



Girl's Dress & Shoulder Bag

Finished Sizes: Dress – 21" (length)

Shoulder Bag – 1 1/2" x 5" x 6"

Supplies Needed

- 1 Super Singles (2 - 36" x 42" pcs.)
- 1 pkg. Elastic, 1/4"
- 1 pkg. Cover buttons/tools - size 30 (3/4")
- Cardboard - 1 1/2" x 5" (shoulder bag bottom)
- Coordinating thread
- Chalk pencil
- Craft glue
- Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies
- Iron
- Safety pin

Instructions

Before you begin: Read directions completely before beginning project. Use a 1/2" seam allowance unless otherwise noted. Finish seams using zigzag or serge stitching.

Cutting

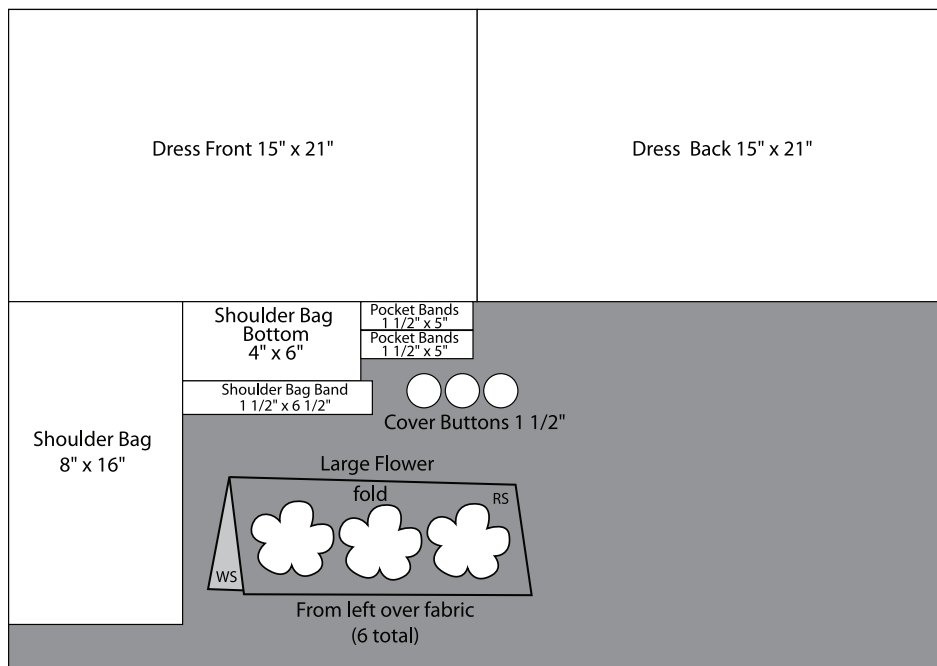
(Note: Label pieces after cutting.)

Fabric A:

- 2 - 15" x 21" (dress front & back)
- 1 - 8" x 16" (shoulder bag)
- 1 - 4" x 6" (shoulder bag bottom)
- 1 - 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" (shoulder bag band)
- 2 - 1 1/2" x 5" (pocket bands)
- 6 - Large flowers (use template)
- 3 - 1 1/2" Cover button circles (use template)

(Note: To cut flowers using leftover fabrics, fold fabric piece with wrong sides together, pin the templates to the fabric, and cut out shape to create three two-sided flowers of each size. (See cutting charts.)

Fabric A



Care instructions: Machine wash in cold water, gentle cycle; tumble dry low or hang to dry. Warm iron if needed.



