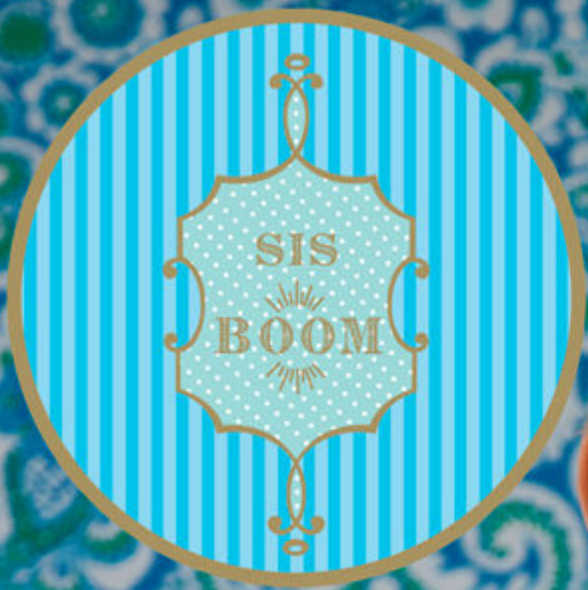


Bosco Bowtie by Jennifer Paganelli



Fits All Sizes
Newborn
through Men



Patterns and Instructions by Carla Hegeman Crim

Presenting the Bosco Bowtie for the gentlemen in your life. Certainly the boys will make the most charming impression, well, at least until the superheros come out!!! We love the cherubic display only a bowtie can give. Imagine combined with a cape for the magic show or for the Master of Ceremonies when putting on the next play production in your living room. Or how about for the next big wedding (or heck your very own wedding?) and so the endless possibility list goes.....enjoy!!! Get your craft on 'cause this is going to be a huge mega hit for every man and boy on your list.

Jennifer Paganelli and Carla Hegeman Crim have partnered to bring you stylish designs and the very best sewing experience. Jennifer is well-known textile designer. Her gorgeous fabric lines can be viewed on her website or at www.freespiritfabric.com. Current selections include Pretty Please, Dance With Me, Poodle, So St. Croix, and Honey Child. These fabrics are available online and in fine quilt stores everywhere.

Carla, also known as The Scientific Seamstress, believes in precision patterns, detailed instructions, and rigorous testing. Visit her blog for tips, tutorials, and links to more of her [eBooks](#).

MATERIALS

Sis Boom fabric (1/4 yard is enough for several ties)

a scrap of heavy-weight fusible interfacing

2" of hook and loop tape

rotary cutter, mat, and clear ruler

hot glue gun

iron

straight pins

spray starch



<http://www.sisboom.com>

Jennifer's blog - <http://sisboom.com/blog>

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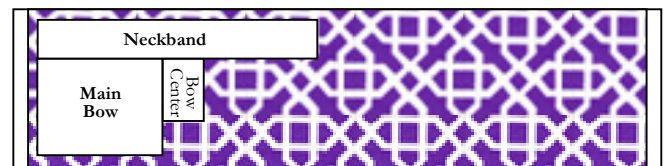
Cutting

For each tie, you will cut 1 large rectangle for the main bow, 1 small rectangle for the bow center, and a small strip of interfacing for the inside of bow center. The chart below gives dimensions for the different bow sizes. Use a rotary cutter to cut out the three pieces.

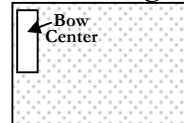
Finished Bow Size	Main Bow (fabric)	Bow Center (fabric)	Bow Center (interfacing)
Small (4" wide)	4½ x 7½"	1¾ x 3"	5/8" x 3"
Medium (4½" wide)	5 x 8"	2 x 3¼"	¾" x 3¼"
Large (5" wide)	5½ x 8½"	2½ x 3½"	7/8" x 3½"

Actual-sized finished bows are illustrated on page 13. This page can be printed, and the bows cut out and held up to the recipient to help with size determination.

