

Wee weka pocket nappy with gussets.

This is only our fourth nappy. We are newbies at nappy making so would love feedback on anything you think is incorrect or have suggestions on how to improve.

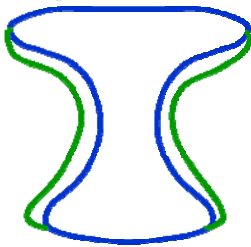
We use the wee weka pocket nappy as a starting point, however the steps would work with other front snapping pocket patterns.

If you are planning to use this technique commercially please contact me. The original wee weka pattern is not for commercial use and the methods for gussets were altered from another person's tutorial.

Step 1 – Take one wee weka pocket pattern



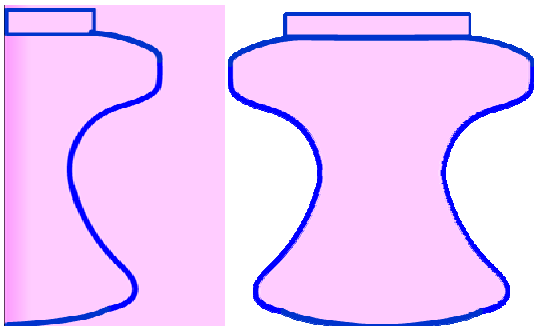
Step 2 – Make the pattern a bit wider



Expand by ½ an inch each side.

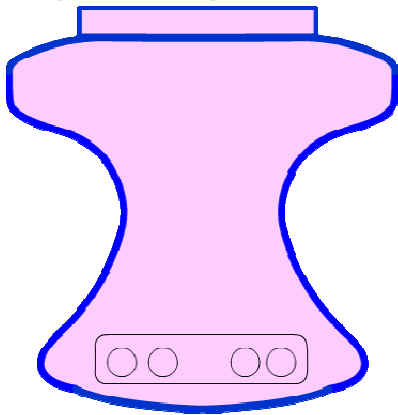
Next time we will also be making this pattern longer as my godson is now 5 months old and has outgrown the pattern. Before now the pattern has had the right fit.

Step 3 – Cut out the outer layer



For the outer layer you can use 1 layer of pul or an outer layer and a hidden layer of pul. To make a more even nappy, cut out the nappy on a piece of folded fabric.

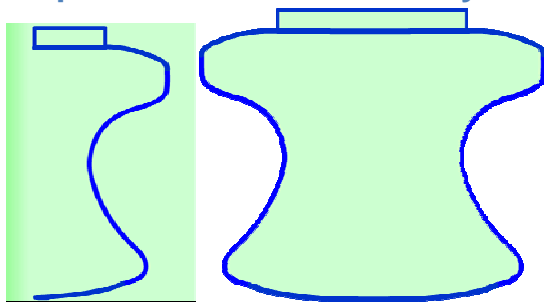
Step 4 – Snap the front snaps into outer layer/s



If you have only one pul layer then you will need to snap with a reinforced layer. I snap at this stage so the snap cap is not against the baby's tummy and it also means the pocket can be stuffed right to the top. You could also Velcro instead of snaps at this stage. I've not marked any particular snap combination, feel free to snap as what suits you.

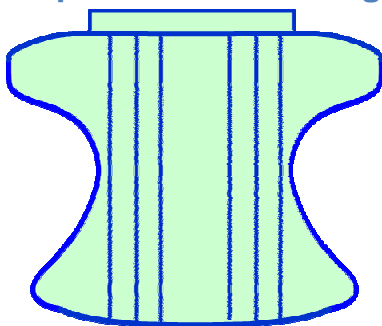
Once you are done with this step, put the outer layers aside as you will not need them till you attach.

Step 5 – Cut out the inner layer



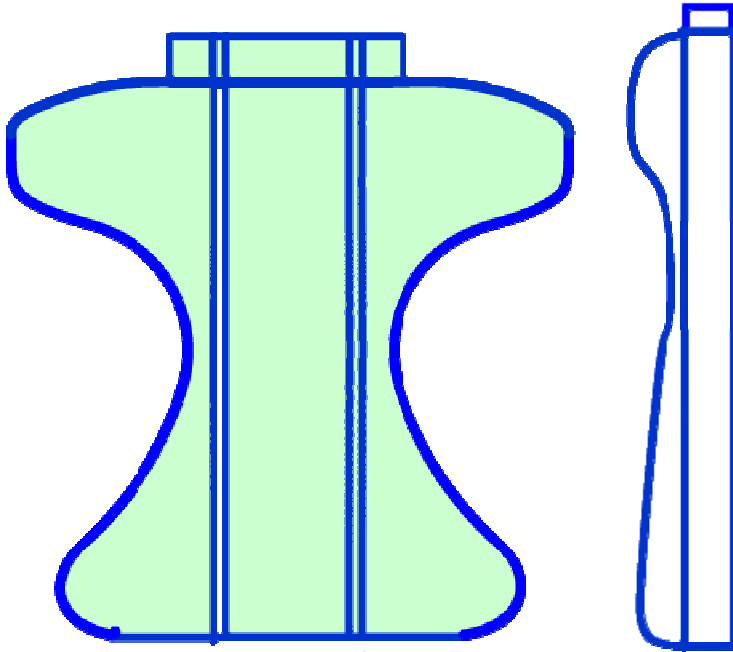
For the inner layer, you will need to fold the material and pattern in half. Move the pattern in from the fold 2 inches. Cut out the inner layer. The reason this is wider is the inner layer needs to have the gussets sewn into it. For the next few steps you will be working on the right side of the fabric (the side that touches baby)

