

## Do It Yourself baby play block!

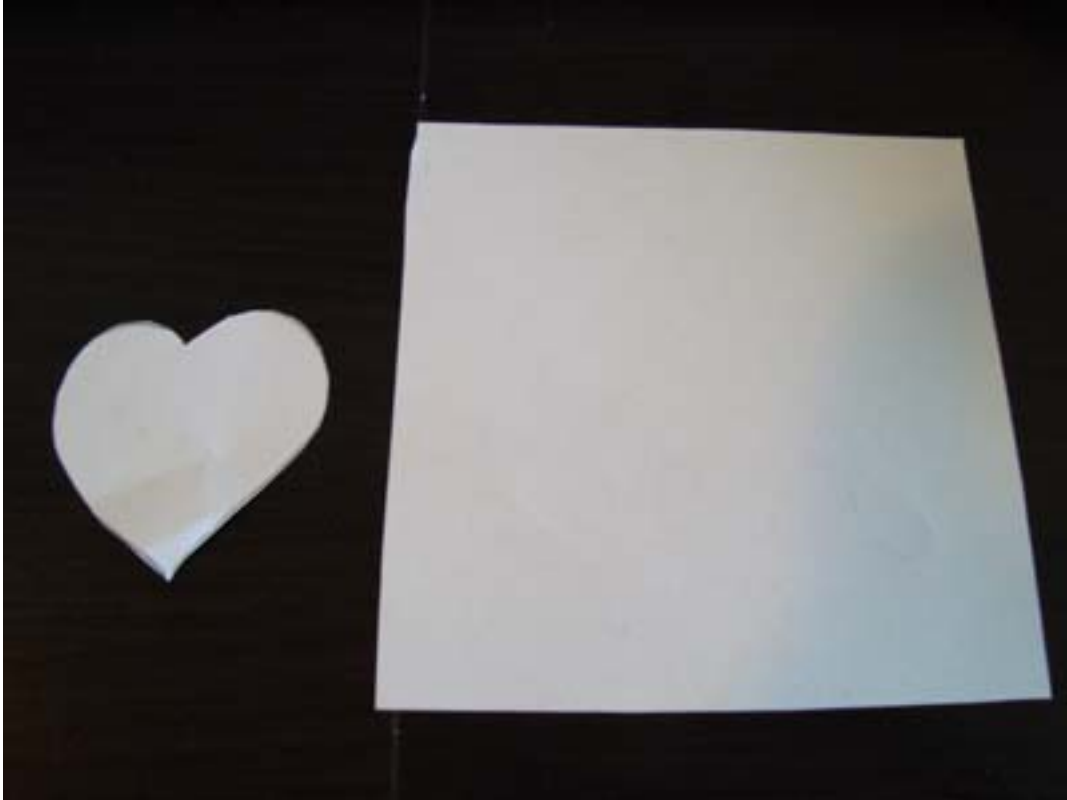
The original idea for baby play blocks was taken from excellent book called: Crafts for Baby from Alison Jenkins. Published by Parragon Books Ltd 2007. During the creation of my third (yeah, you read correctly!) block, I changed a few steps. Then I decided to try and present you a DIY tutorial using combination of more pictures and less text. Hope you will enjoy it as much as I was while making it.

This is a suggestion of how should the final product look :)



**Step1.**

Cut 6 pieces of paper, rectangular shape. The size of rectangle is optional. Mine is 10cmx10cm.



Cut the shapes of application that you want to use. I planned to have applications on four sides. There are going to be two hearts, one triangle and one house. Hope she (my daughter) will like it ;)

## **Step2.**

Measure your fabric and cut six peaces for one box. Please take a seam allowance of 1.5 cm. Use as many different fabrics as you have.



What I have learned about the kids is that they like a lot of colors and maybe a few sounds. However I do not know how to insert sound in a block (yet). Feel free to e-mail me your suggestions.

**Step3.**

Cut the applications that you want to apply on the play block.