Fabric



Interfacing

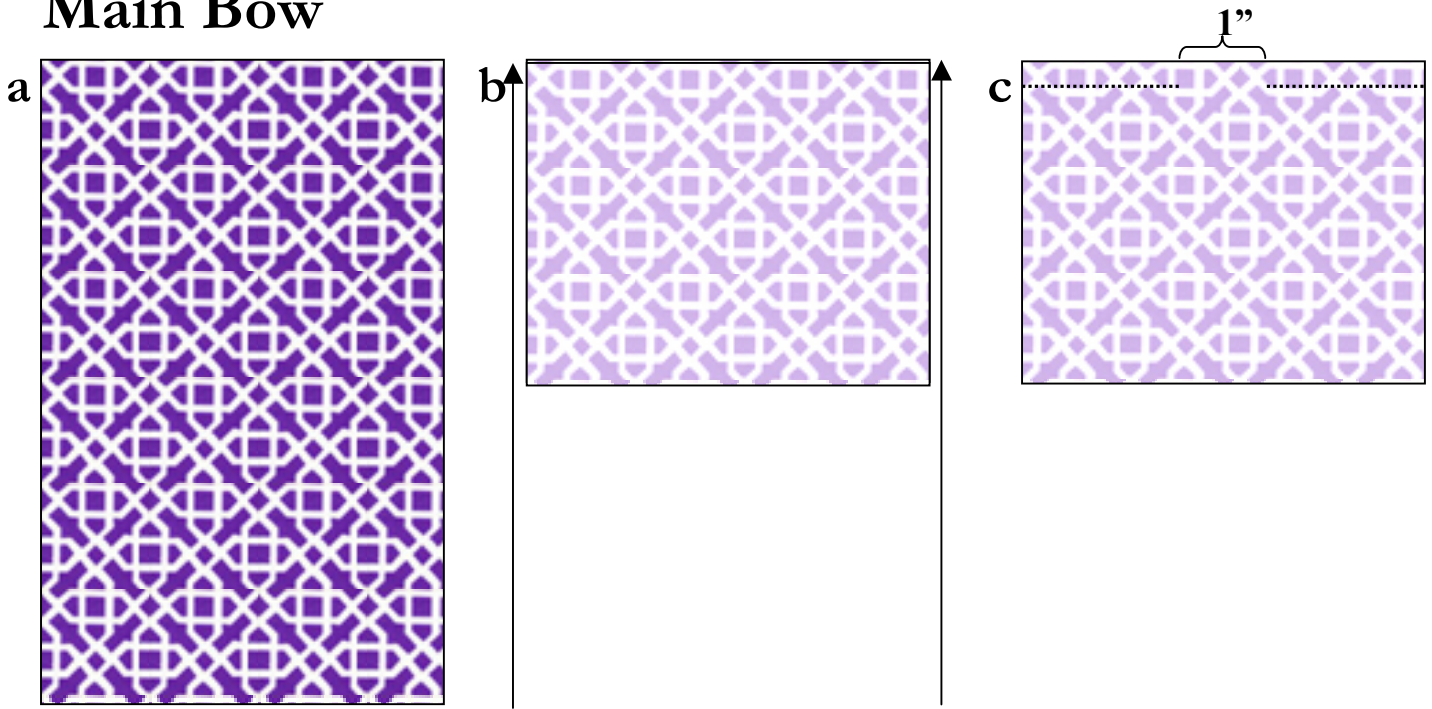


You will also need to cut a strip of fabric for the neckband. The size of the strip depends on the size of the recipient. Suggested dimensions are provided in the chart on the right. Because of the hook and loop tape, the neckbands are adjustable and fit a range of sizes.

