

Doll Dress Class

From *Doll Days! Sew an Everyday Wardrobe for 18" Dolls* by Erin Hentzel

Class Description

Create a Party Dress from *Doll Days!* This not-so-basic pattern can be used as a base to create many different looks and be used to teach new skills to your customers.

A wonderful class for confident beginners and up, and is appropriate for both adult and children's classes (ages 10+).

This class is a great way to introduce gathering to beginning students or teach students a new skill, such as hemming with lace, create a pleated hem, adding picot lace trim, or using a narrow hem presser foot to hem sleeves and dresses.

Class Length

This is approximately a 2 hour class.

Class Supply List

Required text: *Doll Days! Sew an Everyday Wardrobe for 18" Dolls*

Vintage Party Dress:

1/3 yard of quilting cotton fabric, or other appropriate fabric

Scrap at least 10" x 11" (can be solid quilting cotton)

1/4 yard hook and loop tape

Matching thread

In addition:

View A: scraps for collar and sleeve bands

View B: scrap of coordinating fabric for sleeves and 1/4 yard elastic (1/4" wide)

Optional embellishments: such as coordinating fabric for ruffles, contrast hems, rick rack, lace, or picot trim

TIP: Make it even easier for students to take the class by offering project kits for students to purchase. Basic kit should include 1/3 yard, hook and loop tape, scrap (or fat quarter) of lining fabric, and matching thread, plus any embellishments or scraps of fabric for specific dress view.

Classroom Preparation

Classroom should include a workspace for each student, which includes a sewing machine and a small cutting/work space.

A common ironing station is also needed.

Class Agenda

Help students decide what embellishments they want to do, such as lace along neckline and hem, or ribbon for sash.

Vintage Party Dress, follow instructions on pages 43-44

1. Use the pattern to cut out fabric pieces, pullout page P1, and skirt and sleeve band pieces.
2. Sew the shoulder seams on the bodice and lining.
3. Sew any neckline embellishments, such as collar or lace
4. Sew the lining to the bodice, turn right side out, and press.
5. Baste together lining and bodice along raw edges.
6. Sew the sleeves to the bodice.
7. Finish the sleeve hems according to the view student is sewing.
8. Sew the side seams.
9. Gather and sew the skirt to the bodice.
10. Hem and sew the back closure.
11. Sew any additional embellishments.

