

# **Project Instructions**

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# Pretty Pieces Dress

Finished Project Size: 2T to 4T

## Supplies Needed

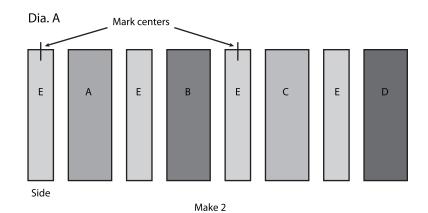
- 1 Bundle (5 18" x 21" pcs.)
- 1 Coordinating toddler t-shirt
- 3 Coordinating buttons
- Coordinating thread
- 1/2 yd. Ribbon 3/8"
- Rotary cutter, mat, & acrylic ruler
- Pinking shears (optional)
- Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies
- Iron
- Pencil

### Instructions

**Before you begin:** Pre-wash and press bundle fabrics and t-shirt. Read all instructions before beginning project. Use a 1/2" seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together unless otherwise noted. Zigzag, serge, or pink all seams to finish raw edges.

**Cutting** (width dimension listed first)

Fabrics A - D: 2-6" x 17" (skirt panels) Fabric E: 8-2" x 17" (panel inserts)



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Care Instructions: Wash in cool water, tumble dry low heat.



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#### **Piecing**

- 1. Lay out two sets of skirt panels and panel inserts for skirt front and back; sew panels together (Dia. A).
- 2. On wrong side of fabric, use pencil to mark center top edges of the first and third panel inserts of each set to indicate sides and centers (Dia, A).
- 3. Sew skirt front and back together along sides. Press all seams toward the skirt panels.
- 4. Use a long machine stitch to sew two rows of stitching 1/4" apart along top edge of skirt for gathering. Start and stop sewing at side seams, leaving thread tails for gathering. (*Note: The top edge has markings on inserts.*)
- 5. Measure 2 1/2" below armhole seams of the t-shirt and cut off bottom edge (Dia. B). Fold t-shirt in half, matching side seams; mark front and back centers with pins.
- 6. Place bottom edge of t-shirt inside top edge of skirt with raw edges together (Dia. C). Match side and center marks of skirt to t-shirt side seams and center front and back; pin.
- 7. Pull thread tails to gather top edge of skirt to match the bottom edge of the t-shirt. Adjust gathers evenly and pin in place. Sew skirt to t-shirt and press seam toward the t-shirt. Turn dress right side out.

#### **Finishing**

- 8. Try dress on child and mark desired dress length. Add 1" for hem and trim off any excess. Fold raw edge under 1/2" and press; then fold under 1/2" again and press. Topstitch to hem.
- 9. Fold t-shirt in half, matching side seams; mark center front near neckline with a pin. Measure about 1 1/2" from neck ribbing at the center and mark with pin. Center and stack buttons on this mark (Dia. D). Sew through buttons to attach.
- 10. Tie ribbon into a bow and hand stitch under buttons. Trim ends to desired length.