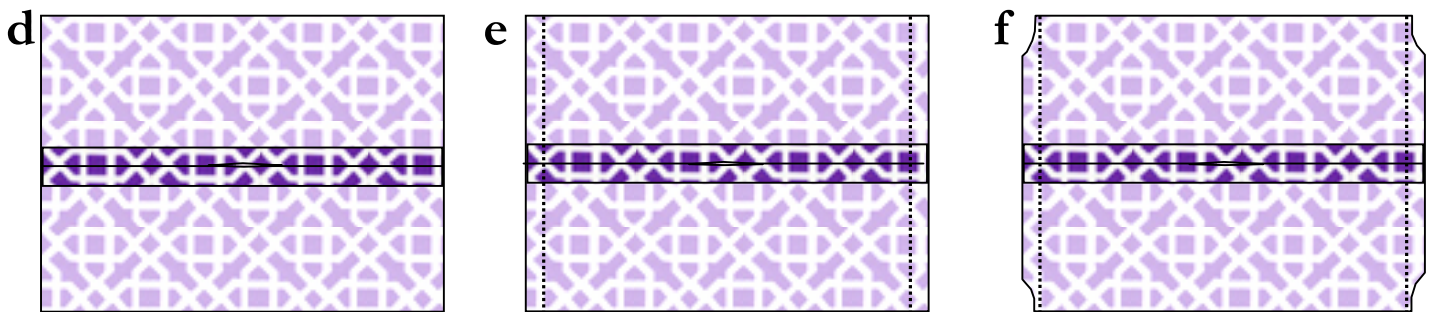
Neck Size	Strip Dimensions
Baby (8-11")	2 x 12"
Child (10-13")	2 x 14"
Youth (12-15")	2¼ x 16"
Adult (14-17")	2¼ x 18"
Adult+ (16-19")	2¼ x 20"

The hook and loop tape pieces should be cut to 2" in length. The width of the tape can be trimmed down to better fit the finished neckband, if needed.

Main Bow

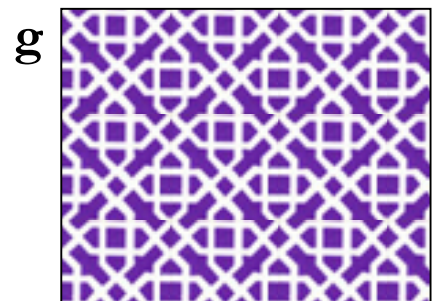


Lay the large rectangle out with the right side facing up (a). Bring the short ends together so that the wrong side is facing out (b). Stitch 1/4" from the aligned short ends, leaving a 1" opening in the center (c).

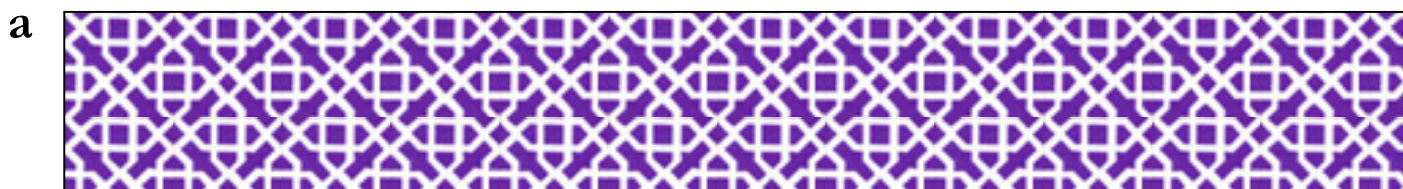


Arrange the seam so that it is in the middle and press the allowance open (d). Stitch 1/4" from each of the side edges (e). Trim the allowance near the corners (f).

Turn the main bow piece right side out through the opening in the middle seam (g). Use a straight pin to pick out the corners, if needed. Spray with starch, let dry a bit, then press.



Neckband



Lay the long strip out with the right side facing up.



Bring the long ends together so that the wrong side is facing out.



Stitch 1/4" from the aligned long ends and one short end, leaving the other short end open.



Trim the seam allowance at the corner.



Turn the tube right side out using a chopstick or other turning tool.



Tuck about 1/2" of the open end into the tube.

