

MINIMUM-SEW UTHANDO DOLLS' CLOTHES

Making dolls' clothes is a good opportunity to use recycled materials. Children love sparkly things, softness, bright colours, pockets, buttons, ribbons. Some clothes will be played with by 60 children, other pieces may last a life time, loved by a single child.

To make these patterns you only need to know how to start and finish a line of running stitch with strong oversews. Experienced dollmakers may add embroidery, ricrac braid, lace, pieces of felt, appliqué.



TOP FOLDED OVER AT SHOULDERS

only requires some side seam stitching on the wrong side.

Make arms roomy so it is easy for dressing.

Vary the shape at the neck for fun.

For those with sewing experience, try cutting out two complementary coloured pieces to make it reversible. Leave the back hem open to turn inside out, then close. Use bias or a facing at the neck.



SKIRT WITH ELASTIC WAIST AND A POCKET makes use of a bordered fabric.

It is laid out here showing felt pocket already sewn on, hem with ricrac braid and top hem stitched for casing to hold the elastic. Join side seams.



PANTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS are the most complicated item you are likely to sew for a doll.

Cut out two of these folded shapes to amply fit across your doll. Allow for seams.

Stitch the two front and two back curved seams on the wrong sides. Flatten out the pants and stitch the centre leg seam from hem to crutch to hem. Turn over waist seam to take elastic. Can be altered to be shorts or long pants.



DRESS & STRETCH TOP WITH SKIRT

This pattern makes use of the stretch knit top cut on the shoulder fold in one piece.

Two pieces of the non-fray skirt are sewn on to the top allowing it to stretch a little, creating a gathered skirt. Sew up the side seams on the wrong side.

It is so easy for a child to dress a doll with this design. You can alter neck hole shape and that of the sleeves.

Measure the waist of your doll to give you the size to work with.
Add pockets for play.

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