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Cutie-pie little baby hats.....made from old sweaters. If you've never tried it, the bottom rim of sweaters makes a perfect hat brim. (Wanna see a really old tutorial of mine? [Go here](#). I turned an old sweater of mine into a hat back when my 2 older kiddos were so itty bitty. Wow, things have changed!)

And guess what? Today I have girl versions **AND** boy versions. Yay.



Turns out, the striped hat kept my little baby's ears nice and snugly on our way to Urgent Care over the weekend.

Funny how little ones can perk up and flash you a smile, all while feeling cranky and achy. But awww, those sick little eyes. Glad she's on the mend.



Good thing I made her 2 hats, so she can have a backup.



What **a fun way** to make your own little personalized hats though, right? Cheap too.



I can't look at old sweaters the same way any more. And yeah, they kinda don't stand a chance next to me and my scissors. Ha.





I love them all.



However.

The boy hats are baby size.....so my 3 year old boy can't wear them. But I just had to sew up a few in baby boy styles too. Just for fun.



Well, as long as you don't care about my little tag on the back. (*You can always pick it off and pretend you made it. Ha....I won't tell!*)



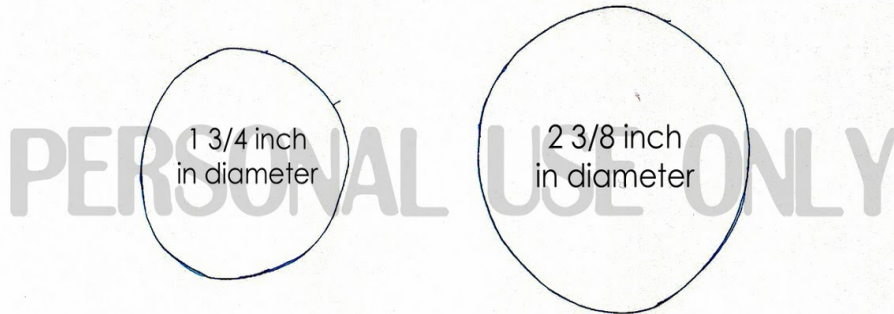
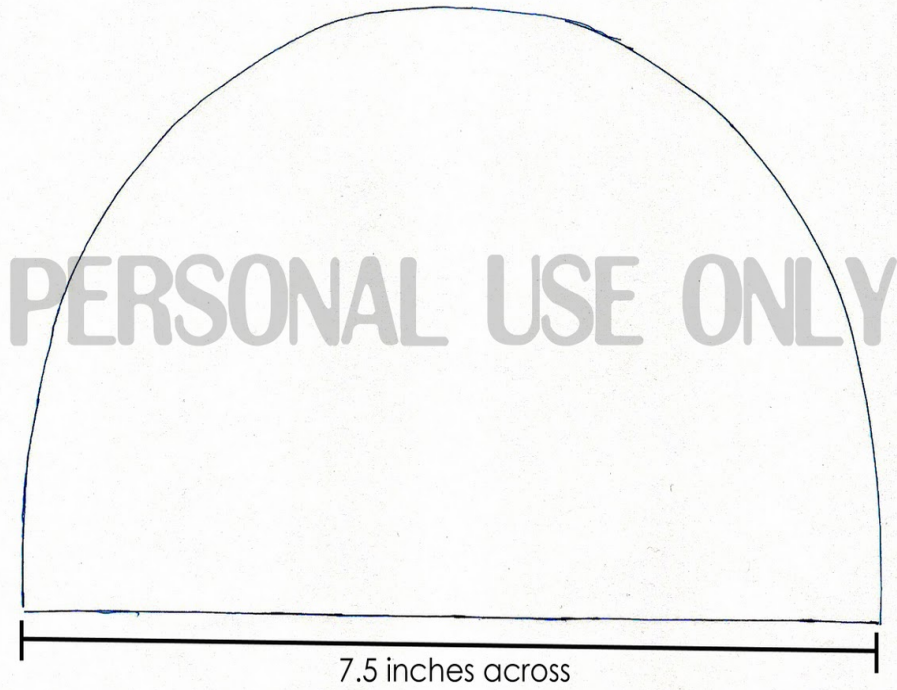
If you'd like to turn your own sweaters into little hats (even for you!), here's how:

First of all, you need sweaters. I have found that the best sweaters to use are the ones with ribbing along the bottom. That will give you a nice snug brim for the hat. Look in your closets, check out the hand-me-down pile, or look at your local thrift store. There's always an old sweater that needs a new life.



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Then, line up the bottom edges of the sweater (the front and back) and then cut out a nice rounded hat shape. Be sure that it's tall enough to cover the head and then come down to cover



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the ears.



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To make the argyle hat, cut two diamond shapes and iron some fusible adhesive onto the back). Iron the diamonds down onto the front hat piece and then stitch around each diamond, attaching it to the sweater. Then stitch a “V” shape and then an upside down “V” shape in another color.....creating that argyle look. I sewed the “V’s” two times each, to make them a bit bolder.



Next, place the 2 hat pieces together, with right sides together. Stitch all along the curve of the hat. Then either sew another straight stitch next to the first one.....or sew a zig-zag stitch. Sometimes sewing a zig-zag on woven sweater material can stretch it out, so increase your stitch length so that it jumps over more fabric. Otherwise, just stick to another straight stitch. Then trim the excess edges.

****HINT:** Pulling and a bit of rippling is normal while sewing old sweaters. Press flat with an iron and steam and that rippling will flatten out and sort of suck back into place.



Turn the hat right side out and then press again. Don't pull or stretch the sweater but press the iron straight down.



To make the pink hat with a bow, cut the hat pieces out the same way. Then, cut another strip of the sweater that is just a bit wider than the hat pieces and then twice as tall as you'd like your bow to be. Then fold the top and bottom edge of the strip towards the back.



Then turn that strip over and lay across the bottom edge of the front hat piece. Sew along both ends, attaching the strip to the hat.



Then, cut another little strip of sweater, wrap it around the center of the strip that you just attached to the hat. Then hand sew the two ends of that small strip closed, making sure that the strip is nice and snug, pulling the bow into a nice shape. Rotate the hand-sewn edges to the back side of the bow. Then sew the front and back hat pieces together to create your hat, just like shown above.



The navy blue hat just has 2 buttons sewn right to the hat, after the hat was all sewn together.



For the pom-pom hat, sew your hat together like the hats above.....but then cut some strips of knit fabric (that won't fray).



Cut those strips into shorter pieces.



Then group your little pieces together and then tie thread around the middle, nice and tight. Knot it closed.



Then bend all the little pieces upward and then wrap thread around the bottom, forcing the little pom-pom pieces to sit upwards.



Then hand-stitch the pom-pom right to the top of the hat.



And that's it.

A few new hats made from old sweaters.



I promise, they'll make you happy to make.

Nothing beats the whole “trash to treasure” thing. :)