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"Maisie" Dress by Violette Field Threads

Short Description: Pretty dress for little girls, available in sizes 2T-10. This dress is also available in "tween" sizes 10, 12, 14, and 16.

Long Description: This pretty sundress dress features lined bodice with a round neckline that scoops beautifully in the back. It has a full gathered skirt and the option for short or three-quarter length sleeves that tie with a bias tape bow. The pattern can also be made into a top to wear over shorts or leggings. Maisie is a versatile pattern and looks great in quilting cottons for a casual play dress to dupioni silk for a special occasion. This dress is a wonderful project for a beginner or a more experienced sewist!

Date: Three part class on Sundays, April 8, 15, and 22.

Time: 1-3pm

Pattern: "Maisie" by Violette Field Threads, available for purchase and PDF download only:

Size 2T-10: <https://violetfieldthreads.com/products/maisie-dress-and-top>

Tween Sizes 10, 12, 14, and 16: <https://violetfieldthreads.com/products/maisie-dress-tween>

You will learn:

- Pattern Layout and cutting techniques including pattern matching and "fussy cutting"
- Centered zip insertion using a zipper foot
- Specialized stitch techniques including stay stitching, understitching, topstitching, and gathering
- Using bias tape (or making your own if you prefer a more custom look)
- Seam finishing techniques including French seams, pinked seams, and bias bound seams
- Lining a bodice
- 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 this dress. The sample in the shop is made of cotton lawn. This dress works really well with a solid top and a printed fabric for the skirt.
- Please measure your little one and reference Violette Field Threads' size chart to chose the appropriate yardage: <https://violetfieldthreads.com/pages/get-started>. This dress is designed with a slim fit in the bodice, so as per the size guide on the pattern, you will need to add two inches to your child's chest measurement and chose the size with the corresponding "finished measurements". For example, if I measured a 23-inch chest, I would chose the size 5 with a finished chest measurement of 25 inches. There is also a video tutorial provided by Violette Field Threads at the above link on how to measure your child.
- 1 package of 1/2" wide double fold bias tape to match main dress fabric
- 1 7-inch zipper
- thread to match the fabric and bias tape you chose
- Optional: 1 quilting "between" needle for a hand stitched hem. Not required if you would like to machine stitch the hem.
- Optional: Thread wax for hand stitching the hemline, if desired.

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.
- Freezer paper (can be purchased in the grocery store with the tin foil and parchment paper). If you can't find it, I will have some in class to share.
- fabric scissors and paper scissors
- pinking shears (optional)
- thread snips (optional)
- zipper foot for your machine
- 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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