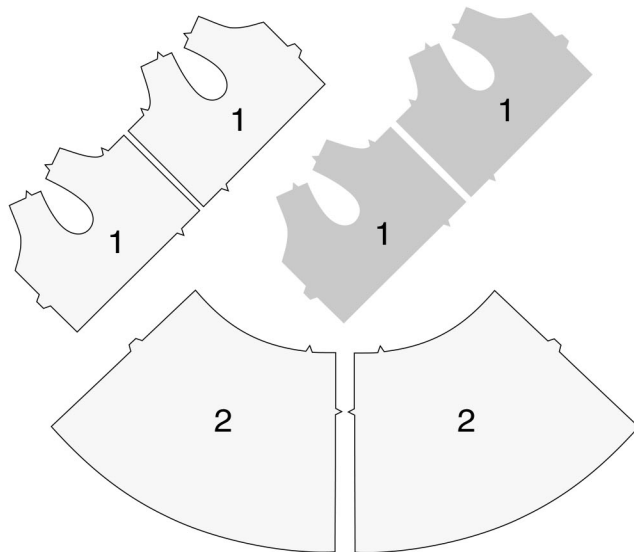
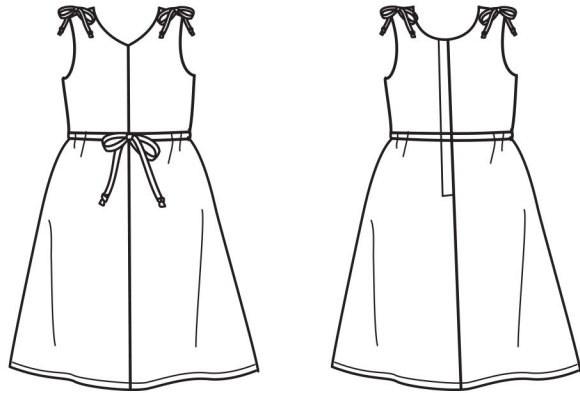


# Simplicity®

## DOLL DRESS



1 - BODICE FRONT AND BACK  
2 - SKIRT FRONT AND BACK

■ LINING

↑ Grainlines are indicated by the direction of the number unless otherwise noted.

# General Directions

## FABRIC KEY



## SYMBOLS



NOTCH



PLATEAU



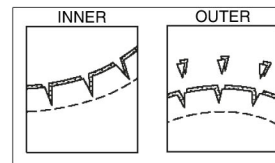
DOTS

All of these are to help with aligning your pattern pieces.

Markings will be printed on the wrong side of the fabric. When necessary, transfer to the right side of fabric with a water soluble marker or your favorite method.

With RIGHT sides together, stitch 1/4" (6mm) seams and press all seams open, unless otherwise indicated.

Sewing procedures *ITALICIZED* in Sewing Directions are defined below:



**CLIP CURVES**

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**Inner Curve** - Make little clips, or snips, in the seam allowance just to, but not through, the stitching.

**Outer Curve** - Cut little wedge-shaped notches from seam allowance.

**TACK:** A small hand stitch to secure fabric.

## THE BEST TECHNIQUES FOR SEWING KNITS NEEDLES

- Use a ball point needle.

## MACHINE SETTINGS

- Narrow zigzag stitch or a stretch stitch
- Decrease pressure on presser foot for heavy sweater knits; increase pressure for fine knits.

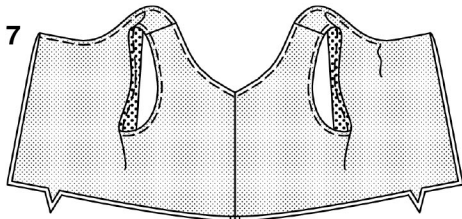
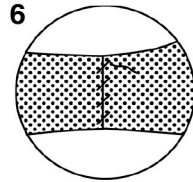
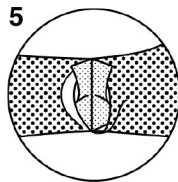
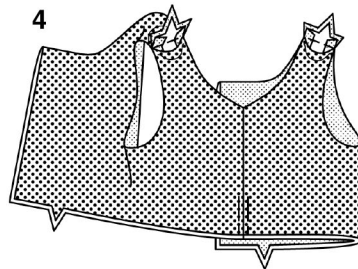
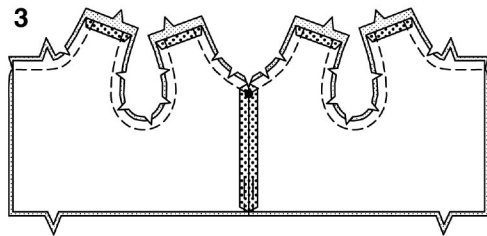
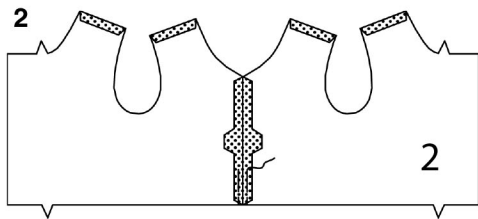
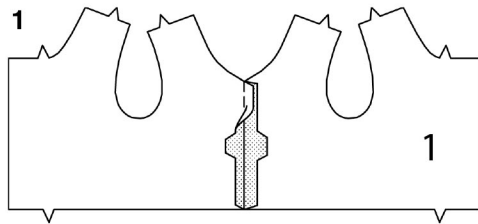
## SEAMS

- Stretch knits need seams that are supple enough to "give" with the fabric. You can sew them with straight stitches (stretching the fabric slightly as you sew), zigzag stitches or one of the stretch stitches built into many conventional machines, or on your serger.

