

Class Plan - 18" Doll Sundress

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

Class Description

Create a Modern-Vintage Sundress from Doll Days! This sundress pattern can be easily embellished to create many different looks, and it can be used to teach new skills to your customers or sell specialty tools, notions, and kits.

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 sewing with rick rack trim, hemming with lace, create a pleated skirt, or using a narrow hem presser foot for hemming.

Class Length

This is approximately a 2-hour class

Class Supply List

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

Modern-Vintage Sundress:

Dress and straps: 1/4 yard of fabric

Waistband: long, narrow scrap of complimentary fabric

Lining: scrap of lightweight fabric, such as muslin or batiste (quilting cotton will also work)

Hook-and-loop tape (1/2" wide): 1/4 yard

View A: Collar: scrap of fabric and 1/4" buttons (2)

View B: Rickrack (1/2" wide): 1 1/4 yards

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

Kits: Make it even easier for students to take the class by offering project kits for students to purchase. Basic kit should include 1/4 yard fabric, 1 fat quarter of coordinating print or solid, hook and loop tape, scrap (or a fat eighth) of lining fabric, and matching thread, plus any embellishments for specific dress view. These kits can also be a great way to use up your scrap bin fabrics.

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 add, such as rick rack along neckline and hem, or ribbon for sash.

Modern-Vintage Sundress, follow instructions on pages 22-23

1. Use the pattern to cut out fabric pieces, pullout page P1, and also skirt and waistband pieces.
2. Sew any neckline embellishments, such as collar or rick rack.
3. Sew the straps and baste them to the bodice front.
4. Sew the side seams on the bodice and lining.
5. Sew the lining to the bodice, turn right side out, and press.
6. Sew the straps to bodice back.
7. Baste together lining and bodice along raw edges.
8. Sew the waistband to the bodice.
9. Gather and sew the skirt to the lower edge of the waistband.
10. Hem and sew the back closure.
11. Sew optional embellishments, such as buttons or rickrack hem.