Cutting (continued)

Fabric B:

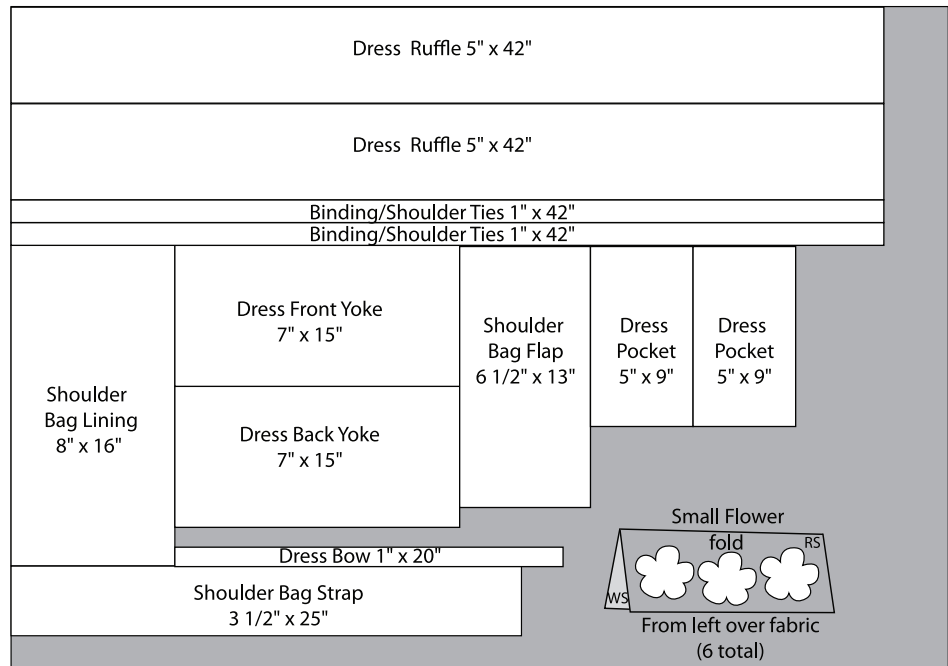
- 2 - 5" x 42" (dress ruffle)
- 1 - 8" x 16" (shoulder bag lining)
- 1 - 1" x 42" (dress bindings/shoulder ties)
- 1 - 6 1/2" x 13" (shoulder bag flap)
- 1 - 3 1/2" x 25" (shoulder bag strap)
- 2 - 7" x 15" (dress front & back yoke)
- 2 - 5" x 9" (dress pockets)
- 1 - 1 1/2" x 20" (dress bow)
- 6 - Small flowers (use template)

Sewing

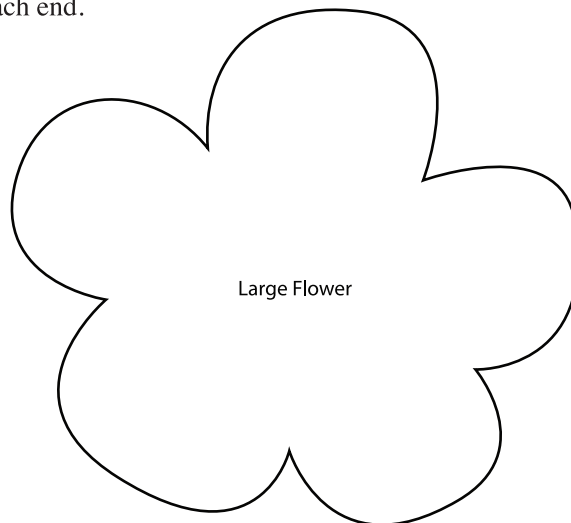
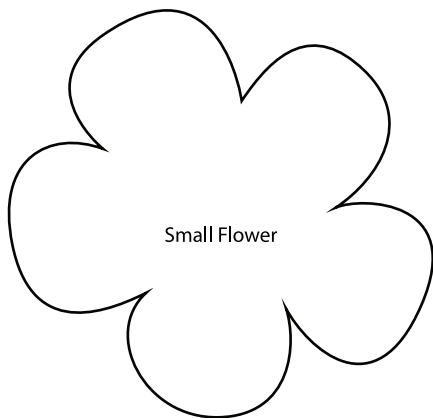
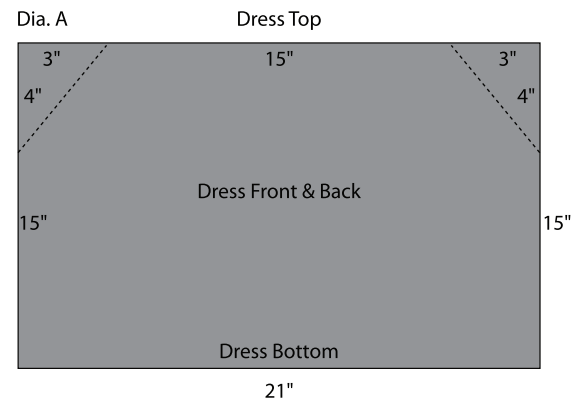
Dress:

