

# Gigi's Fabric Shop

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## “Ginger” Dress by Violette Field Threads

**Short Description:** Fun sundress for little girls, available in sizes 2T-10.

**Long Description:** This fun dress features lined bodice with a halter tie neck, optional collar, contrasting bodice inset, optional side tabs with buttons, an elastic back and patch pockets. This dress is a great way to use your fat quarters and fun remnants, and can also be made as a top to wear over shorts. Great for a beginner or an advanced sewist.

**Date:** Three part class on Sundays, May 6, 20, and 27.

**Time:** 1-3pm

**Pattern:** “Ginger” by Violette Field Threads, available for purchase and PDF download only: <https://violetfieldthreads.com/products/ginger-dress-top-pattern>

### You will learn:

- Pattern Layout and cutting techniques including pattern matching and “fussy cutting”
- Using interfacings
- Specialized stitch techniques including stay stitching, topstitching, and gathering
- Elastic insertion
- Seam finishing techniques including French seams, pinked seams
- Lining a bodice
- Patch pockets
- Hem techniques

### Materials Needed:

-Cotton Fabric as listed on the pattern for your chosen size. A few things to keep in mind with your fabric and size selection:

- If you are new to sewing clothing, a solid color or small, busy print will be easier to manage than a large bolder print. If you love a big, bold print, go for it- just buy a little more yardage so

we can match the pattern on the dress seams.

- Quilting cotton or cotton lawn is a great choice for your first version of this dress. The sample in the shop is made with quilting cottons. This dress is great for incorporating a couple fat quarters that harmonize with your main skirt fabric.
  - Please measure your little one and reference Violette Field Threads' size chart to choose the appropriate yardage: <https://violettefieldthreads.com/pages/get-started>. This dress allows for 2-3 inches of stretch when the elastic is inserted, so plan to sew the size that corresponds with your child's actual measurements. There is also a video on how to measure your little one provided by Violette Field Threads at the link above.
  - 2x 1-inch buttons (optional, if you want to incorporate size tabs)
  - 1 yard of 1/2-inch wide elastic
  - thread to match each fabric you chose
  - Optional: I incorporated 1/3 yard of SFIOI to give the bodice a bit more body. This is not called for in the pattern
  - Optional: eyelet or lace trim for bodice sides and pockets.
- Prewash: Please wash all fabric as you would when laundering the finished dress. Tumble dry and press, and hang gently folded on a hanger to avoid heavy creases before coming to class.

### **Homework PRIOR TO CLASS:**

- Wash, Dry and Press your fabric.
- Order, download, print and assemble the PDF pattern pieces. You may print at home or take the file to a local print shop and have it printed for you. If you are new to assembling a PDF pattern, there is a guide in the pattern on page 6 of the instructions.
- Cut out the pattern paper (not the fabric) for the size you will be making. If you think you will make this dress again in a larger size later, cut out the largest size. We will trace the smaller size in class to preserve your pattern. If you aren't sure which size to cut, we can cut it together in class. We will be cutting the fabric in class.
- Wind one bobbin for each of the thread colors you will be using.

### **Supplies Needed for Day of Class:**

- Sewing Machine in working order
- Straight pins and a pin cushion. Thicker quilting pins are not ideal for garment sewing- you want finer pins with a sharp point.

- fabric scissors and paper scissors
- pinking shears (optional)
- thread snips (optional)
- buttonhole foot for your machine (optional)
- seam ripper
- tweezers
- measuring tape
- pencil, chalk, or air erasable fabric marker (optional)
- quilting ruler (optional)
- quilting “between” hand sewing needle (optional)
- thread wax or conditioner (optional)

**\*Doors open 15 minutes prior to class**

**\*Do you need to rent a machine? Please call the shop and let us know at least 24 hours prior.**

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