

“EASY DIMENSIONAL BOW TIE QUILT”



The pattern is a simple bow tie pattern using three seams. Using a bit of stuffing in the center of the tie, it becomes dimensional for added interest.

**Skill Level: Beginner**

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**Supplies:**

Baby Lock Serger

1/2 yard fabric for ‘ties’--cut into 21---5” squares (these are your bow ties--it takes 3 squares for each block)

1/3 yard fabric for background--cut into 14---5” squares (this is background for blocks--it takes 2 squares for each block)

1/2 yard of fabric for quilt back

1/2 yard of fabric for ‘bias’ trim--cut into 4 strips 4” x width of fabric

20” x 30” batting

Small amount of polyester stuffing

4 cones of serger thread

Pins (*Using pins is necessary, so be **very** careful and remove pins before reaching the blades!!!*)

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Safety pins

**Instructions:**

**Construction of Blocks:**

For each ‘bowtie’ 5 blocks are used---3 tie fabric and 2-background fabric

1. Take one piece of the background fabric and place it on the bottom, right side up, then take a tie piece and fold it in half (right sides out) and place it with long raw edges to the left side of the background fabric and the folded edge in the center. Place a piece of tie fabric right side down on top. So, you will now have a sandwich of the Background fabric on the Bottom, folded tie fabric in the center and Tie fabric on the Top. Looking at this 'sandwich' left side should have 4 pieces of fabric because of background; center tie fabric folded which makes 2 pieces of fabric and tie fabric on top--total of 4 raw edges. The right side of the sandwich should only have two raw edges of fabric--the background fabric and the tie fabric. With this in mind, stitch across the topside using the blade as a guide with the width set at 6.0 should give you a 1/4" seam. Test first to make sure settings are correct.
2. Take the folded piece that is sewn in the center and lay piece of background fabric on bottom and the folded piece in the center and the tie fabric on top. The 'sandwich' is made **exactly the same** as you did the first time! Sew it the **exact** same way! Now you will have the piece of tie fabric in the middle with two pieces of fabric attached on each end.
3. Now, the folded center tie fabric forms a pocket. Open up the pocket by sliding two fingers into the opening and pulling the unsewn edges out on both sides to line up along the top edge. The center seams will now match up on the top edge of the unit. Take a small amount of stuffing and place in the pocket to make it puffy--just a small amount will do. Make sure that your center seams are staggered (one seam going one way and the other seam going the other way so there is less bulk). Pin at seams and at both ends. Make a final seam, being sure to catch the center pocket at both ends. ***Take those pins out before they reach the blade!!*** Open it up and as if by magic, you have a Dimensional Bow Tie Block!!
4. Make the rest of the blocks the same way. (Total of 2 blocks)
5. 3 blocks make one row--make 2 rows--serge rows together. You now have a small baby quilt top.



### Putting it together:

Lay backing out on cutting table wrong side up. Lay batting on top of backing. Lay quilt top on batting. Pin well, using plenty of safety pins. Start in center and smooth out as you pin. Quilt as desired. Trim edges even and add bias trim. -- Quilt sample was done with free motion stippling on background fabric pieces and tie fabric was left alone so it stands out.



### Finishing:

Serge the 4" strips together to make one long piece. Fold in half, right sides out and line raw edges up with edges of blanket on the rights side. Serge onto quilt, mitering the corners. Fold to back side and hand whip to finish off, or stitch in ditch, or use the Baby Lock Blind hemmer.