

# Reversible Striped/Patchwork Sling



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## Reversible Striped/Patchwork Sling

Creating stripes is very simple and creates great effects. You can create stripes on the tail of your sling (as in the picture on the title page) or create patchwork down the whole length of the sling. The other side should be a solid piece for strength. Below is an example of four colour stripes along the whole length of the sling.



Four colour stripe sling - Side A



Four colour stripe sling - Side B

## Materials needed

2-2.4m of light weight fabric for the solid colour side (eg cotton homespun, ramie linen, hankyweight linen, or silk). (see the Hipababy ring sling pattern at [hipababy.com](http://hipababy.com) for sizing information and suitable material).

For the patchwork side divide the total length of fabric by the number of stripes you want. For example divide your length by four for 4 colour stripes and add some extra length for seam allowance (12mm for each stripe). You can have even stripes or you can vary the width, suggestions for width of strips are given below.

You also require a pair of large sling rings.

## Sewing the Sling

- 1 - Cut the solid colour to your desired length and a 66-79cm width.
- 2 - Cutting the stripes: Cut each colour into a variety of small, medium, and large stripes. For the four colour stripe sling pictured above I used the following measurements.
  - Narrow stripes – 5.5cm
  - Medium stripes – 15cm
  - Large stripes – 28cm
- 3 - Spread the stripes out across the floor and arrange them until you have a pattern you are happy with. Stack the stripes in the order they are to be sewn.
- 4 - Sew stripes together with a 6mm seam. Press seams open.
- 5 - You now have two long pieces of fabric. Sew them together using the directions for a reversible sling found in the Hipababy ring sling pattern.

### Reversible Two Stripe Tail

I used this method for the double layered fushia chocolate stripe sling (pictured on the title page) as well as this ramie linen sling below where the design is repeated on the other side.



Side A



Side B

Make sure you patchwork the tail of the sling only. Because this is not a weight bearing part of the sling you can patchwork both sides if desired. Choose two colours and an accent fabric. Sew the stripes onto one short end of your long sling fabric and then repeat on the other side. Sew the sling together following the reversible sling instructions in the Hipababy Ring Sling Instructions.



Another example of a reversible two strip tail

### Quick stripe tail

A quick way to stripe the end of a single or double layer sling is to sew your stripes together and press a seam allowance all around, then simply topstitch it onto the end of the tail. If the sling is a double layer you may need to use different colours in the bobbin and top thread in your sewing machine to match the colours of the sling.



Quick stripe tail