

# MADITA

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MADITA is comprised of only four pattern pieces and yet offers so much. MADITA's modern bubble shape can be worn both forward and backward. Elasticized shoulder straps mean that no additional fasteners are required. MADITA can be sewn from most kinds of fabrics. These attributes make MADITA an excellent project for beginning sewists and a perfect garment for a child learning independent dressing.

The slight bubble form of the dress creates of beautiful silhouette that, when sewn from special occasion fabric, creates a beautiful holiday dress.

MADITA's form is a modern, sweet look that can be worn over when worn over tights or leggings. MADITA sewn without the hem pieces will create a fun tunic top that can be worn over jeans.

Detailed photo-illustrated instructions can be found at [www.studiotantru.com/shop](http://www.studiotantru.com/shop) and [www.sewingclotheskidslove.com](http://www.sewingclotheskidslove.com).

Before beginning, please take measurements and compare your measurements to the table below. Take special note of the chest circumference and the length. Please choose a size according to your measurements and the size table and not ready-to-wear garment sizes, which can vary greatly.

## Fabric Requirements/Sizes

The measurements in the table represent the measurements of the **finished** garment. MADITA can be sewn from many different fabrics, for example, woven percales, corduroy, velvet, velveteen, light- and medium-weight denims and twills and even knits with no more than about 25% stretch.

<b>Fabric requirements/Sizes</b>	<b>86/92 12/18 mons.</b>	<b>98/104 2/3 yrs.</b>	<b>110/116 4/5 yrs.</b>	<b>122/128 6/7 yrs.</b>	<b>134/140 8/9 yrs.</b>	<b>146/152 10/11 yrs.</b>
Chest circumference without elastic	68 cm 26 ¾ in.	70 cm 27 ½ in.	72 cm 28 3/8 in.	76 cm 30 in.	80 cm 31 ½ in.	88 cm 34 5/8 in.
Length, front	55 cm 21 5/8 in.	62 cm 24 ½ in.	69 cm 27 1/8 in.	78 cm 30 ¾ in.	87 cm 34 ¼ in.	98 cm 38 5/8 in.
Shoulder strap width	3.5 cm 1 3/8 in.	3.5 cm 1 3/8 in.	3.5 cm 1 3/8 in.	4.0 cm 1 5/8 in.	4.5 cm 1 ¾ in.	5.0 cm 2 in.
Elastic for shoulder straps, each 2 x	11 cm 4 3/8 in.	11 cm 4 3/8 in.	11 cm 4 3/8 in.	11 cm 4 3/8 in.	11 cm 4 3/8 in.	11 cm 4 3/8 in.

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<b>Fabric (140 cm/54 in. wide)</b>	85 cm 7/8 yrd.	90 cm 1 yrd.	95 cm 1 1/8 yrd.	105 cm 1 1/8 yrd.	115 cm 1 1/4 yrd.	125 cm 1 1/2 yrd.
<b>Notions</b>	Elastic (approx. 2 cm/1 inch wide), polyester sewing thread					

**Please note:** The yardage calculation is for fabrics with a width of 140 cm/54 inches. If you select a fabric with a different width, please consult a fabric conversion chart. Additional yardage will be required for unidirectional, large scale, and plaid fabrics, as well as for fabrics with a nap.

## Cutting the layout

Trace your pattern pieces onto another medium, mark and cut them out. Lay all pattern pieces on your pre-washed, pressed material with respect to the grain and cut according to the piece list. Be sure to add an additional seam allowance. Please note: The pattern pieces do not include a seam allowance and an **additional seam allowance** is required. Transfer all marks (the small dashes at the edge of pattern piece) to your fabric. Cut also the pieces of elastic with a seam allowance.

If sewing a tunic top, the hem pieces (pattern piece 3) are not needed.

## Piece List

1 - Front/back bodice piece	4 x on fold
2 - Front/back piece	2 x on fold
3 - Hem piece	2 x on fold
4 - Shoulder strap	4 x

## Sewing MADITA

These instructions are just one method and sequence for constructing MADITA. Please use your preferred sewing and construction methods.

Select a needle appropriate for the thickness of your fabrics and number of layers, possibly a heavy-duty needle and/or ballpoint needle if using knit materials.

If you are making a MADITA tunic, skip Step 11.

1. Finish piece edges against raveling with an overcast stitch.
2. Lay the strap pieces right sides together and stitch along the long edges. Trim the seam allowance to reduce bulk and turn the straps right side out. Edge stitch the long edges.
3. With the aid of a safety pin or bodkin, insert elastic into the shoulder straps. Secure the ends of the elastic at the marks. One method to secure the elastic pieces in the right place within the strap is to pin one end of the elastic in place and stitch securely. Push the material of the strap along the piece

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of elastic until the opposite end of the elastic reaches the mark. Pin the opposite the end of the elastic at the mark and stitch securely in place.

4. Pin the strap pieces to the bodice front pointing downward, right sides together, and baste stitch in place. Make sure the longer edge of the strap is laying toward the inside of the dress.
5. Baste stitch the opposite ends of the straps to the opposite bodice piece. Check to make sure the straps are are correctly place and adjust if necessary.
6. Pin the bodice lining piece on the bodice outer+strap piece and stitch the lining to the bodice outer along the top edge. You will thereby secure one end of the straps between the two layers. Trim the seam allowance and notch the corners to reduce bulk in the seam. Repeat for the opposite bodice piece. You will have at this juncture the bodice front and back connected with the straps in between.
7. Pull the front and back bodice pieces apart and pin the side seams and stitch in one motion. Press the seam allowances open.
8. Turn the bodice right side out and press along the top edge. Topstitch along the top edges of the bodice and along the edges of the armscythes.
9. For a child with a thinner build or for a little extra fit, you may want to stitch along the marks under the arms. In the resulting casings, insert elastic, cinch to the desired fit and secure the ends.
10. Secure the bodice outer to the lining with a few baste stitches.
11. Stitch the front hem piece to the front main dress piece. Press the seam allowance down and topstitch from the right side. Repeat for the back hem piece and back main dress piece.
12. Stitch the front main dress piece to the back main dress piece right sides together. Press the seam allowance open and topstitch along both sides of the seam from the garment right side.
13. Pin the main dress piece to the bodice right sides together and stitch. Press the seam allowance upward and topstitch from the garment right side. **Tip:** If you find that the main dress piece does not fit the bodice piece, run a basting stitch along the top edge of the main dress piece (or the bodice, if the bodice is too large) and ease to fit the main dress piece to the bodice.
14. Hem the dress.

You MADITA dress is complete! We wish you much joy and success in your sewing project.

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