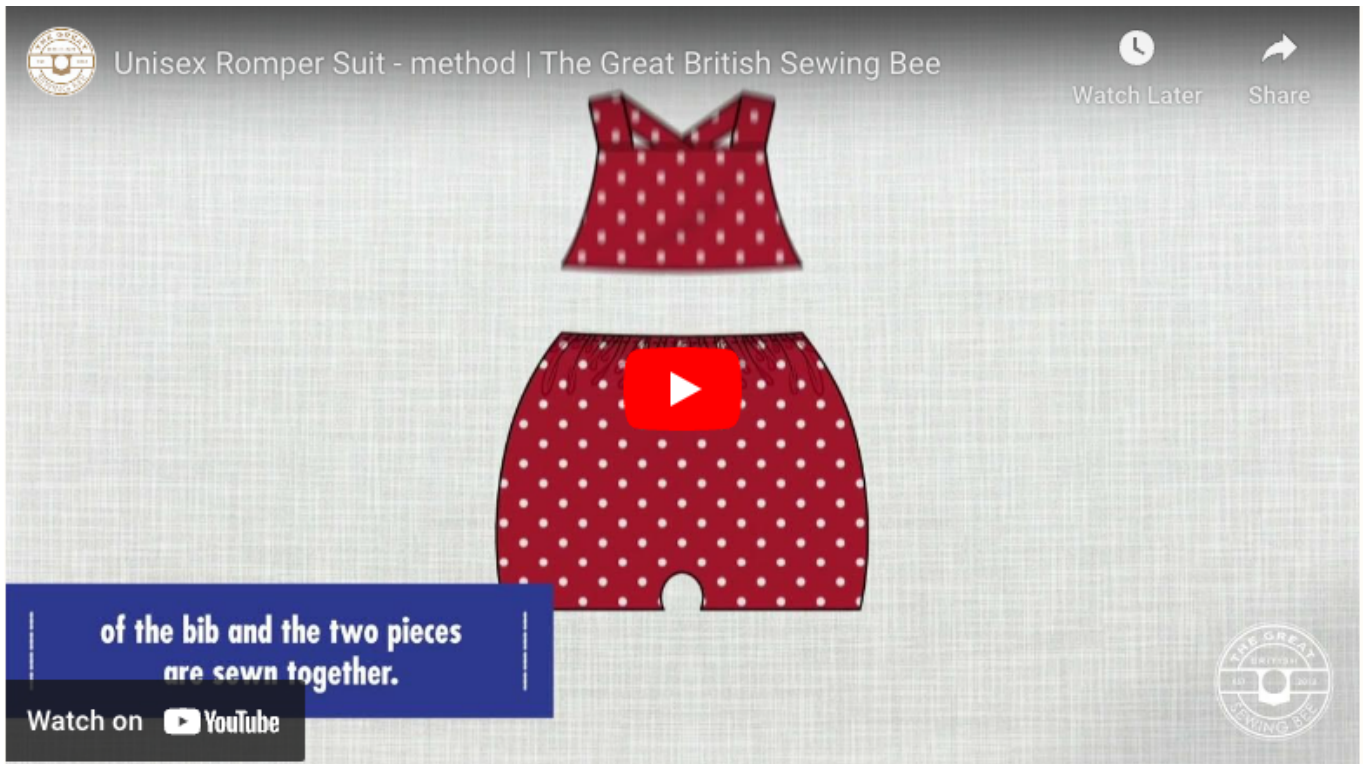
1 x back leg facing

Seam allowance is 1 cm unless otherwise stated.

Grey shading indicates the wrong side of the fabric.

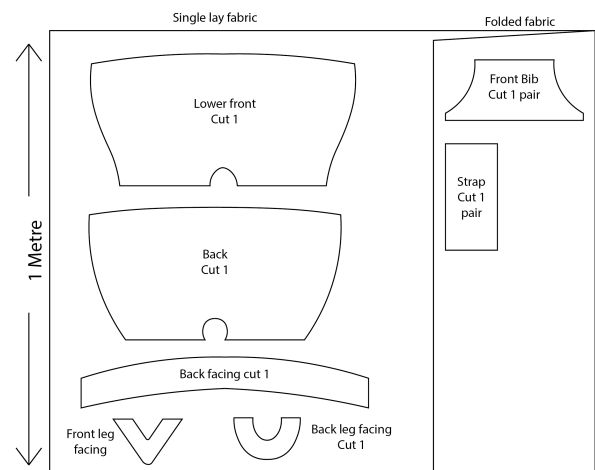
Finish the seams with either an edge stitch or an overlocker.

