

The Holiday Dress

Size 18 months



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I drafted and used it to make my daughters fall holiday and Christmas dresses. It was drafted to fit her, she is approximately size 18 months. This dress will fit a child with a chest measurement of approximately 20". My daughter is on the short side, if your child is tall, consider adding about 1" to the length of the dress.

You will need approximately 1 yard of main fabric, $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of lining fabric, and $\frac{1}{3}$ yard of coordinating fabric for the collar and sash. You will also need three $\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " buttons.

To make the dress you will need to print the last two pages of this tutorial with the pattern pieces for the bodice and collar. After printing, measure the 2" square on each page to ensure your pieces are the correct size.

The bodice front and back are on the same page. You can either print that page twice, cut the front on one page and the back on the second, or you can print once, cut the back pieces of both your lining and main fabrics then trim the extra off the pattern and cut the fronts.

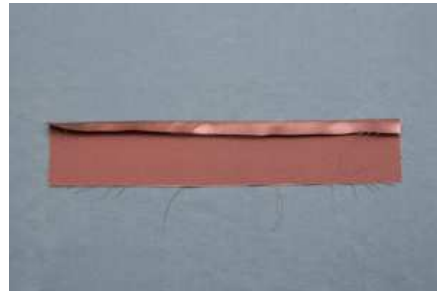
Cut the bodice and collar according to the instructions on the pattern pieces. You will also need the rectangular pieces listed in the chart below.

Skirt	Cut 2 rectangles 12" x 30"
Front sash	Cut 1 rectangle 11" x 2.5"
Sash Ties	Cut 2 rectangles 25" x 4"



*** All seam allowances are ½" ***

Fold the top of the front sash down ½" and press



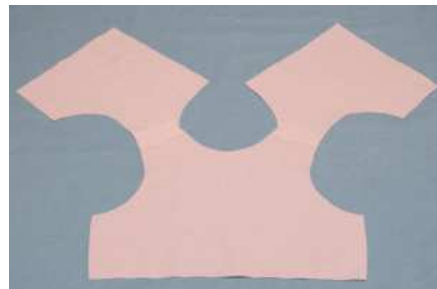
Top stitch the sash to the bottom of the bodice front



Pin and sew the bodice together at the shoulders. Repeat with the lining pieces.



Press the seams open at the shoulders.



Pin your collar pieces right sides together and sew around the outside, leave the inside curve open.

Trim the seam allowance and notch the curves. Turn the collars right side out and press.



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Pin the collar to the bodice. The collar should meet and center front and end about $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the back.

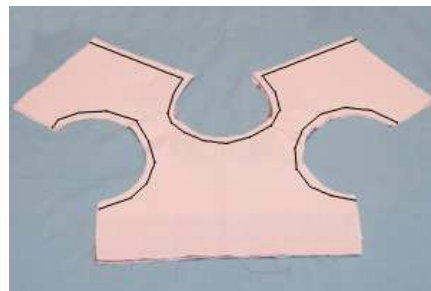
Baste the collar in place.



Fold the ends of the collar in and pin them so they don't get sewn into the arm holes.



Put your bodice and lining pieces right sides together and sew up the back and round the neck hole and around the arm holes.



Clip the seam allowance at the corners and in the curves.



Turn the bodice right side out through the shoulders and press it.



Lift the collar and topstitch beneath it along the neckline.

You can sew your button holes at the back now or wait until the end.



Fold the sash ties right sides together, cut one end at a 45 degree angle. Sew along the angled and long edge.

Turn the sashes right side out, press them and topstitch around the edges.



Baste the sashes to the bodice front, lining them up with the top of the front sash.



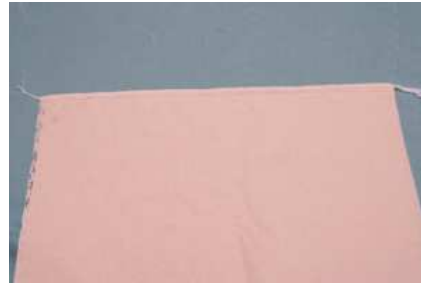
Pin the sides together lining up the seams.
Sew the sides of the bodice.



Overlap the back of the bodice about 1/2" and baste in place along the bottom.



Put the two skirt pieces right sides together and sew along the short sides.



Gather the top of the skirt to fit the bodice.
Pin the skirt to the bottom of the bodice with the right sides together and sew the skirt to the bodice.



Finish the seam, and press it up towards the bodice.

Topstitch along the bottom of the bodice.



Sew your buttons on the back.



2"

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Holiday dress bodice

cut one front of lining and
one front of main on fold
cut two back of lining and
two back of main

center front - place on fold

cut here for back

