

# Mawmaw's Tignon Sewing Instructions

## Materials Needed

- 1 yard or 2 coordinating half-yards of 100% breathable cotton fabric by Marillyn in the Moon
- Matching thread
- Printed Mawmaw's Tignon pattern by Peggy's Patterns
- Approximately 10½" of tarnish-resistant craft wire
- Wire cutters/small pliers
- Two pieces of twill tape, each 12" long and ½" - ¾" wide
- [One stretchy fabric headband in a coordinating color](#)
- [\(Optional\) ½" silicone no-slip headband](#)



## Step 1: Choose Your Fabric

Select a lightweight, breathable 100% cotton fabric. Marillyn in the Moon fabrics are ideal for this project and provide both comfort and style.

## Step 2: Print and Prepare the Pattern

- 1 Download the Mawmaw's Tignon pattern.
- 2 Tape the four pattern pages together following the alignment marks.
- 3 Before cutting, verify that the 1" x 1" test square measures exactly 1 inch by 1 inch. If it does not, adjust your printer settings and reprint.
- 4 Cut out the assembled pattern along the solid cutting line. The dotted line indicates the ¼" seam allowance.

## Step 3: Cut the Fabric

- 1 Fold your fabric with right sides together.
- 2 Align the pattern's Fold line with the folded edge of the fabric.
- 3 Cut two identical pieces: one front and one back.

## Step 4: Prepare the Wire

- 1 Cut one piece of tarnish-resistant craft wire approximately 10½ inches long.
- 2 Using pliers, create a small loop at each end of the wire.
- 3 Fold each loop back onto itself to eliminate any sharp edges.
- 4 Set the prepared wire aside until needed.



## Step 5: Create the Wire Pocket

- 1 Cut two pieces of twill tape, each 12 inches long.
- 2 Locate the shaded placement area on the pattern on the wrong side of the fabric (so that it is hidden on the inside).
- 3 Position the twill tape as indicated on the wrong side.
- 4 Stitch along both long sides and one short end, leaving the opposite end open to thread the wire.
- 5 This forms a pocket for the wire at the tails or bat wings of your tignon.
- 6 Repeat for the second side with twill tape.
- 7 Insert the prepared wire into the pocket, making certain both curled wire ends are completely enclosed before closing the opening.



**Step 6: Sew the Tignon**

- 1 Open the fabric pieces so they resemble a bat with the wings extended.
- 2 Place the two fabric pieces right sides together.
- 3 Sew or surge around the entire outer edge using  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance.
- 4 Leave the designated opening for your head unstitched for inserting the pre-purchased headband. You may want to surge or  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch hem the circular opening as it will be a clean edge to attach the pre-purchased headband.

**Step 7: Attach the Headband**

- 1 Take one of the pre purchase stretchy fabric headbands (see link) and affix on the inside or right side of the fabric. *(Optional) you may obtain a half inch silicone no slip headband and attach it to the stretchy prepurchase headband either sewn directly on the pre-purchased headband using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam or just wear it on your head prior to donning your tignon. This is a nice way to security a snug fit your hair is very thin.*
- 2 Now attaching the headband: align the stretchy headband at the back.
- 3 Insert the headband through the opening.
- 4 As you go around pinning from the inside of the tignon, the gather portion of the headband place at the front of the tignon opening (the same side where the wire pockets are located).
- 5 Pin evenly in place, stretching the headband as needed to distribute the fabric evenly. Stitch securely by sewing or surging around the opening  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the edge to permanently attach the headband.
- 6 Flip the tignon inside out.

**Wearing Your Mawmaw's Tignon**

Slip the headband/tignon over your head and tuck all your hair in snugly. With the wired section positioned at the sides (like ears) put both bat wings together and twist the bat ends together to form a cute bow on top for your desired look. Twist, fold, or sculpt the wired front into a bow, knot, or traditional tignon style. Adjust until comfortable and secure.

Your Mawmaw's Tignon is now ready to wear!



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