

A Winter Party Dress

for your
18" Play Doll

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Dear Santa,

Thank you very much for the beautiful party dress that makes me look like a Jumeau doll. Mommy said I should ask for a modern dress, but Grandma understood. She helped me write to you and I'm so glad I worked hard making all my letters perfect so you could understand me. This was the best Christmas ever!

L.S. Walter wants to thank you for the delicious bone and doggy treats as well.

Love,

Dolly



REQUIREMENTS

Dress Fabric - 21" L, 26" W
Lining Fabric - 5" L, 18" W
Beading - 15" L, 3/8" W
Ribbon - 30" L, Width to fit Beading

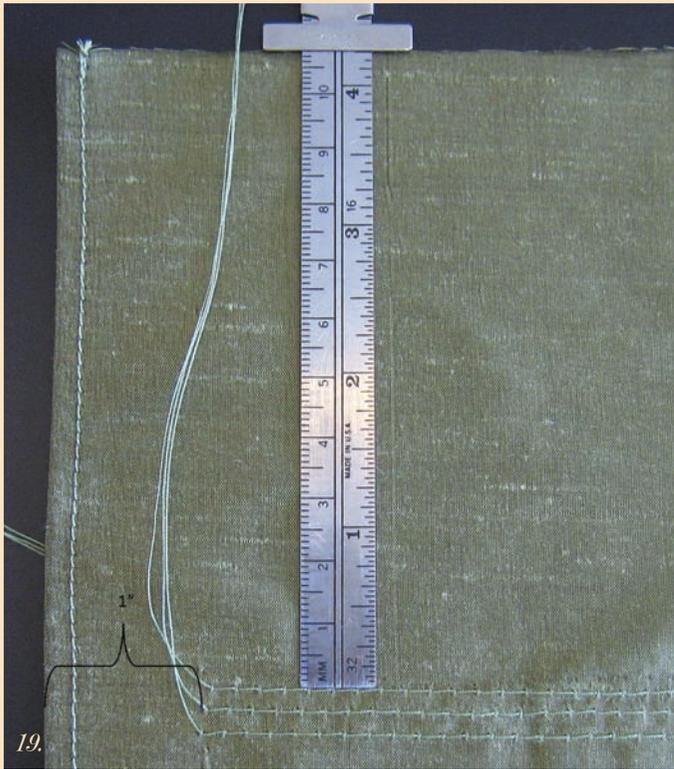
Insertion Lace - 27" L, 1/4" W
Narrow Lace Edging - 23" L, 3/8" W
Wide Lace Edging - 25" L, 3/4" W
Buttons or Hooks for Back Closure

1. From your main dress fabric cut one bodice front, one left bodice back, one right bodice back, two sleeves, two cuffs, and one skirt.
2. From your lining cut one bodice front, one left bodice back, and one right bodice back.
3. With right sides together, pin bodice front to backs at shoulders and stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open flat. Repeat for lining.
4. Stitch 1/4" from arm's eye edges of lining. Clip curves, turn to inside, and hand baste in place.
5. With right sides together, pin lining to bodice at center back and neck edges, turning up 1/4" at lower lining edge first as shown. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Trim to 1/8", clip corners, turn and press.
6. Hand stitch narrow lace edging to neckline, turning in and slipstitching raw ends at center backs. Press.
7. Cut insertion 14" long. Trim seam allowance on each long edge to 1/8" and press to wrong side. Turn in one short end and begin pinning to bodice (keep lining free) at one center back edge, having folded edge of insertion 1/4" from neckline as indicated on pattern. Continue around neckline, mitering corners as you go. Top stitch insertion in place along each edge through bodice only, keeping lining free.
8. Run long gathering threads at 1/8" and 3/16" between marks on sleeve cap edge.
9. With right sides together, pin sleeve to arm's eye, pulling up gathers to fit (keep lining free). Adjust evenly and stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Clip curves and press seam allowances towards bodice.
10. Run long gathering threads at 1/8" and 3/16" from lower sleeve, starting and stopping 1/4" from each edge.
11. With right sides together, pin sleeve to cuff. Pull up gathers to fit and adjust evenly. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam towards cuff.
12. Cut two pieces of insertion, each 5 1/2" long. Trim seam allowance on each edge to 1/8" and press to wrong side. Measure down 9/16" from the upper sleeve seam and pin insertion to cuff as indicated on pattern. Stitch in place along both edges. Press.

