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MAKING A BALL DRESS TUTORIAL

You need:

- Printed pattern (pattern is at the end of the tutorial)
- Fabric (one or two colors, better if cotton or stretch fabric)
- Needle
- Thread/s same color of the fabric
- Embellishments (flowers, beads, laces...)
- Glue for fabric
- Scissors
- Pins.



....and of course a doll to dress!



STEP 1.

First of all print and cut the pieces of the pattern. Put each paper piece close to your doll and check if measurements are fine or if you need to resize. If they're fine go to step 2. If not, resize the pattern accordingly.

STEP 2.

Fold the fabric and put the pieces of the pattern on it securing them to the fabric with pins. Be sure that the part of the pattern marked "fold" is right on the fold of your fabric. (take a look at pic below!)



You don't need to put on fold, but to cut on plain fabric if there is no mark "fold".
Cut each piece.

At the end of step 2 you will have something like this...



STEP 3.

Take the under skirt. If your doll has fabric body like mine, pin the under skirt to her body. Then sew it all around her waste.

If she has a sculpted body simply glue it!



When the under skirt is sewed to her body sew together the two parts of the skirt which are still open. If you are not good at sewing (hey we can't do everything! ;)) you can glue them together.

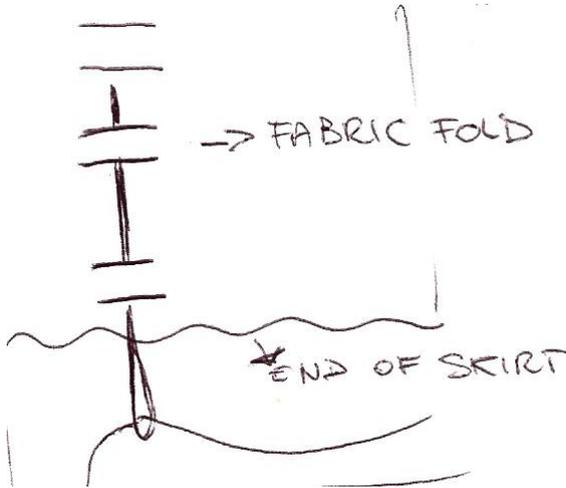


STEP 4.

Now take the over skirt and put it over the under skirt: repeat step 3. You can glue this too, and even if the result is a little messy, don't worry, it will be covered after with the corset!

STEP 5.

The over skirt pattern has some lines marked with This are not to cut!!!
If your fabric is suitable – mine was not – mark lines on the fabric before putting it to the doll.
Following the lines sew making some little folds.
Sew like this, stopping at the end of each line.



At the end of each line sew or glue your embellishment. I've putted some red roses to make it more clear in pics, then changed them with black ribbons.

STEP 5.

Take the corset and make it go under the arms. The point of the corset must be in the center of your doll belly. Glue the corset on her chest. The upper line of the corset must be over her nipples. Glue the corset on her back.

STEP 6.

Take the long sleeve (3 time long the sleeve pattern) and tie it in the center with your thread. Sew it or glue it to the upper side of the corset (center it!)



Tie again near the arms and sew/glue to the corset.



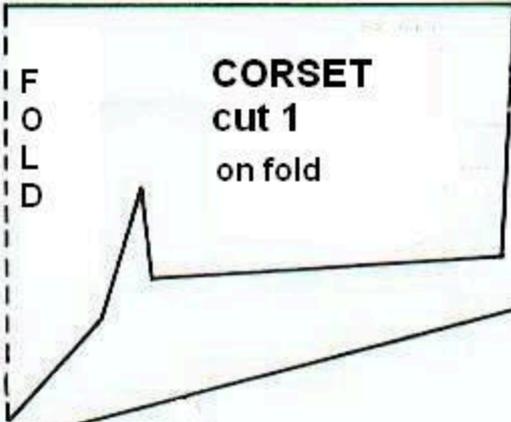
Sew/glue the remaining fabric on her back and cut off the fabric in excess.



YOUR DRESS IS DONE!!!!



Note: Sleeves are not included in the tutorial. If you want to add long sleeves cut out the pattern on the fabric then apply one line of glue to the doll arm and glue one side of the sleeve. Go round the arm with the remaining fabric and sew/glue the open side. Do this **BEFORE you create the rest of her dress!!!**



Sleeve/top
cut 2 for sleeves
cut 3 time the lenght for top of corset.