Step 6 – Mark out the gussets



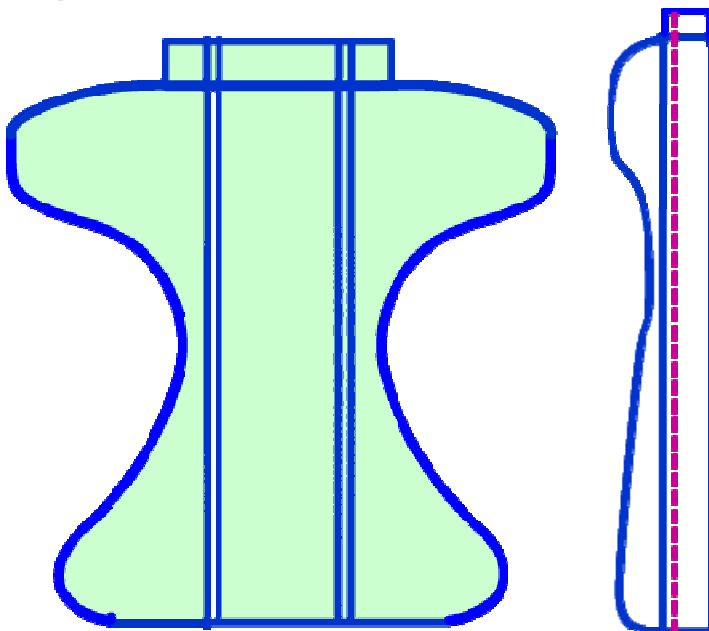
You need to consider the seam before marking the gusset. I marked the from 2cm in, I would suggest starting in 3cm. Then you will need to mark 2 more straight lines, one 1inch from your 2/3cm mark and another 2inches from your 2/3cm mark. Do this for both sides, so you end up with two gussets.

Step 7 – Fold Gussets



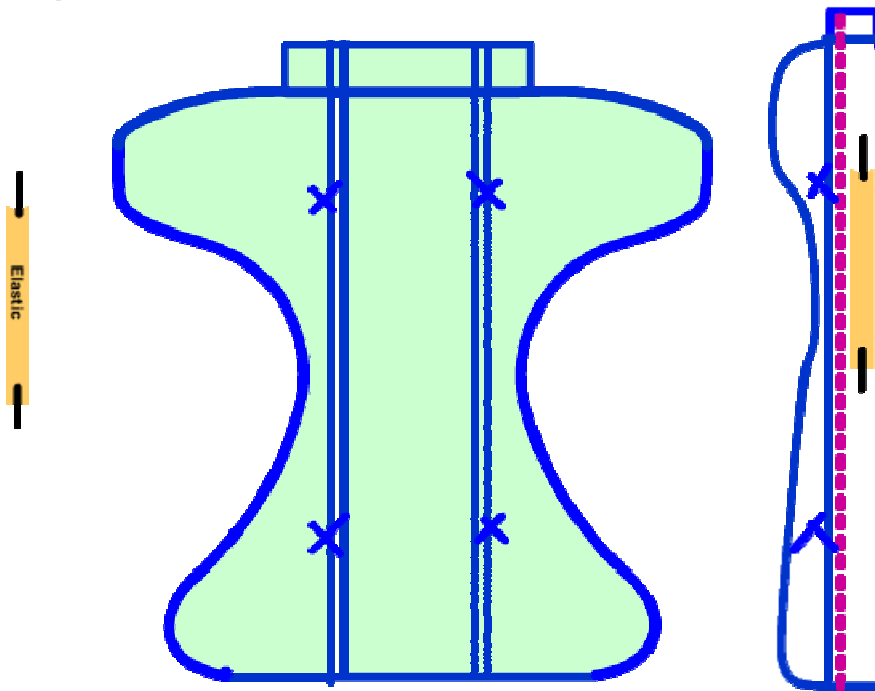
Fold the gussets so they are pointing upwards. The middle line is the fold line. You can fold one gusset and do step 8-10 then return and fold the second gusset and do step 8-10 with it.