METHOD



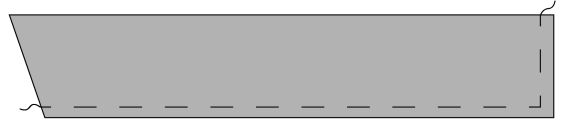
Lay out the fabric and pattern pieces

1. Using the layplan, lay your fabric wrong side up and fold over the right-hand edge to give you enough doubled fabric to lay out the bib and strap pieces, as shown. Cut out the pattern pieces.



Make the straps

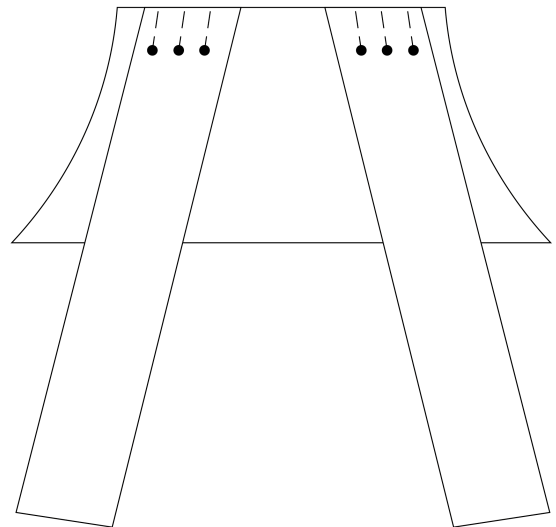
2. Cut interfacing for the strap pieces and iron it onto the wrong sides.



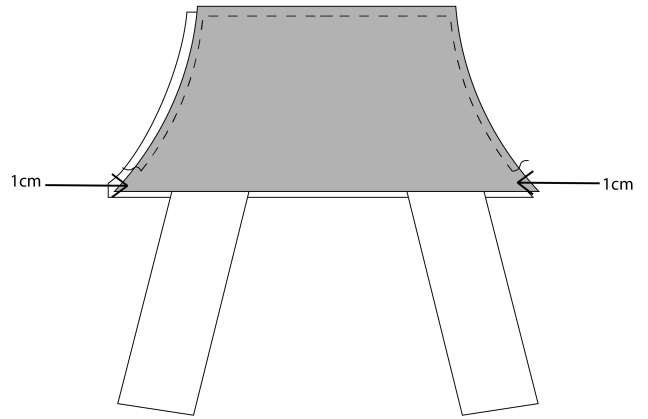
3. Fold the shoulder straps in half lengthways, right sides together. Pin and stitch along the length of one strap and across the straight back edge. Repeat for the second strap. Snip the corners, then turn both straps through to the right sides, and press to neaten.

Make the front bib

4. Lay one of the front bib pieces right side upwards. Position the straps 1 cm in from the top side edges, raw edges together. Pin in place.

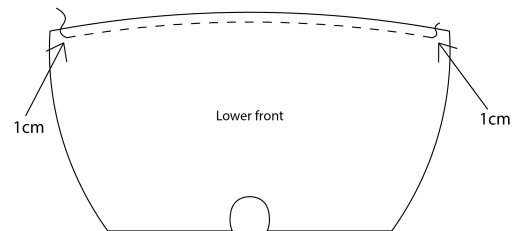


5. Position the other front bib piece right side down on top, sandwiching the straps between the two bib pieces. Pin in place. Starting 1 cm from the bottom of one of the curved edges, sew along the curved edge across the top straight edge and down the other curved edge, finishing 1 cm before the bottom on the other side. Set aside.

