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SEW LIKE MY MOM

THE KATIE DRESS



The possibilities are endless with this adorable dress pattern designed for 18” dolls. Impress the little lady in your life with a one-of-a-kind creation made by especially for her by YOU!

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Materials needed:

- 1/3 yard fabric
- matching thread
- 34" rick rack or piping
- 7" zipper

All seams are 1/8" unless otherwise noted

SEWING DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut 2 bodice pieces on the fold. Cut 1 skirt.



2. With bodice pieces right sides together, sew the neck and armholes.



3. Clip the curves. I like to use pinking shears!



4. Using a chopstick or dowel (or pencil, etc), turn the top right side out by pushing the back pieces through the shoulder.



Press.



5. Top stitch the neck hole.



6. With right sides together, sew the bodice at the side.





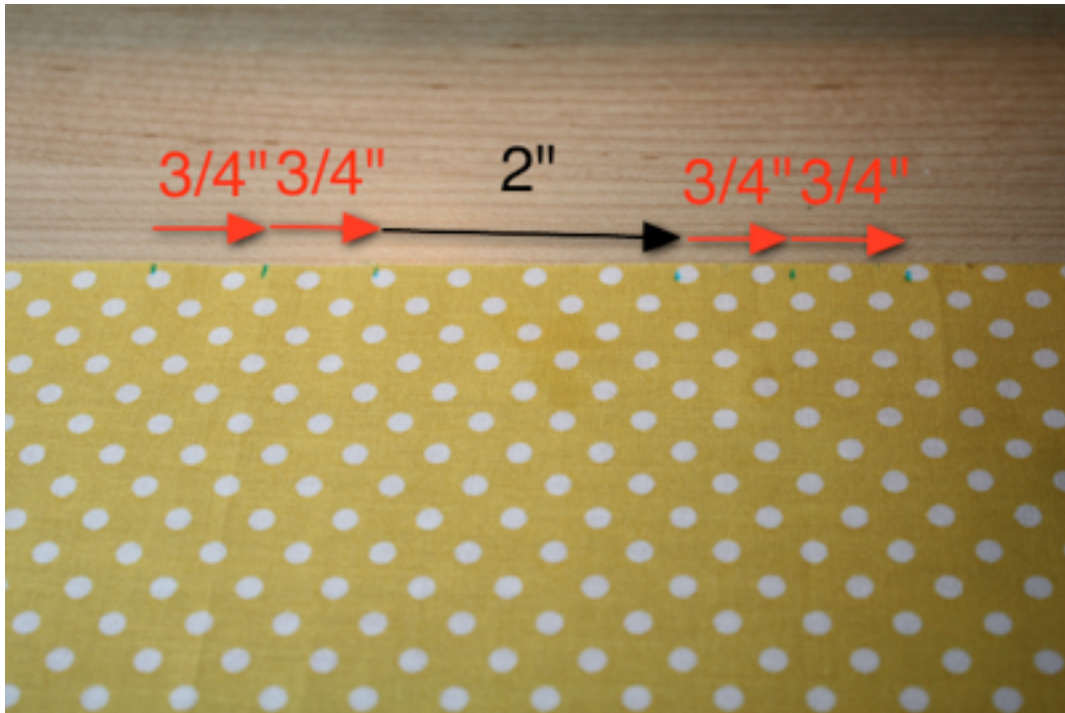
7. Repeat on the other side. Press seams towards the middle. You should now have a constructed top.



8. Top stitch the arm holes.



9. Lay your skirt piece out flat. Transfer markings from the pattern piece, making sure to mark on both sides of the fold. You should have 5 sets of marks, all 2" apart from each other.



10. Start with the left-most set of marks. Fold the left mark to the middle one and pin.



11. Then fold the right mark to the middle and pin.



12. Continue for all 5 sets. Press the pleats to help them stay in place.



13. Sew a basting stitch 1/8" from the top edge of the skirt.



14. Attach rick rack* to the bottom edge of the dress top. To do this, line the rick rack up with the bottom edge, being careful to line it up as straight as possible, and sew at 1/8" seam allowance.



15. Sew the dress top and bottom together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



16. Press the seam towards the top. Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the seam on the front of the dress.



17. Attach rick rack to the bottom edge of the skirt the same way you did the top of the dress, making sure the edges are even.



18. Turn the dress over and fold the rick rack back at the seam you just stitched. Press.



19. Turn the dress back to the right side and stitch 1/8" from bottom to secure the rick rack.



20. The dress front is now complete!



21. With right sides together, sew a seam down the entire back of the dress at 3/8" seam allowance.



22. Open and iron flat.



23. Sew in your zipper. To do this, place the zipper, teeth side down, on the seam. Use your zipper foot (I don't, so do as I say, not as I do!) to sew down one side of the zipper.



24. Sew about 5 inches down, and turn 90 degrees, to sew across the zipper itself. I like to sew back and forth a few times to make a strong end to the zipper.



25. Turn 90 degrees again and sew up the other side of the zipper.



I like to match the top of my zipper with the top of my garment. So cut off the excess at the top of the zipper. I then heat seal this with a lighter to keep it from fraying.



26. Turn the dress around and using a seam ripper, carefully open the seam to reveal the zipper.



Heat seal the ends of the rick rack...



And you're finished! Admire your completed Katie Dress!



*To make the Katie Dress with piping instead of the rick rack, attach with the same seam allowances, making sure to top stitch on the front of the dress to secure the piping in place.

