



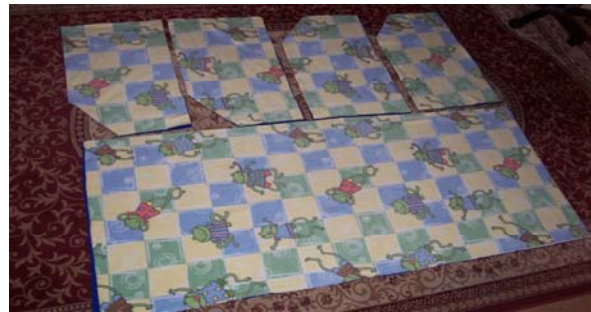
Dear Friends of our NICU Babies,

Some of our little babies are forced out of their nice, warm, dark, quiet moms before they are ready. You can help them have a part of that environment back by making isolette covers for them.

We found the easiest material to work with is the two layers of non-pilling polar fleece. We try to make one side a dark color and the other side bright and cheery. Whatever material you choose, it will need to be sturdy enough to go through the hospital laundry system.

Tips that we found to help make it easier:

- Make a few at a time with some friends.
- Cut both pieces of material at the same time. That way you only have to cut it once.
- When you cut the side door panels, be sure two of the four panels are mirrors of the other two.
- Sew the right sides together of the door panels first. Turn them and top stitch leaving the seam that attaches them to the main panel open.
- Mark the center of each side of the main panel where the door panels will over lap.
- Mark 15 inches up from the ends of the main panel on all four corners. This is where the door panels attached.



- Pin the door panels to the main panel, right sides together. Start at the 15” mark and pin towards the center mark. Repeat for each door panel. The door panels should overlap by 1-2”.
- Lay the last layer of the main panel on top and pin right sides together. Stitch all the way around except for 8-10” on one end so that you can turn it right side out. Turn it and top stitch.
- Don’t forget to put some love into the cover. You know babies can’t grow without love.

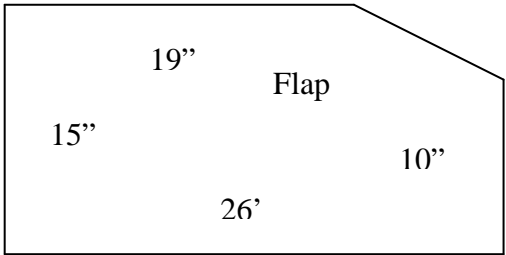
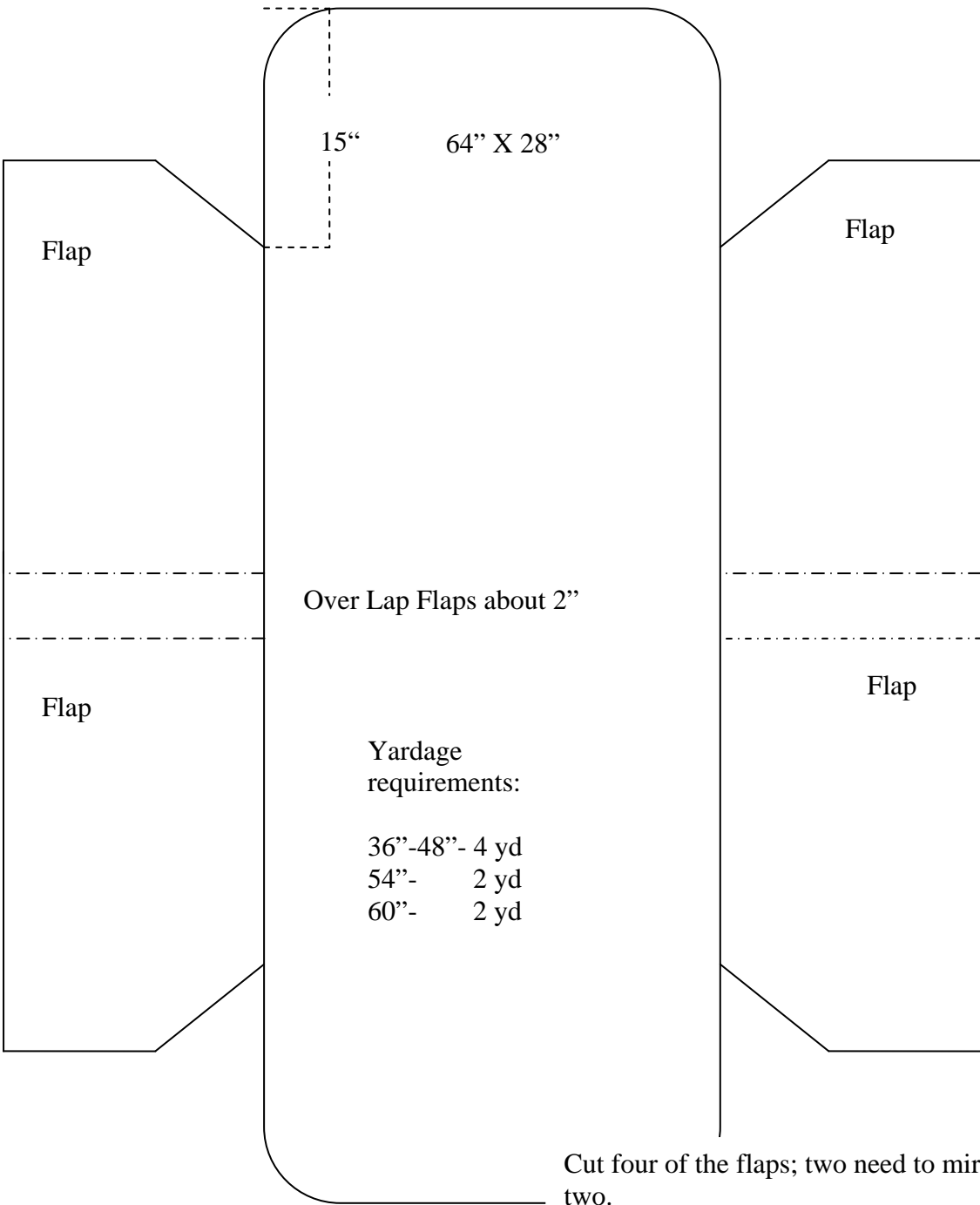


We appreciate your help. If you have problems, please contact Volunteer Services at Children’s Hospital Central California at 559-353-5222 and we will try to answer your questions. Let us know any tips you may find while making the isolette covers so we can pass them on with the pattern to other Friends of the NICU.

Sincerely,

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Children’s Hospital Central California

NICU ISOLETTE COVER



Cut four of the flaps; two need to mirror the other two.

These measurements give an inch hem. Use your discretion for finishing your edges according to your choice of materials.

The finished cover should block out as much light and sound as possible.

If you modify please let us know your changes so that we can make our pattern better.