

## **Diaper Cake with Embroidered Carousel Ponies**

Read through the ingredients, methods & pictures. Decide on the size, color scheme and theme to start "baking" your own diaper cake. Embroider and buy all ingredients according to this. \*Adding more diapers or a bigger size will influence the size of the cake. Remember to embroider a gift tag as well! Embroider a doily to go with the cake.

### **Diaper Cake – Two Tiers**

Ingredients!

- \*44 disposable Diapers/Nappies – new born – use any size you want.
- Baby socks - 2 pairs. Mine has a pretty pink lace trim!
- Baby bottle
- Rubber Bands
- 1 packet Elastic, ½" wide
- Baby Pins – pretty ones
- 1 packet safety pins (small)
- Comb and brush set
- Rattle
- Feeding set
- Baby Powder (medium size)
- Small baby lotion
- Small baby shampoo
- Small baby powder
- Cellophane wrapping – clear
- Ribbon to tie a big bow at the top - 2m (2yards any width)
- \*1 m x 90cm (1yard x 35"wide) White 100% Cotton Fabric for the embroidered bands
- \*Cake base / cake stand. Size - 36cm (14")
- \*3.5m (3 ¾ yards) Organza ribbon (any width)
- Baby shoes or booties
- Embroidery Designs – *Martha's Carousel Pony Collection by Louisa Meyer Originals*  
<http://www.secretsof.com/content/3236>
- Embroidery & bobbin threads for the above designs
- Medium weight tear away stabilizer
- Seam sealant
- Marking pen
- Scissors
- Glue gun

### **Instructions:**

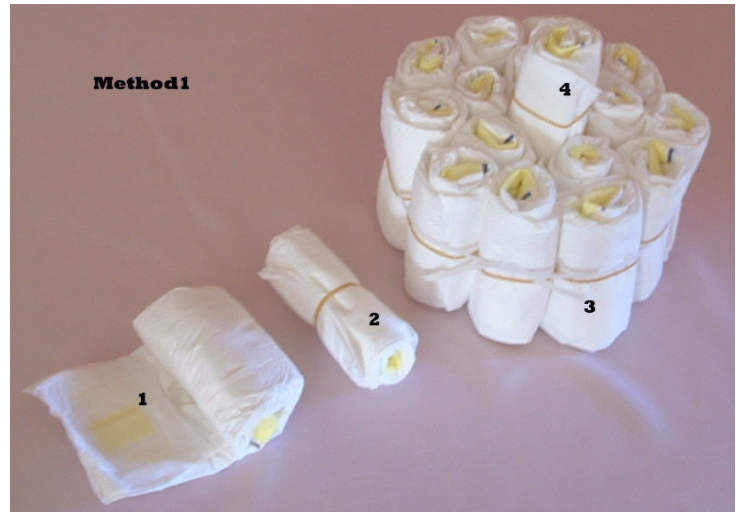
#### **The Diaper Cake**

First of all put the cake together using one of the two methods. \*The finished cake will determine the sizes of the embroidered bands, ribbons and also the cake stand/ base. Please read though both methods and decide which one to use.

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### **Method 1: Rolled diapers**

1. To form both layers – Open a diaper, do not flatten, roll up starting at the one end. *Do not overstretch the section with the elastic.*
2. Wrap a rubber band around the rolled diaper to stop it from unrolling
3. For the bottom layer - 29 rolled diapers are tied together with the elastic.
4. Repeat with the remaining 15 diapers for the top tier.
5. Put aside and embroider the bands.



### **Method 2: Layered Diapers**

- Start laying the diapers on their sides to form a round base. Keep on overlapping the previous diaper. For this you need another pair of hands until you have tied the elastic around the layer. Add all the diapers, overlapping the previous.
- Bottom layer – 29 diapers
- Repeat above for the smaller top tier – 15 diapers
- Make sure the shape stays round.

## **Embroidery**

Start embroidering the two bands which will cover the sides of both tiers

Cotton bands: Measure circumference of both tiers for the embroidered bands. Measure the height as well. Allow extra fabric to both sides for hooping. Mark where you want to do the embroidery.

Fold the bands in half- horizontally and mark. This will be the center line for all the designs

#### **Band for the bottom tier:**

I have embroidered the combined pony and stand as the main feature on the bottom tier – center front.

Repeat the Ponies and bows around the band. Space them evenly around.

Hoop fabric with stabilizer and embroider the motifs.

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**Band for the top Tier:**

Repeat & embroider the Bow designs, space them evenly around.

Embroider 3- 4 Pony Cameos in one hooping. Seal the scallop edges with seam sealant and cut out close to the satin edges. Do not remove the stabilizer. This will stiffen the cameos. Center and pin these between the embroidered bows. Pin in place with the small safety pins.

**Complete both bands.**

Hoop, stabilize and embroider the top edges with the "Iced edge" Design. Repeat this design as a continuous border on both layers top edge.

Remove all stabilizers, trim threads and cut to size, leaving 1" at the center backs as seams. Iron with spray starch for a crisp look.

Add ¼' seam allowances to both bottom edges and remove excess fabric. Seal and trim the top edge close to satin stitches.. Iron both bands on the wrong side. Fold under the seams on both bottom edges. Leave the center backs as both will be folded and pinned. No need to sew any seams.

Wrap embroidered bands around the tiers. Center backs - fold under 1" on one side only and pin in place using small safety pins. 2-3 will do.

Wrap the ribbons around both lower edges. Tie a pretty bow on each.

**Putting the layers together.**

Glue the baby powder in center of the cake base. Leave until dry. Depending on the method used remove a rolled or a few stacked diapers from the center of both layers. Refer to picture 1 #4. Stack these again in one of the layers again. Use this gap created to stack the layers on top of each other by sliding the bottom layer over the baby powder first and then the top layer. Stack the baby bottle on top of the powder. The two bottles keep the layers in place. If this is not high enough, add another baby product on top of the baby powder and then the baby bottle on top to give more height. The baby bottle should extend more than halfway above the top of the cake. Make sure both layers are centered over the bottles and the cake stand.

**Sock Roses:**

Roll sock 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s, starting from the toes. Push the remaining 1/3<sup>rd</sup> to the inside of the sock and you have a pretty sock-rose.

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### Decorating the “baked cake”

Hide all the gifts, this is the baby products and toys, by pushing them halfway down evenly spaced in both layers. Where there is an open space, stick in a sock rose. Space and pin the diaper pins between the embroidery on the bottom layer. Finish the cake top with the baby shoes or booties. Pin them onto the cake using the smaller safety pins. Wrap with the cellophane and tie a big bow at the top.

### All wrapped up!

Have fun with your embroidered diaper cake.



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