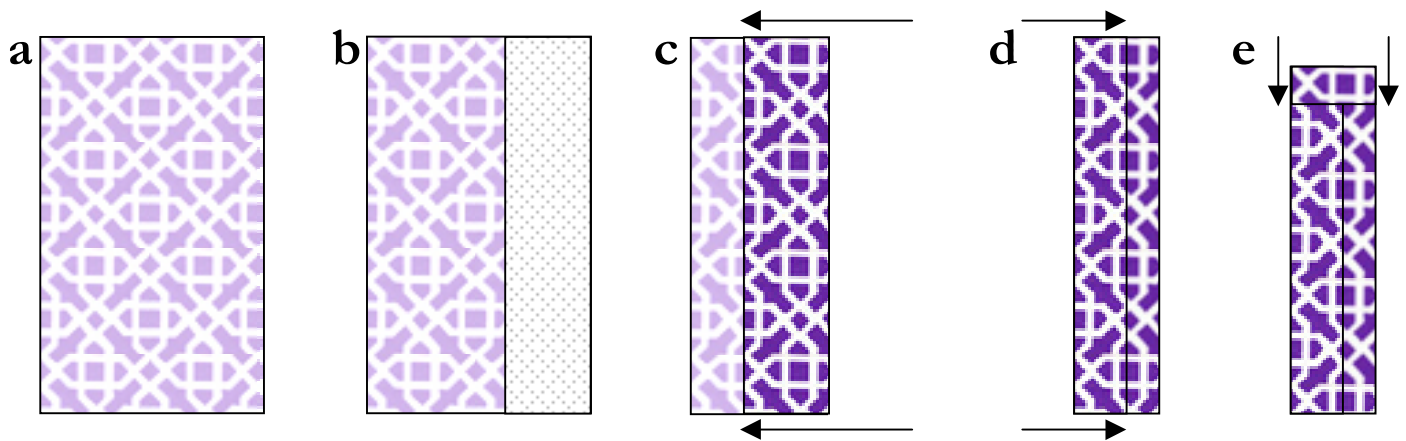


Sew the 2" piece of hook tape into place at the end. The stitching will close up the opening.



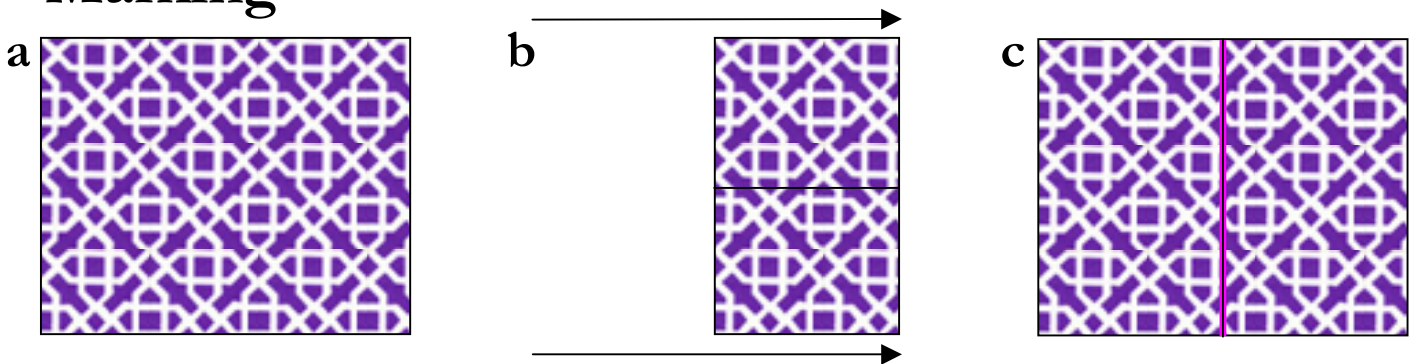
Flip the neckband over to the other side and sew the 2" piece of loop tape into place at the other end.

Bow Center



Lay the small rectangle out with the wrong side facing up (a). With the fusible side of the interfacing against the wrong side of the fabric, align the long edges on one side and fuse into place (b). Fold the interfaced section over to the wrong side and press (c). Fold the other long edge of the fabric up and over the interfaced section and press (d). Fold one short end over 1/4" to the back (the side with the exposed edge) and press (e). Use a small drops of hot glue to set the folds near the edges.

Marking



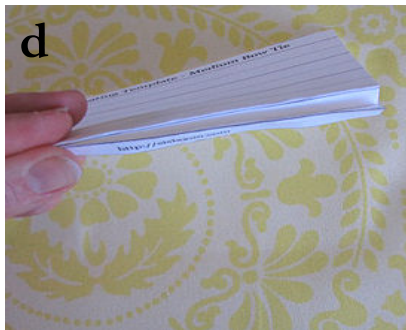
Lay the sewn bow piece out with the front (non-seamed) side facing up (a). Bring the short ends together and press to make a crease in the center (b). *Optional* - use a fabric marker to draw a line over the center crease so that it stays visible during the next steps (c). Repeat the marking process with the neckband (d).