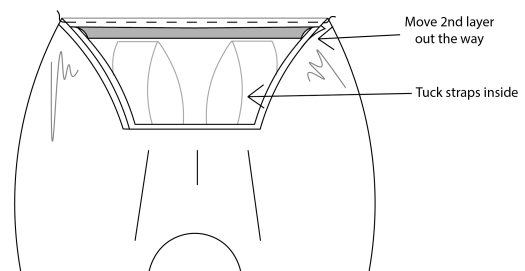


Make and attach the lower front romper piece

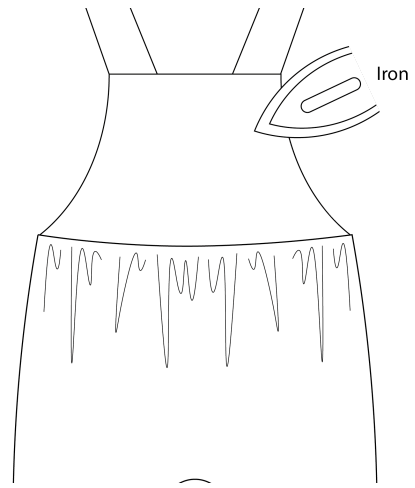
6. Using gathering stitch, machine stitch along the top edge seam allowance, beginning and ending 1 cm in at each end.



7. Draw the cotton to gather up the lower front piece evenly so that it fits the front bib. With the right side of the lower front piece facing up, place one layer of the front bib along the edge of the gathered lower front, right sides together. Tuck the straps inside and move the second panel out of the way. Pin in place, then carefully stitch the two pieces together.

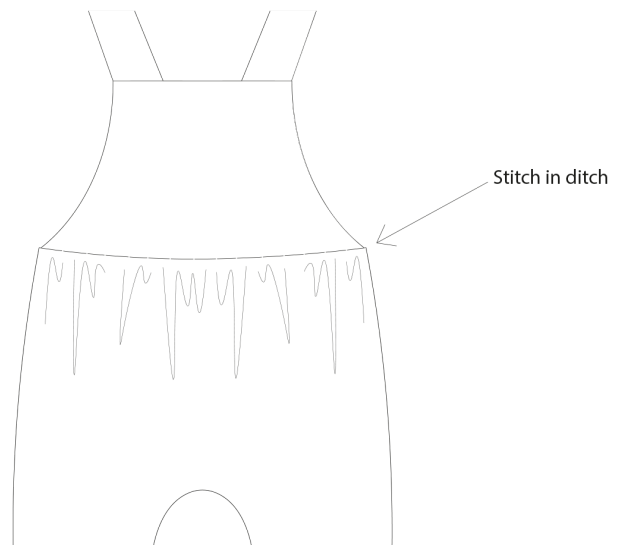
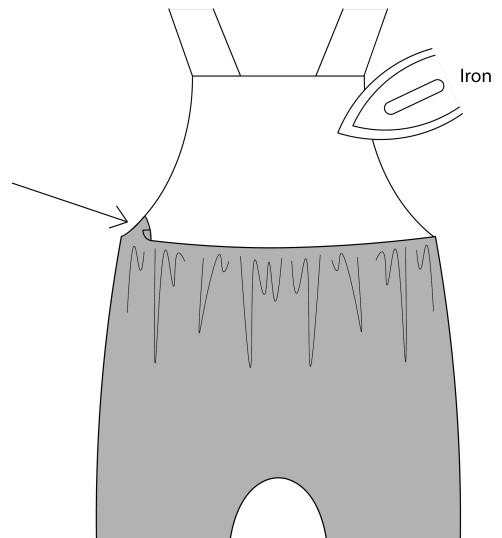


8. Fold the front bib through to the right side, clip the corners on the top edge and press the bib along the top and the curves, to neaten.



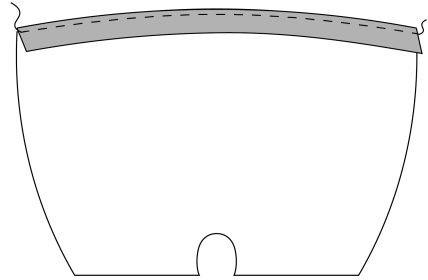
9. Turn the front romper so that it is wrong side up.

Press under the 1 cm seam allowance along the bottom edge, pin in place, then turn back to the right side and stitch along the ditch in order to secure the front bib in place. Set aside.

