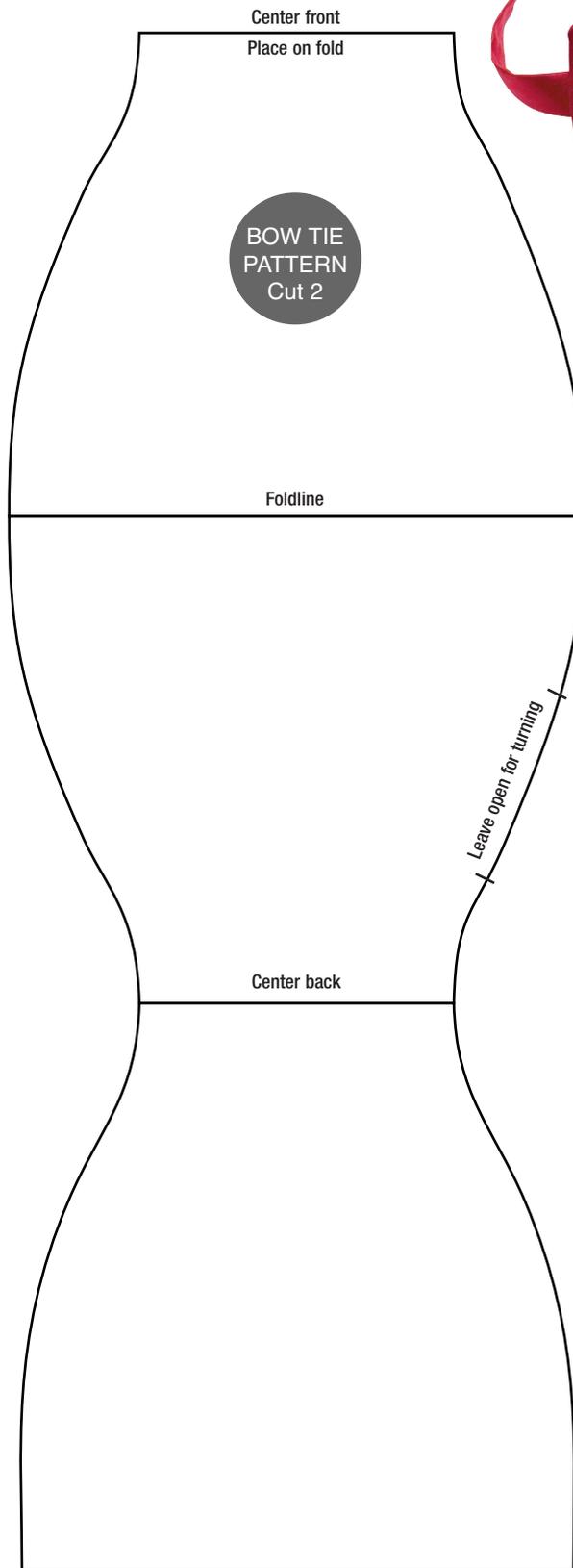


For the Boys



Bow ties are easy to make and cost less than ready-made ties. Buy $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of extra fabric when purchasing supplies for your purse, scarf or wrap, so his tie will perfectly match your accessories.

MATERIALS

- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of 45"-wide fabric
- Lightweight fusible-knit interfacing
- Hook and eye
- Matching all-purpose thread

Trace the pattern at left. Fuse the interfacing to the fabric wrong side. From the interfaced fabric, cut two ties using the pattern and one $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 22" neckband.

With right sides facing and using a short stitch length, stitch around the tie with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, leaving the edge open where marked. Clip the curves and trim across the corners.

Turn the tie right side out through the opening, carefully shaping the corners using a knitting needle or manicurist's orange stick. Press the edges flat, turn in the opening seam allowance and slipstitch closed.

Fold the tie in half widthwise, pin the center-back lines together, and stitch through all layers **(A)**. Rearrange the tie so the center front aligns with the center-back seam and the ends extend to each side; stitch through all layers **(B)**. Wrap thread around or use a small hair tie to gather the tie center; shape the bows on each side.

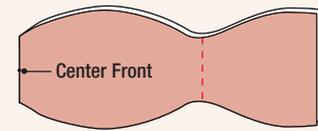
Cut a 2" x 3" strip from the fashion fabric. Fold in the lengthwise edges so they overlap about $\frac{3}{8}$ " and press. Wrap the strip around the tie center and stitch one end close to the tie edge. Turn under the opposite end, and slipstitch in place **(C)**. Leave the area open under the strip so the neck strap can be threaded through the back.

With right sides facing, fold the neck strap in half lengthwise, and stitch the long edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Turn the tube right side out; press, centering the seam on the back.

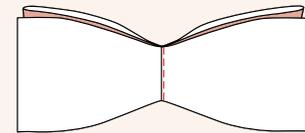
Trim the strap so it's 3" longer than the neck measurement. Turn in the ends $\frac{1}{2}$ " and slipstitch closed. Thread the neck strap through the tie center strip on the back.

Sew the hook to the underside of one strap end, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the end. Try the tie on the wearer and mark the location for the eye portion of the hook-and-eye assembly. Sew the eye in place.

A Align center-back lines and stitch



B Align center-front seam with center back; stitch through all layers



C Wrap strip around tie center and hand stitch to secure