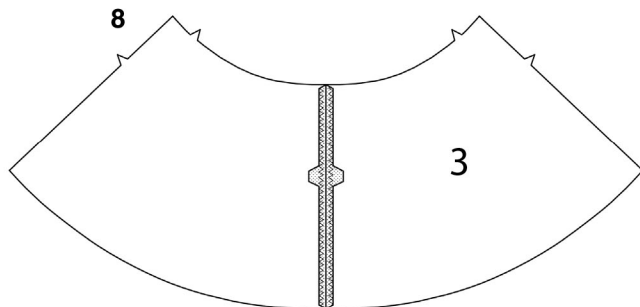
## PRESSING

- Some knits require very little or no pressing while sewing.
- Use the appropriate temperature setting. Press lightly or use steam.

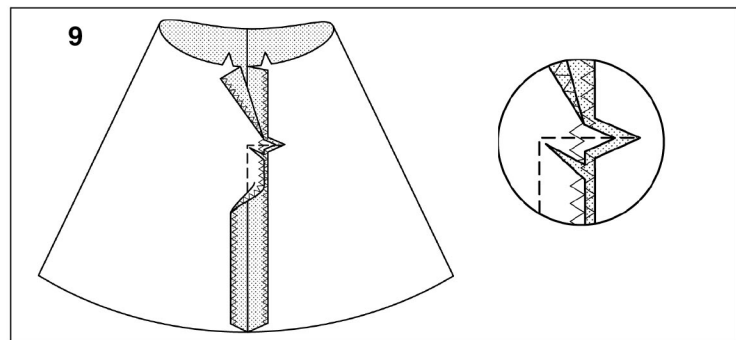
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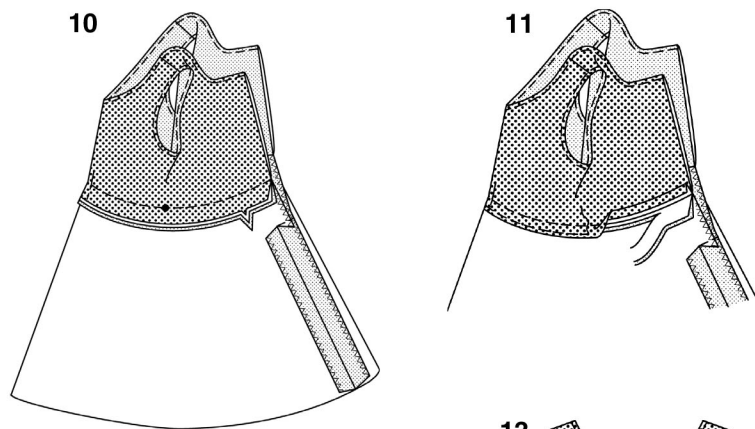
1. With the **RIGHT** sides together, pin center front seam of two front and back sections (1), matching notches, and having edges even. Stitch.
2. With the **RIGHT** sides together, pin center front seam of two front and back lining sections (2), matching notches, and having raw edges even. Stitch. Press seam open. Hand baste seam allowances in place from the lower edge up 1" (2.5cm) Fold under 1/4" (6mm) on shoulder edges of bodice front and back lining. Press.
3. With **RIGHT** sides together, pin the bodice front and back lining to the bodice front neck edge, bodice back neck edge, and armhole edges, matching notches, and having raw edges even. Stitch, pivoting with the needle in the fabric at the small dot. **CLIP CURVES** to the small dot, as shown, being careful not to clip through the stitching.
4. Turn lining to the **INSIDE**. Press. With the **RIGHT** sides together, stitch the front to the back at the shoulder seams, being careful not to catch in the pressed edges of the lining. Press the seam open.
5. Slip the shoulder seams under the lining.
6. Slip-stitch the pressed edges together.
7. On **OUTSIDE**, top-stitch bodice close to neck edge and armhole edges.



8. With the RIGHT sides together, pin the center front seam of the skirt front and back (3). Stitch. Zig-zag to finish the edges. Press seam open.