Step 8 - Pin and Sew Gussets



Pin along the pink line and then sew along the pink line. This will make a casing for your elastic.

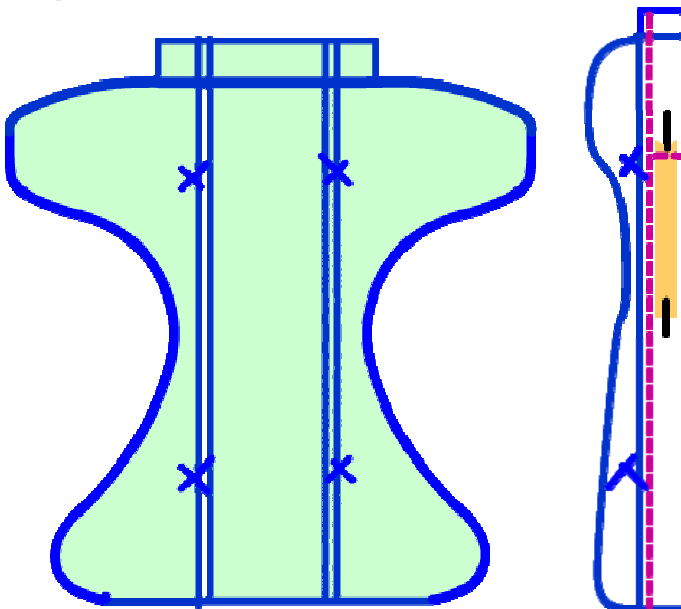
Step 9 – Thread elastic



Mark the points for the elastic to start and stop, 3 inches from the front and 2 inches from the back.

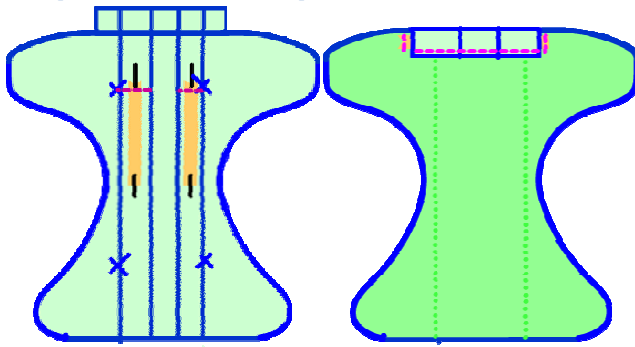
Add a safety pin to each end of the elastic and then thread the elastic through to the marked back point.

Step 10 – sew elastic



Sew across the gusset to hold the elastic in front. Careful of the safety pin.

Step 11 – Fold, Flip and sew back elastic casing and elastic.



Fold the gussets that are pointing to the ceiling into the centre of the nappy. The left gusset will fold in to the right the right to the left.

Flip the material over keeping a good grip of the folded gussets.

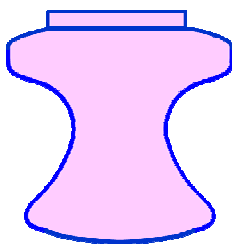
Pin down the back elastic casing (the rectangle at the top) so that it sits nice and flat. Check that your gussets are still folded nicely before you sew. Sew across the bottom of the casing ensuring that your casing is big enough for elastic.

Place a safety pin at the right end of your elastic. Thread the elastic through so that the left edge is in place. Sew vertically up and down across the left edge to attach it in place.

Pull the elastic through to the other side and attach as per the left.

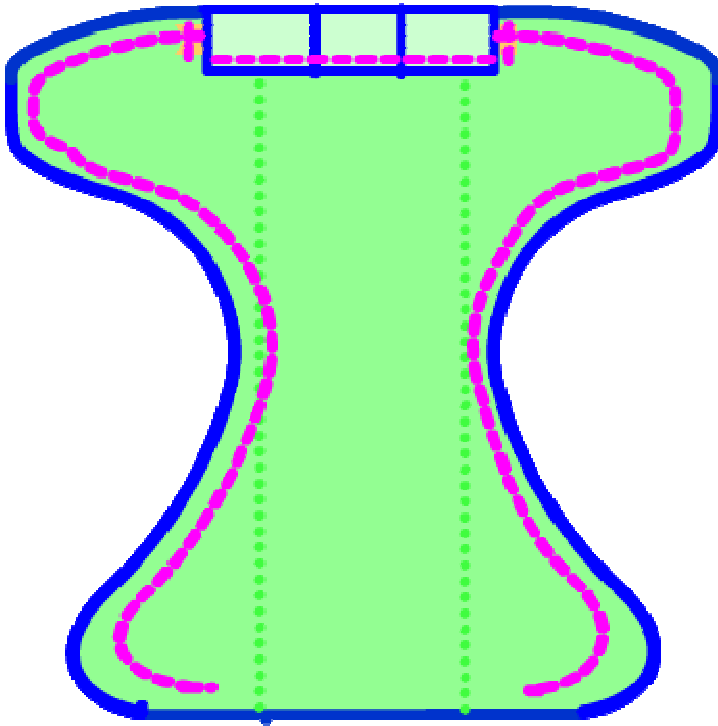


I don't have a picture of the outer piece of fabric at this stage, but here is a picture of what it looks like in the final nappy.



