

1 skill level

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MIX & MATCH GIRL'S DRESS

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Shirred band for top – chest measurement plus 2"
- Flat fabric for skirt – measure from waist to desired length plus 1½". Fabric for skirt should be 1½ to 2 times amount of shirred band. Example: If shirred band is 26", you will need 39" to 52" fabric depending on desired fullness of skirt.
- 1 yd Coordinating ribbon for straps
- Basic sewing supplies

DIRECTIONS:

1. For the top of skirt, serge or turn under the edge 1/4" and top stitch.
2. Divide and mark both fabrics in quarters at large ruffle of shirred fabric and finished edge of skirt fabric.
3. Place skirt right side up and shirred fabric on top right side up with large ruffle edge over finished edge of skirt. Pin at quarter markings, stitch together between last two rows of elastic, stretching top to fit while stitching.
4. Stitch back seam right sides together using 1/2" seam allowance.
5. To hem, turn under 1/4", press, turn under 1", press and top stitch.
6. Cut ribbon in half. With dress on, determine strap location and mark.
7. Stitch ribbon at marks.

OPTIONAL: For shortening shirred fabric

1. Measure from just above bust area to waist and add 1" to determine width of shirred fabric needed.
2. Using above measurement, measure and mark shirred fabric from last row of elastic stitches up, not including the large ruffle at the bottom.
3. Pull elastic stitching out of row where marked and two rows under. To remove elastic, clip a few stitches at one end and pull the elastic out. If it doesn't pull out, clip the stitches at the other end and pull.
4. Cut the top of the fabric on the line of the top row of elastic pulled.
5. Serge or zigzag the edge, pulling the fabric flat as you stitch. Turn the edge under 1/4" and top stitch. If a serger or zigzag is not available, turn edge under 1/4", turn under 1/4" again and top stitch.

SKIRT OR DRESS

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Garden Party Fabric of choice – hip/chest measurement plus 1" to 2"
- Basic sewing supplies

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut fabric to hip or chest measurement plus 1", and to desired length plus 1½". Stitch the back seam right sides together using 1/2" seam allowance.
2. To hem, turn under 1/4", press, turn under 1", press and top stitch.
3. For dress straps, cut two pieces of leftover fabric 1½"W x 15"L. Fold each lengthwise right sides together and sew 1/4" seam along length. Turn, press and sew straps in place.

Skill Level 1: Some sewing experience helpful

Approximate Crafting Time: Less than 1 hour each

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