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*In this tutorial, we will be making a gorgeous reversible cape perfect for your little princess.  
You will be choosing two different fabrics for each side of the cape. Be sure to read the instructions all the way through before you start.*

### PROJECT TIME:

Approximately 2-3 hours

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Sewing machine

Drafting paper

Sewing thread

1 yard of fabric #1 of choice

1 yard of fabric #2 of choice

2-3 yards of yarn or ribbon

Scissors

Pins and safety pin

### SUGGESTED CUTTING LAYOUT

Follow centered arrows for grain direction.

Cut on fold: piece 2.

Seam allowance 5/8" unless noted.

### SIZE GUIDE:

Featured garment can fit from 4-9 years old.



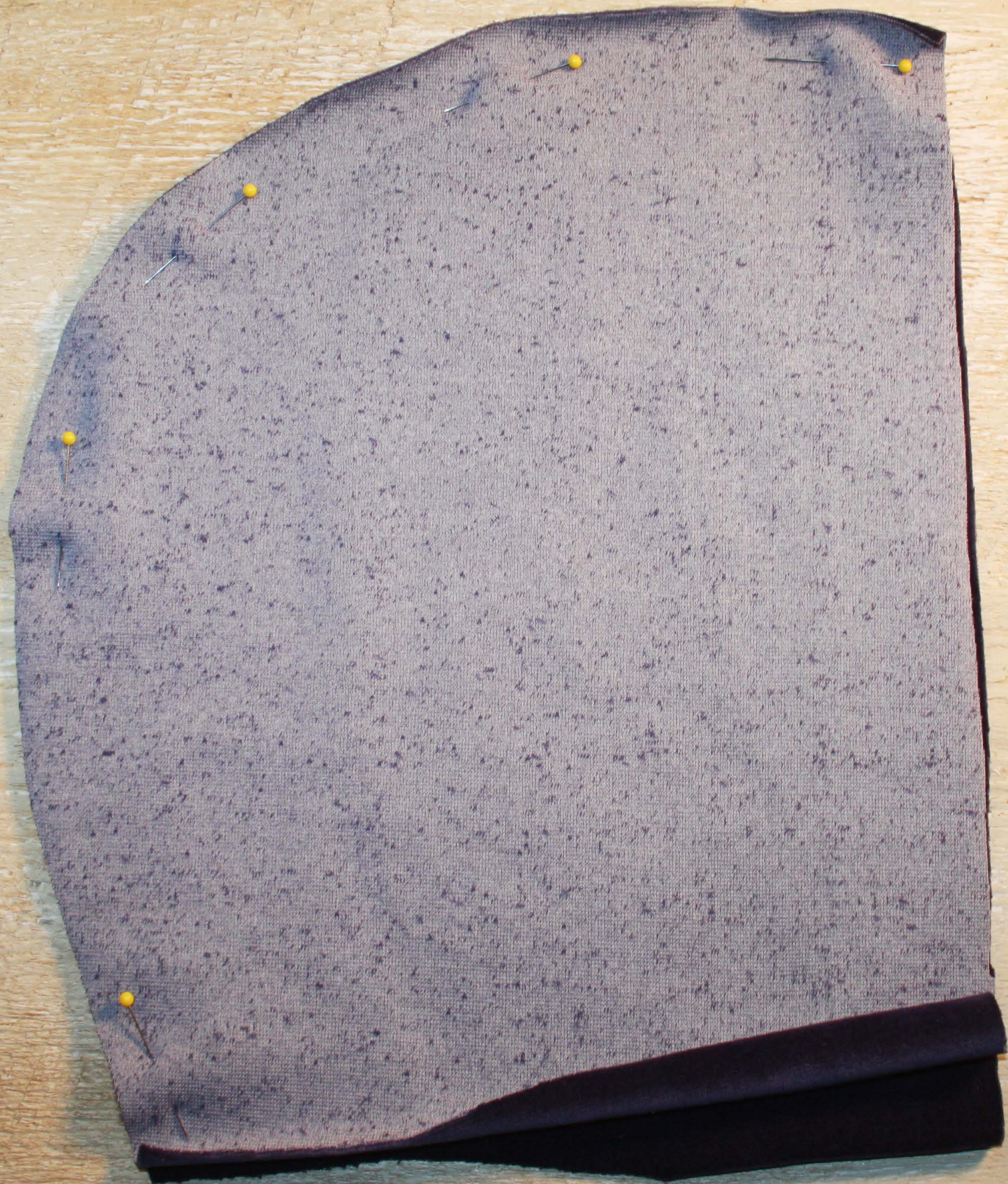




## **STEP 1**

Take one of the sides of the hood (piece 1) and with the RIGHT sides together, pin the center back seam of the hood and stitch.







## STEP 2

Take side 2 of the hood and stitch in the same manner as step one.







### **STEP 3**

Open seams of both sides of the hood and press.







## STEP 4

When you have both sides of the hood with the center back stitched, take both pieces and with the RIGHT sides together, pin side ONE and side TWO of the hood, matching seams and stitch the front edge.







## **STEP 5**

Turn hood RIGHT side out and press.











## **STEP 6**

Baste the lower raw edges together like shown in the picture.







## STEP 7

Get one of the sides of piece 2 and stay-stitch the neck edge of front and back about 1/4'' seam allowance, from cut edge to help prevent stretching on curved edges.







## STEP 8

Repeat step seven for the other side of piece two.







## STEP 9

Get one of the sides of piece two (in this case I chose the velvet fabric, but it doesn't matter which one) and whatever you chose to be the tie for the front of the cape (ribbon, braided yarn with pom-poms at the end), pin it to the RIGHT side of the piece like shown in the picture at about 1" or 2" from the top edge.







## **STEP 10**

Make sure they are even and both sides at the same distance and baste.







## STEP 11

With RIGHT sides together, pin the hood to one of the sides of the cape at neck edge matching centers back and placing front edge of hood 3/8'' from front edge of poncho and baste.







## STEP 12

Take both pieces of the reversible cape and with RIGHT sides together and raw edges even, pin contrast cape to cape (over hood), matching centers.







### **STEP 13**

Stitch being careful not to catch in finished edge of hood or ribbon and leaving an opening to turn on lower edge of back as shown in the picture.







## STEP 14

We are almost done!  
Turn the cape RIGHT side out.







## **STEP 15**

Fold the opening edges about 5/8'' inside.







## STEP 16

Slip-stitch opening closed close to the edge with a matching thread.







## TIPS FOR THE RIBBON

For this design, I fell in love with this hand died velvet ribbon and I wanted to make it the main element of the cape. Since it was only one-sided, I doubled the quantity of the ribbon (3 yards total) and I sewed both wrong sides together around the edges so that when you turned the cape the any side you'd be able to see the beautiful velvet.



















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