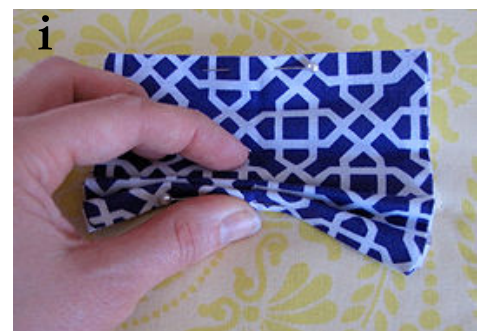
Pleating



Print the correct-sized pleating template (pages 10-12) on cardstock and cut it out around the outside edges (**a**). Fold at the bottom solid line as shown in **b**. Bring the fold over to meet the next solid line, which will create a pleat at the dashed line (**c**).



Make a fold in the second solid line as shown in **d**. Continue the folding process until the entire template is pleated accordion-style (**e**). From the side, the template should look like 5 upside-down V shapes (**f**).



Lay the template out with the printed side up (**g**). Place the sewn bow piece on top of the template with the front (non-seamed) side facing up. Pin the bow piece to the template near the top and bottom (**h**). Keeping the bow piece flat against the template, refold the template in the center (**i**).



Pinch the fully folded center for a moment to set the pleats (**j**). Release and let unfold slightly (**k**). Apply drops of hot glue along the center line in the “valleys” (**l**).



Refold the center and hold until the glue cools (**m**). *Note:* Don't worry if some glue oozes out - the center will be covered in the finished bow. Take out the pins and remove the template (**n**).

Tie + Assembly



Lay the neckband out with the front side facing up. Apply a dollop of glue to the marked center (**a**). Stick the bow into place with the back (seamed) side of the bow facing down against the neckband (**b**). Let cool. Apply a small blob of glue to the center front of the main bow (**c**).



Place the bow center on top of the glue blob with the back (exposed edge) side facing the main bow (d). Let cool. Flip the assembly over so the back of the neckband is facing up. Apply glue to the neckband center back (e). Fold the short raw edge up and hold in place against the glue until cool (f).



Apply glue to the bow center near the short raw end (g). Bring the folded end over so the center is snug around the main bow. Add a bit of glue near the folded edge (h) and stick into place (i).

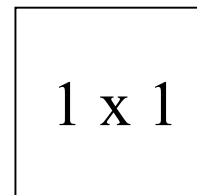
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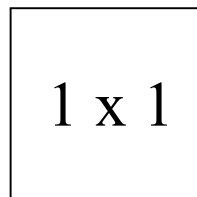
Important note:

The templates are designed to be printed at 100%. Before printing the templates, make sure that page scaling is set to none in Adobe Acrobat print window. To be sure that your templates printed at the correct size, measure the box. It should measure exactly 1 inch by 1 inch.



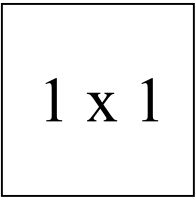
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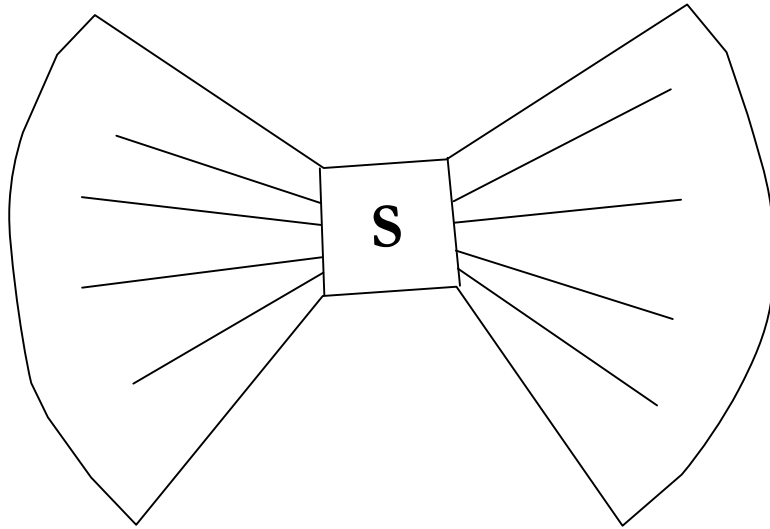