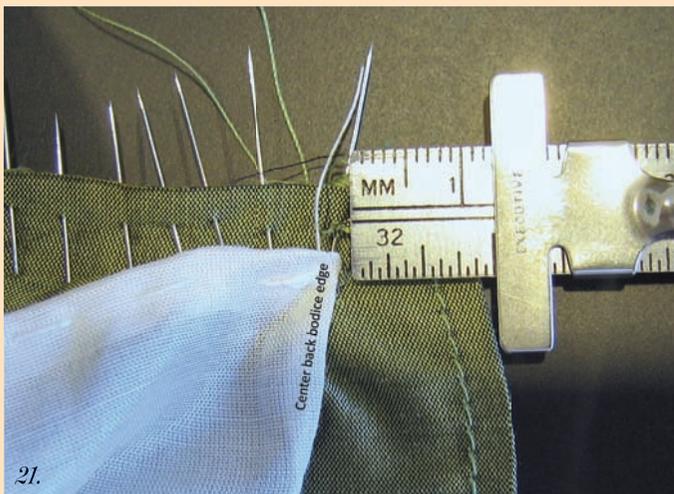


13. Press under 1/4" along lower edge of cuff and hand baste in place.
14. With right sides together, pin dress front to back at sides and underarm edges. Stitch using 1/4" seam allowance. Finish sleeve seam to underarm and press open flat.
15. Turn cuff to inside and slip stitch over seam allowance.
16. With right sides together, pin lining front to backs at sides. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press open flat.
17. Press under 1/4" along lower edge of bodice lining. Set bodice aside.

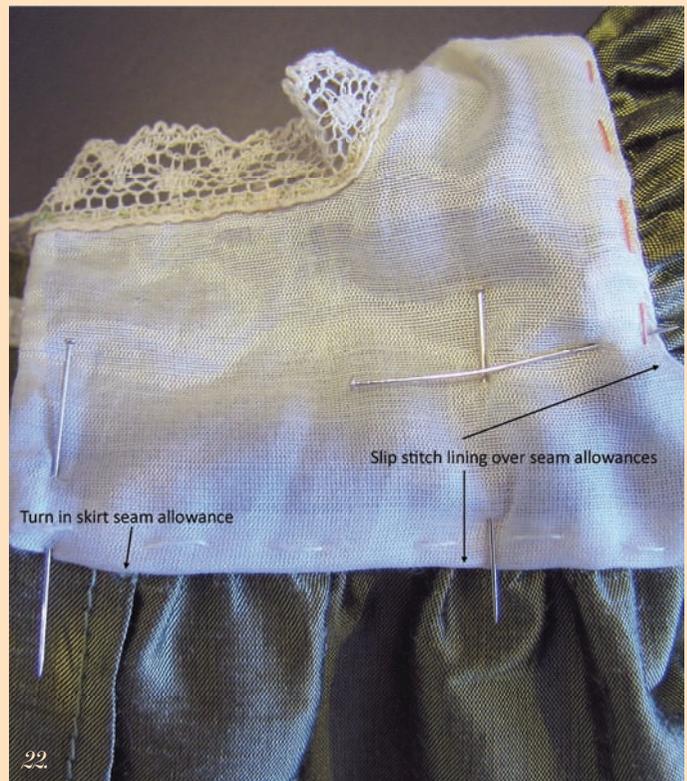
18. On center back skirt edges, turn in 1/8" plus a second 1/8" and edge stitch in place. Press.



19. Measure down 4 1/4" from upper raw edge of skirt. Run a row of long gathering stitches the complete width of the skirt, starting and stopping 1" from each center back edge. Repeat 1/8" below this row, and then an additional 1/8" below the second row as shown on pattern.
20. Run long gathering threads at upper skirt edge at 1/8" and 3/16", starting and stopping 1" from each center back edge.



21. With right sides together, pin skirt to lower bodice edge, keeping lining free. Right side of skirt should be even with center back of bodice, and left side should extend beyond bodice by 1/2" as shown. Pull up gathers to fit and adjust evenly. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Trim seam allowance and press towards bodice.



