

MARIEKE

Sewing Instructions

These instructions are designed for the beginner; the more advanced seamstress may of course employ her own techniques.



Photos

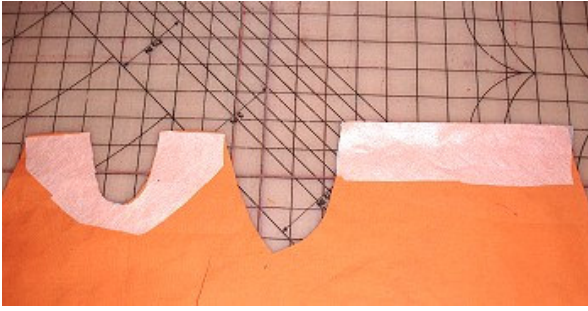


Instructions

Lay the fabric out and fold both edges towards the middle so that there are two folds. Cut the pieces as shown in the layout. The bodice lining may be cut from a different fabric.

The dress is designed to be long. The straight straps are attached to the back and button onto the front bodice; the curved straps are attached to the front bodice and button onto the back.

In these instructions the simplest technique - ie with elastic straps and clips is shown.



Iron fusible interfacing on to the top edges of the bodice.



With the right sides of the pocket pieces together stitch around the edge leaving a small opening at the top seam. Clip the seam allowance around the corners. Turn the pocket right side out.



Top stitch around the pocket, closing the opening as you go. Add a second row of topstitching to the pocket.



You may like to do the back pocket in the lining fabric or perhaps make it the same as the front pocket.



With the front bodice piece and the front bodice lining right sides together stitch along the top edge. Repeat for the back bodice and back bodice lining, catching the straps in between. Make sure that they are laying right sides together, pointing downwards on the back dress piece.



Trim the seam allowance. Close the side seams in one seam.
Serge along the bodice lining



Turn the bodice right side out and topstitch.



If you like you can run a line of stitching approximately 1cm
from the underarm seam and thread a piece of elastic
through the resulting casing.



Hem the bottom of the dress and attach pockets, appliqué, decorate etc as desired. Attach clips to straps and serge elastic strips.



FINISHED !