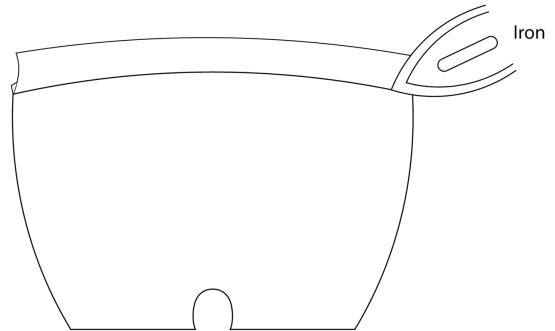


Make the back

10. Place the romper back piece right side up. Turn back top edge facing piece right side down and position it along the top of edge of the back piece, right sides together. Pin in place, then stitch together.

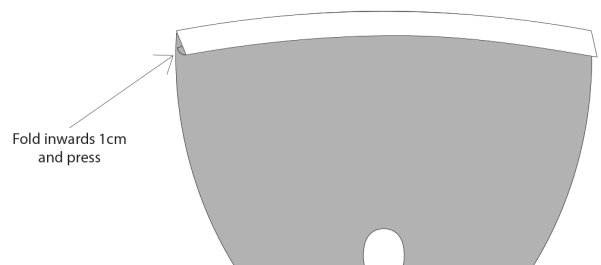


11. Unfold the facing upwards and press the seam on the right side, with the seam allowances up.

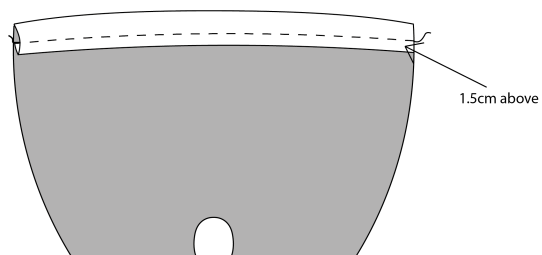
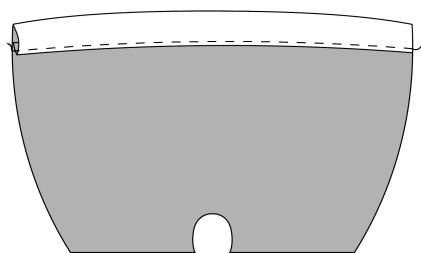


Create the channel for the elastic

12. Turn the back piece to the wrong side. Fold the facing inwards and, at the bottom edge of the facing, press the seam allowance inwards by 1 cm.



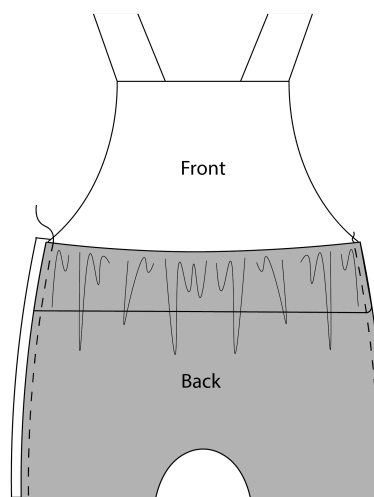
13. Pin the facing in place, then stitch 2mm in from the folded edge. Stitch a second row of stitching 1.5cm above the first row.



14. Cut your length of elastic to give a piece 17cm long. Attach a safety pin or loop turner to the end of the elastic and thread it through the channel. Secure the elastic in place at both ends.

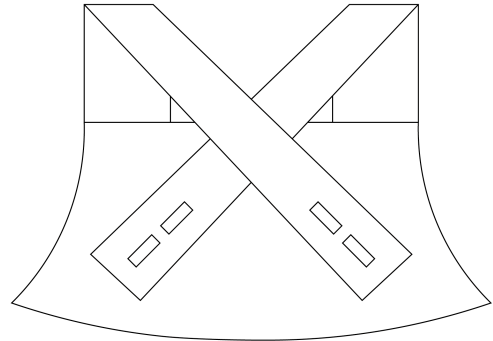
Finish the side seams

15. Place your front pieces right side upwards. Place the back piece right side down on top. Pin the side seams together with a 1 cm allowance on the lower front panel (otherwise you may have to snip under the bib to release it). Stitch together the seams.

