

“Stitchin’ for Kids”

The Doll Project

The Gathered Skirt



This gathered skirt 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.

The skirt can be enhanced by adding rick-rack or ribbon.

The sample to the left shows the gathered skirt with ribbon.
The top is made using the Breezy Shirt pattern.



This sample shows a quilter’s cotton fabric with a baby rick-rack sewn along inside bottom edge.

The top is made from the Sleeveless Top pattern.



This sample is made from a lavender eyelet fabric. No adornments were used.

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Requirements:

Note – No pattern is used in this skirt

Fabric: 1 fat quarter or ¼ yard of cotton (heavy fabrics are not advised)

Scissors

Thread – Coordinated or contrasting

Pins

Needle for finishing

Hook and loop (Velcro) – ¾" width

Optional - Ribbon or small or baby rick-rack

Assumptions:

All seams are ¼" unless specified.

Preparation:

Before cutting, remove selvage from fabric

- Skirt - cut 1 piece 20" x 5½" (Note: a 14" skirt width creates a less full skirt, and the skirt can be made shorter or longer by varying the 5 ½" height)

- Waistband – cut 1 piece 7½" x 1½"

Cut Velcro strip ¼" (cut across the strip)

Option – cut 20" of rick-rack or ribbon

Construction

1. Preparing Back Seam

- Turn back side edges ¼", then another ½", press and stitch.

2. Gathering and Waistband

- Using longest stitch on machine, baste stitch along top edge of skirt for gathering.
- Gather skirt tightly to fit waistband.
- Carefully pin right side of waistband to right side of gathered skirt allowing ½" overhang of waistband on both sides – aligning raw edges of gathers with raw edges of waistband. The gathering easily gets twisted, so proceed carefully.
- Using longest stitch again, baste gathers to waistband. Review to ensure gathers are even along waistband. Stitch again using normal stitch length.
- Turn side overhangs in, turn waistband down 3/8" and then turn to cover stitching. Pin in place. From the top side, top stitch waistband near gathers.

3. Finishing Back Seam

- Pin right side of skirt on top of left side. Place a pin as marker 1½" from waistband seam. From bottom of skirt, stitch up one side of overlap to the marker, then across ½" overlap, and then down the other side of overlap.

4. Creating Hem

- Turn bottom of skirt under ¼" and then another ½". Press hem. Machine or hand stitch.

5. Adorning Skirt - Option

- If adding rick-rack or ribbon, place over hem stitching and stitch in place.
- Optionally, rick-rack can be stitched along bottom edge on inside of skirt.

6. Finishing

- Stitch Velcro, placing the hook end on the outside of the waistband (back left), and the loop end on the inside of the waistband (right side).