Do the same for your outer piece of fabric. I suggest you peg the pul or just hold down the casing and carefully sew instead of pinning as you don't want any unnecessary holes in the pul.

Step 12 – Peg and sew the two pieces of fabric together



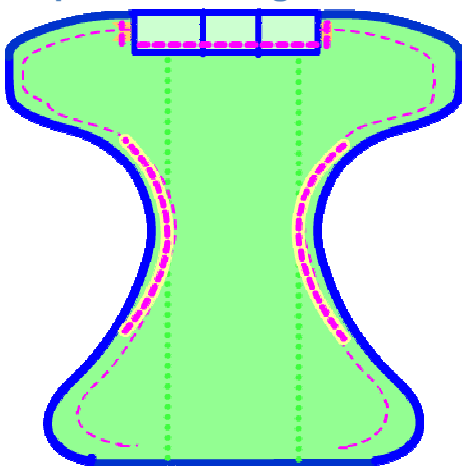
Put the two pieces of fabric together with the right sides facing in.

Peg all the way around. You use pegs instead of pins so that you don't put wholes in your pul.

Sew from the edge of the pocket opening at the back to the bottom of the front. Don't sew across the top of the front. This will come a bit later.

Sew down the other edge of the pocket in the same way.

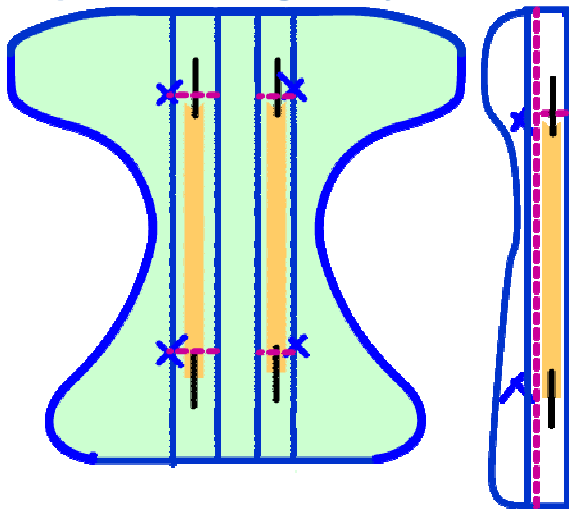
Step 13 – Sew leg elastic



Sew leg elastic as per pattern instructions and marking. We sew it onto the inner fabric so that it rolls out and is softer on baby's legs. We haven't had any wicking issues with this method and the gussets will add an extra protection.

If you sew the elastic onto the outer side then you may get rolling in so the pul would be in contact with baby. This would be fine if you had an minky outer over the pul, but if you just had a cotton pul or something not as soft as the inner then it wouldn't be as comfy.

Step 14 – Turn right way out and sew gusset elastic

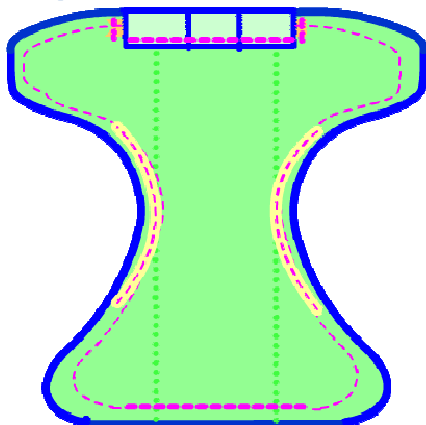


Turn the nappy inside out (which will make it right way out)

Thread the dangling elastic to the front marked spot. Sew across the gusset to secure the elastic in place. Do this for the second gusset too.

Turn the nappy inside out again.

Step 15 – Sew across the front



Fold the gussets inwards like for the back. This takes a bit of patience and finger work since you are working with them inside the nappy.

Sew across the hole at the front joining the stitching on either side.

Step 16 – Final Steps

Clean up the threads.

Turn the nappy right way out again.

Snap your wings snaps.

Make your boosters and inner soakers.

We prewash all the fabric so nappy can go straight on adorable baby for fitting 😊