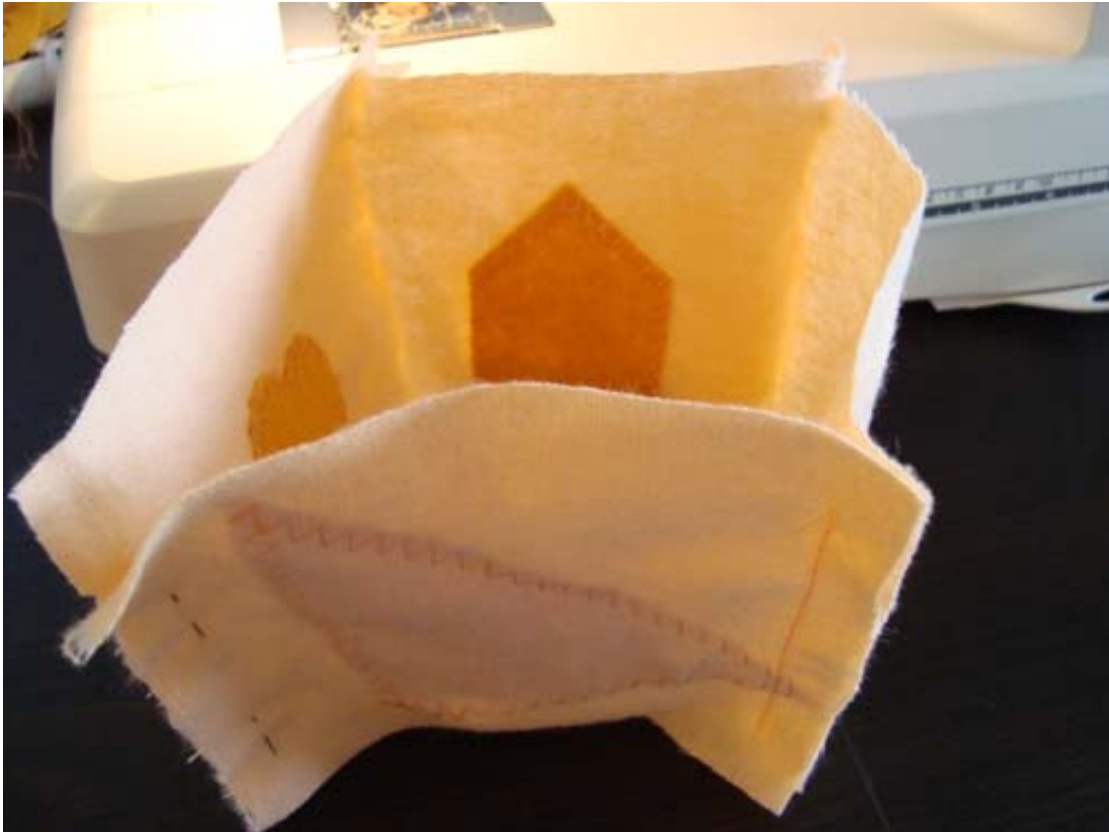
#### **Step4.**

Prepare your sewing machine for zigzag stitch setting and carefully stitch around prepared applications. Don't be slumpy as I was :) (Promise next time to be more careful).



### **Step5.**

Take the four fabric pieces that will form the sides. Pin them together and machine stitch them to form a cylinder (right side facing, but you already knew that ☺).



**Step6.**

Stitch together the top and bottom squares.





### Step6a.

Cut a small gap between the two corners to keep the corners neat.





**Step6b.**

Leave a small gap in the stitching at the centre of one of the seams.



### **Step7.**

Turn the block to the right side. Gently ease out the corners from inside. Stuff the block with filling. The filling is optional. You can use a toy filling or any fabric that you have. I usually use fabric remains from my other sewing projects e.g. baby diapers. This is pure cotton fabric and I always use it for baby projects.



### **Step8.**

Stitch the small opening in the seam using matching sewing thread.



This is the last step. Now it is time for you to test it. The final tester is your baby. Hope it will be a great success. All suggestions and questions about sewing process are welcome to be sent in my mailbox at: [jubistacha at gmail dot com](mailto:jubistacha@gmail.com).