

SPECIAL SIZE CRIB SHEET FOR SO AZ CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER SAFE SLEEP PROGRAM

One piece of sturdy cotton fabric** 27 1/2" x 37 1/2"

One piece of 1/4" elastic 38" long

1. Cut a 4 1/2" square out of each corner of the fabric rectangle.
2. Stitch the corners closed using French seam for a secure finish, or zig-zag, or serge for a faster finish.
 - a. *French Seams:* With RIGHT SIDES OUT, fold a cut corner over onto itself, so the two raw edges you just cut line up together. Still with the RIGHT SIDES OUT, sew a 1/4" seam along this cut edge, starting from edge sewing toward corner. Press seam open. Flip the fabric over so that the WRONG SIDES ARE OUT. The seam will be inside. Sew a 3/8" seam on the outside of the first seam. Repeat on the other three corners of your crib sheet.
 - b. *Zig-zag:* If you prefer, sew a 5/8" seam down each corner, right sides together. Zigzag the raw edges together. I understand a serger will do this even better, all in one step. Sew all 4 corners.
3. Fold and press the raw edge of your sheet over 1/4" all the way around. Press all the corner seams the same direction to make it easier to thread the elastic. Make a second fold 1/2 - 3/4" deep to leave a casing for the elastic. Sew close to the edge of this second fold, to make a casing, almost all the way around the crib sheet. Leave 2"-4" open on your casing seam.
4. Use a safety pin to attach one end of the elastic to the fabric near the opening of the casing seam. Attach a second, large, safety pin to the other end of your elastic and begin threading it through the casing, all the way around.
5. Overlap the ends of your elastic by about 1". Sew a zigzag stitch on the overlapped elastic, stretching both sections of the elastic gently as you sew.
6. Finish closing the edge of the casing with a straight stitch (try not to catch the elastic).

* **Please do not use any fabric with metallic or plastic imprint designs. 100% cotton is best for babies.

Although the measurements are different (very different!), please visit these visual tutorials on the process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkD7sMiLFA>

<http://www.jaybirdquilts.com/2019/04/fitted-crib-sheet-tutorial-with-french.html>