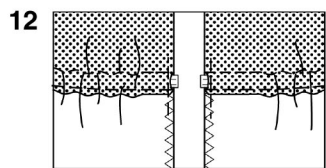


9. To finish the center back edges of the skirt back, zig-zag along the edge. With the RIGHT sides together, pin the center back seam of the skirt. Stitch in a 1/2" (1.3cm) seam from the lower edge to the notch, pivoting with the needle in the fabric at the notch, and continuing to the edge of the skirt, as shown. Clip the seam allowance of the RIGHT back (ONLY) to the stitching at the notch. Press the seam open below the clip.

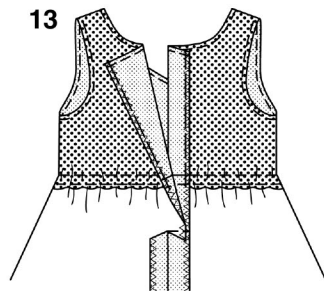


10. With RIGHT sides together, pin the skirt to the bodice (and lining) at the waistline seam, matching centers and notches, placing small dots at side seams, and having raw edges even. Stitch in a 5/8" (1.5cm) seam.

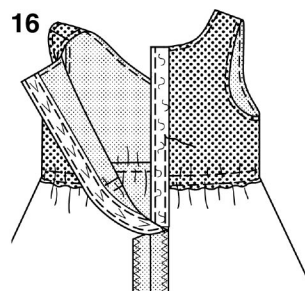
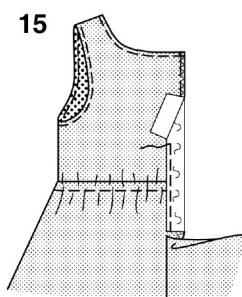
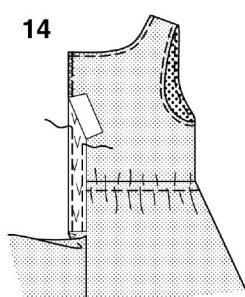
11. Trim the seam allowances of the skirt and bodice ONLY to 1/8" (3mm), as shown. Press the raw edge of the lining seam allowance under 1/4" (6mm). Press the seam toward the skirt. To form the casing for the elastic, stitch close to the folded edge of the lining.



12. Cut a piece of elastic 12" (30.5cm) long. Attach a safety pin to one end, and feed it through the casing. Stitch across back edges catching in elastic. Remove center front seam basting.



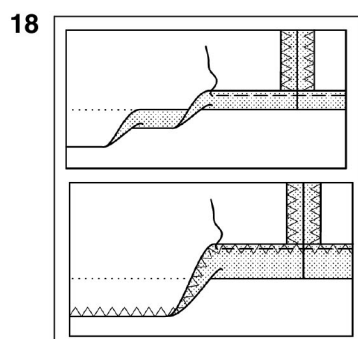
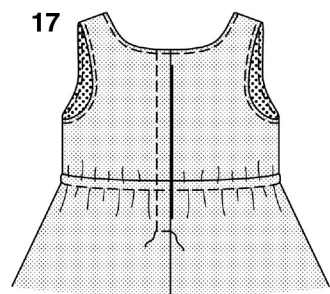
13. Baste the back edges of the bodice together. Zig-zag stitch to finish the back edges, as shown.



**14.** Cut a strip of hook and loop tape 5" (12.5cm) long. Separate the tape. On the OUTSIDE, pin the rough half of the tape to the RIGHT back opening edge, along the finished edge. Stitch close to both long edges of tape.

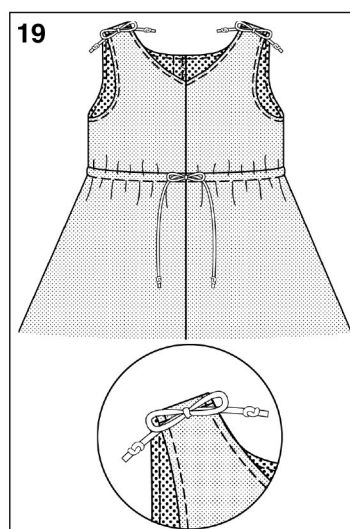
**15.** Open out the LEFT back opening edge. On the OUTSIDE, pin the soft half of the tape along the finished edge. Stitch close to the inner long edge (ONLY) of the tape, as shown.

**16.** Turn the LEFT back opening edge to the INSIDE, along the seam line. Stitch the remaining long edge of the tape.



**17.** Close the hook and loop seam, being careful to match the upper edge of the dress. On the OUTSIDE, stitch across the lower edge of the tape through all thicknesses.

**18.** To hem a woven fabric, press under 1/2" (1.3cm) on the lower edge of the dress, tuck under the raw edge to meet the crease. Press. Stitch the hem in place. To hem a knit fabric, zig-zag stitch along the lower edge of the dress. Press under edge 1/2" (1.3cm). Stitch 3/8" (1cm) from pressed edge.



**19.** Cut two pieces of cord, 6" (15cm) long, and one piece, 12" (30.5) long. Knot the ends of the cord and fasten into a bow. Tack each small bow to the center of the shoulder seam, at the small dot. Tack the large bow centered over the elastic at the center front seam.