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Pleating Template - Large Bowtie
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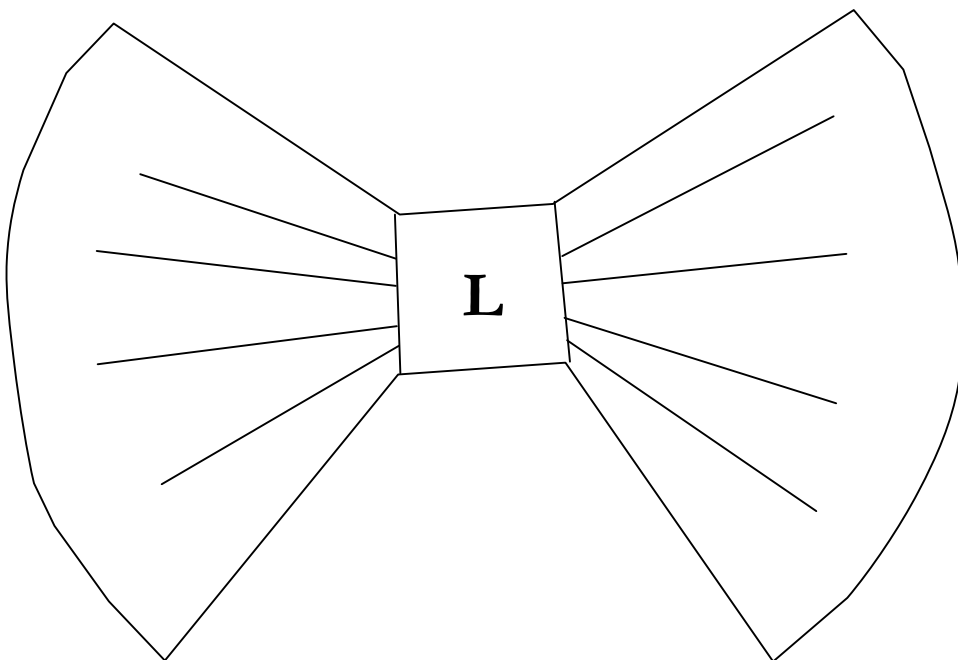
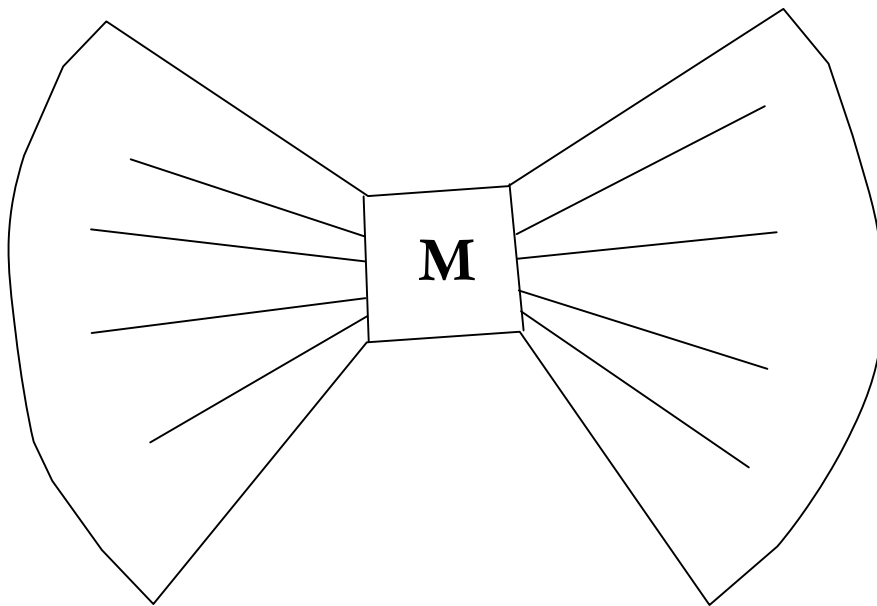