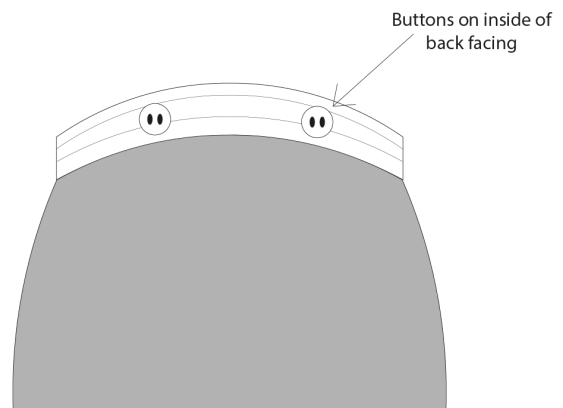


Create the strap fastenings

16. First, create two buttonholes on each strap (to enable a length adjustment in the finished romper). Position (but don't attach) your buttons on the inside of the back of your romper and mark the corresponding positions for your buttonholes on the straps. Sew the buttonholes.

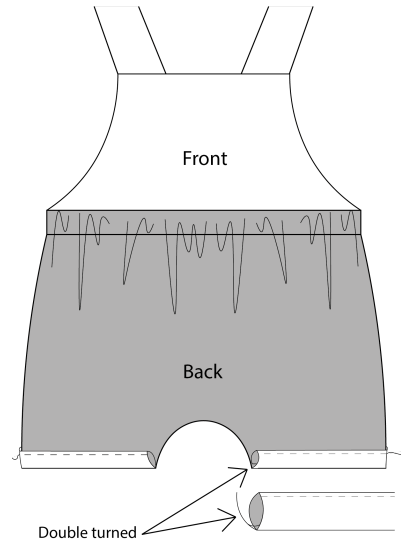


17. Position your straps so that they cross over and check the position for your buttons. Attach the buttons on the inside of the romper (on the back facing) at the back.



Finish the leg hems

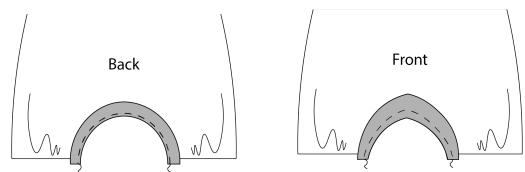
18. At the bottom of each leg, turn up 1 cm of fabric towards the inside of the romper, then press in place. Turn again by 1.5cm and press. Pin in place and stitch 2mm in from the top fold lines on each leg.



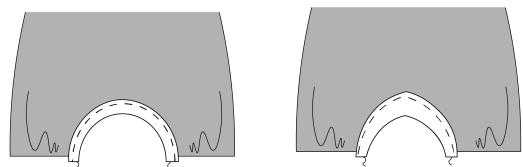
19. Cut two 28cm-long pieces from your remaining lengths of elastic. Using a safety pin or loop turner, thread one piece through each channel at the bottom of the legs.

Make the crotch and opening

20. Turn the romper so that it is right side out. Pin the back leg facing, right sides together, to the back of the romper. Pin the front leg facing, right sides together, to the front of the romper. Stitch both facings in place, then snip the curves.

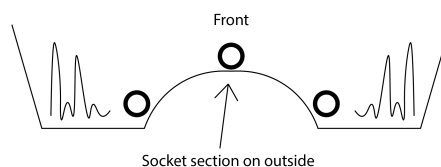
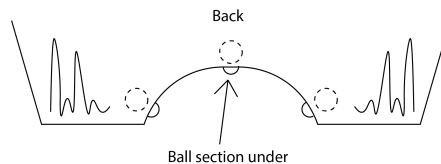


21. Turn the facings through to the wrong side of the romper and press the seams. For both the front and back pieces: turn in the 1 cm seam allowance at the hem and press and pin in place around the long curve. Stitch near to your fold line along the hem and around the curve.



Attach the fastenings

22. Mark the three snap fastening marks onto the opening, front and back, using the pattern as a guide. The back piece goes over the front. Apply the ball section of the fastenings to the inside of the back opening. Then, apply the socket sections of the fastenings to the outside front opening. Press the romper to finish.



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Print on A4, single sided sheets.