

# **“Stitchin’ for Kids”**

## **The Doll Project The Short Skirt**



This skirt is quick to make and young girls will have fun using in a variety of outfits. It fits the 13” Corolle Les Cheries doll. The instructions were written as part of an effort to give dolls with outfits to young patients in hospitals.

It can be made in a variety of fabrics.

The sample to the left shows the Short Skirt with the Short Sleeved Blouse. The skirt is made out of white denim and accented with red stitching.



This sample is also with denim material and also has the Short Sleeved Blouse top.



This sample is made from quilter’s cotton and has a top made using the Crop Top pattern.



## Requirements:

Note – Use pattern for Short Skirt

Fabric: 1/8 yard or fat quarter of cotton fabric, corduroy or denim

Scissors

Thread – Coordinated or contrasting

Pins

Needle for finishing

Hook and loop (Velcro) – 3/4" width

## Assumptions:

All seams are 1/4" unless specified.

## Preparation:

- Skirt - Cut 2 pieces placing pattern on fold. The skirt pieces will be sewn together with a center seam, therefore consider in matching that you may want.
  - Waistband – Cut 1 piece 7 1/2" x 1 1/2"
  - Placket – Cut 1 piece 4" by 1 1/4"
- Cut Velcro strip 1/4" (cut across the strip)

## Construction

### 1. Pleats

- On the top edge of each skirt piece, place a pin 1 1/4" from each side edge.
- At each of the four pins, fold a 1/4" pleat, turning the back of the pleat toward the outside edge. Pin in place.
- Stay stitch along top of skirt to secure pleats.

### 2. Skirt Seams

- To form the front seam, pin right sides of two skirt pieces together and double stitch a 1/2" seam for front seam.
- Press seam open.
- Turn seam allowance under 1/4" along both sides of seam. Top stitch along both sides of front seam in coordinated or contrasting thread.
- To form back seam, pin remaining sides of two skirt pieces together. Place a pin 2" from top of skirt. Starting at bottom of skirt, double stitch a 1/2" seam – do not stitch above pin marker.

### 3. Placket

- To create placket, turn under 1/4" lengthwise of placket piece and stitch.
- Aligning raw edges of placket to opening of right side of back seam opening and with right sides of fabric together, stitch placket (1/2" seam) to one side of seam.
- Fold placket up so it can be aligned with other side of seam on skirt. Stitch.
- Optionally, use pinking shears to trim seam and placket edges.
- With skirt turned right side out, fold right side back and align on top of left side of placket. Stay stitch along top edge of right side of skirt. Stay stitch left seam and placket (This side is not folded back towards skirt piece.)
- To secure placket, stitch across base of placket/seam across seam.

#### **4. Waistband**

- Right sides together, pin waistband piece to skirt and plackets, overhanging each side by  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Stitch waistband to skirt.
- Turn side overhangs in, turn waistband down  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and then turn to cover stitching. Pin in place. From top side, top stitch waistband near gathers catching the turned waistband in the back.

#### **5. Hem**

- For bottom hem, turn  $\frac{1}{4}$ " for hem and stitch.
- To finish hem, turn another  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and hand stitch or top stitch by machine. *A second row of stitches can be used for decoration.*

#### **6. Finishing**

- Stitch Velcro® to waistband - hook side on outside left, softer loop side on inside right.