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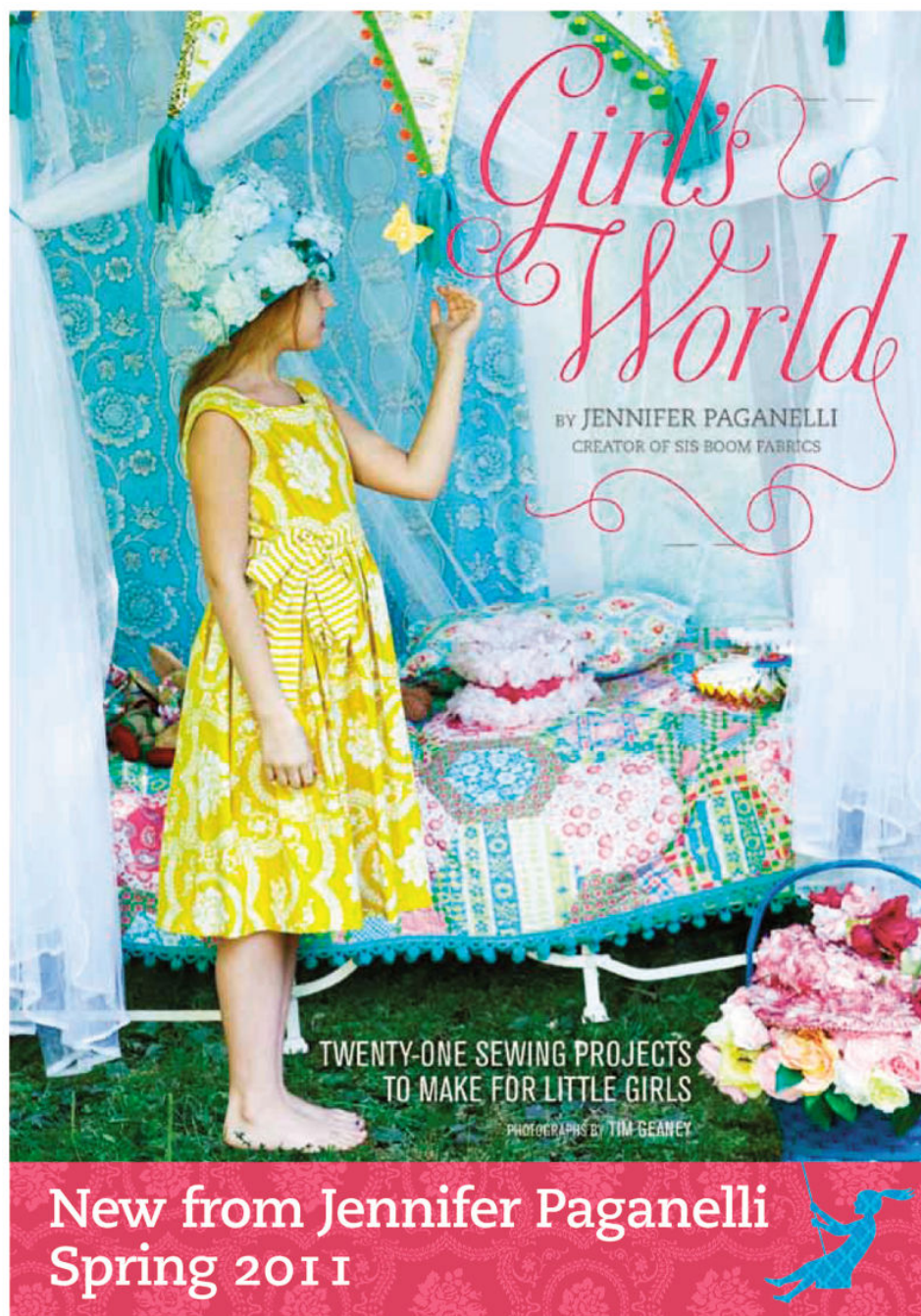


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