1. Measure in 3" from each side on one long edge of dress front and mark using a chalk pencil. Measure down 4" from the top on each side and mark. Draw a line connecting the marks on each side. Trim off each corner by cutting along the line (Dia. A). Repeat for dress back.
2. Fold the yoke front with wrong sides together so that long edges meet; press and baste. Repeat for yoke back.
3. On the right side of the dress front, place the yoke front on the top edge with raw edges even; sew. Press seam toward dress. Repeat for yoke back.
4. Measure 3/8" from folded edge of yoke and topstitch to create top casing.
5. Measure 3/8" from bottom seam of yoke and topstitch to create bottom casing (Dia. B).
6. Cut two pieces of elastic 7 1/2" (half the width of the yoke) for the top casings. (*Note: Yoke width can be adjusted by lengthening or shortening elastic pieces.*) Attach safety pin to one end of elastic and feed one piece through each top casing; stitch securely at each end.

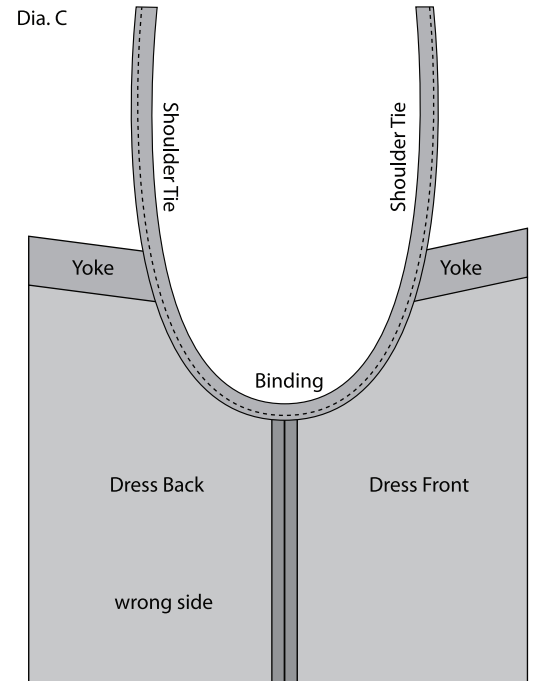
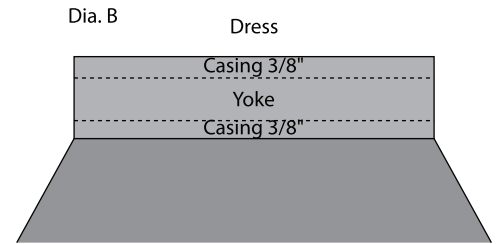
Fabric B



Dia. A



7. Cut two pieces of elastic 9 1/2" (top elastic measurement + two inches) for the bottom casings and feed through bottom casings
8. Place dress front and back with right sides together; sew side seams. Press seam open.
9. Fold bindings/shoulder ties so that short edges meet to find the center; mark. With wrong sides together, fold so that long edges meet; press. Open and press all edges in 1/4" to the wrong side.
10. On the wrong side of the dress, pin the right side of the binding/shoulder tie along the underarm edge, matching the center mark to the side seam; sew using a 1/4" seam. Fold the binding over to the right side of the dress; baste.
11. Pin the shoulder ties with pressed edges even and topstitch close to the edge, continuing along binding to the other end of shoulder tie. Repeat for the other binding/shoulder tie (Dia. C).
12. Fold each dress ruffle piece in half so that short edges meet; mark at the fold to indicate the center of the ruffle top. Repeat to mark the center along the bottom edge of the dress front & back.
13. Place dress ruffle pieces with right sides together; pin short ends and sew. Hem the bottom edge (without the center mark) by pressing the edge under 1/4" to the wrong side. Fold under 1/4" again to the wrong side; topstitch.
14. Stitch 1/4" from the top edge of the dress ruffle using a long stitch for gathering. Stitch again 1/2" from the top edge. Pull bobbin threads to gather edge.
15. With right sides together, place gathered edge of ruffle along bottom edge of dress, matching center marks and side seams. Adjust gathers evenly; sew.
16. Fold pocket bands in half with wrong sides together, so that long edges meet; press. Open and press both long edges 1/4" to wrong side; fold in half again so that pressed edges meet; baste. Repeat for second pocket band.
17. Place a band 2" from one short edge of each pocket and topstitch in place.
18. Fold each pocket in half with right sides together so that short edges meet. Sew around side and bottom edges, leaving a 1" opening at the bottom for turning. Trim corners and turn right side out; sew opening closed and press. Repeat for second pocket.
19. For pocket placement, measure 3" from bottom seam and 3" from side seam. Pin and topstitch pockets to dress.
20. Place two small flowers with wrong sides together and topstitch 1/8" from edge. Repeat to create another small flower and two large flowers.
21. Cover two buttons following manufacturer's instructions. Layer a small flower on top of a large flower, center on top of the pocket band and pin. Sew a button to the center of the flowers, stitching through all layers. Repeat for other pocket.
22. Press dress bow in half so that long edges meet. Open and press all edges 1/4" to the wrong side. Fold in half so that pressed edges meet; topstitch. Tie a bow, center at the bottom of yoke and hand stitch in place.





Shoulder Bag:

1. Fold shoulder bag with right sides together so that short edges meet; sew sides. Box bottom by bringing center bottom of bag to side seam (right sides together) and mark 3/4" from point. Stitch from edge to edge (Dia. D). Repeat for shoulder bag lining, but leave a 3" opening on one side for turning.
2. Fold shoulder bag band in half with wrong sides together, so that long edges meet; press. Open and press both long edges 1/4" to wrong side; fold in half again so that pressed edges meet; baste.
3. Pin shoulder bag band 4 1/2" up from one short edge of shoulder bag flap on the right side; topstitch close to band edges (Dia. E).
4. Fold flap with right sides together so that short edges meet; sew sides. Turn right side out; press and topstitch 1/4" from edges.
5. Center the flap on one side of the shoulder bag (right side) with cut edges even; pin and sew. (*Note: Place the side of the flap with the band toward the shoulder bag.*)
6. Fold strap in half lengthwise and press. Open and press long edges 1/4" to wrong side; fold so that pressed edges meet and topstitch. Then topstitch folded edge.
7. Center each end of the strap over a side seam on the right side of the bag with edges even; pin and sew.
8. Place lining inside shoulder bag with right sides together and top edges even; pin and sew. Turn right side out through opening in lining; hand stitch opening closed; press and topstitch close to top edge.
9. Place two small flowers with wrong sides together and topstitch 1/8" from edge. Repeat to create a large flower.
10. Cover a button following manufacturer's instructions. Layer a small flower on top of a large flower, center on top of the flap band and pin. Sew button to the center of the flowers, stitching through all layers.
11. Center cardboard bottom on wrong side of shoulder bag bottom. Wrap fabric over edges and glue. Place at bottom of shoulder bag.