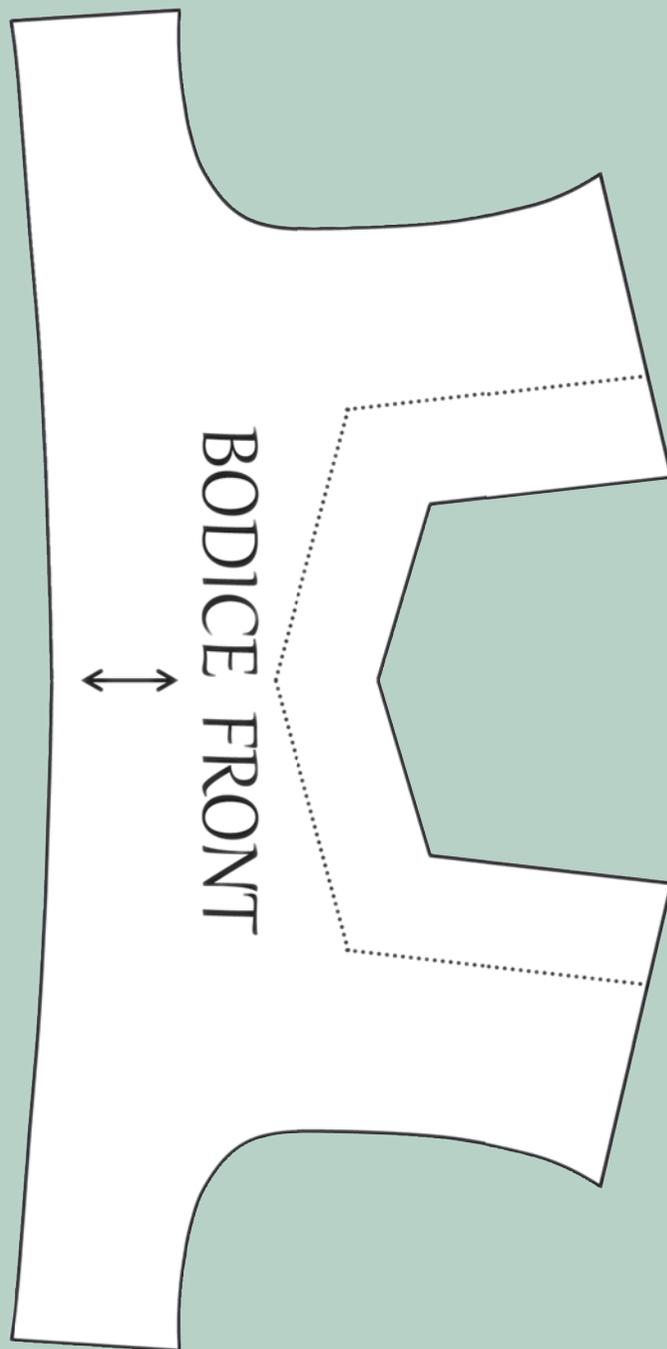
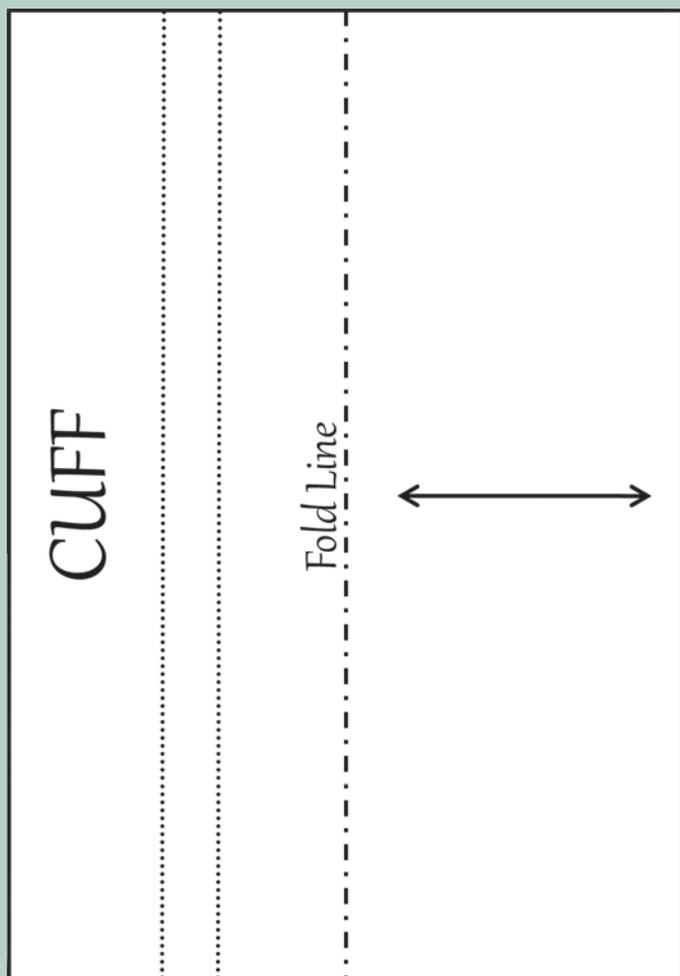
22. Fit lining over sleeves and slip stitch to seam line. Pin over seam allowance of skirt and slip stitch in place, turning in 1/2" skirt seam allowance on left side as shown.
23. Cut a piece of beading 15" long. Trim seam allowances to 1/8" and press to wrong side. Cut a 15" piece of ribbon and insert through beading. Turn in first short end and begin pinning to bodice, having lower insertion edge even with bodice seam. Hand stitch in place along upper and lower edges.

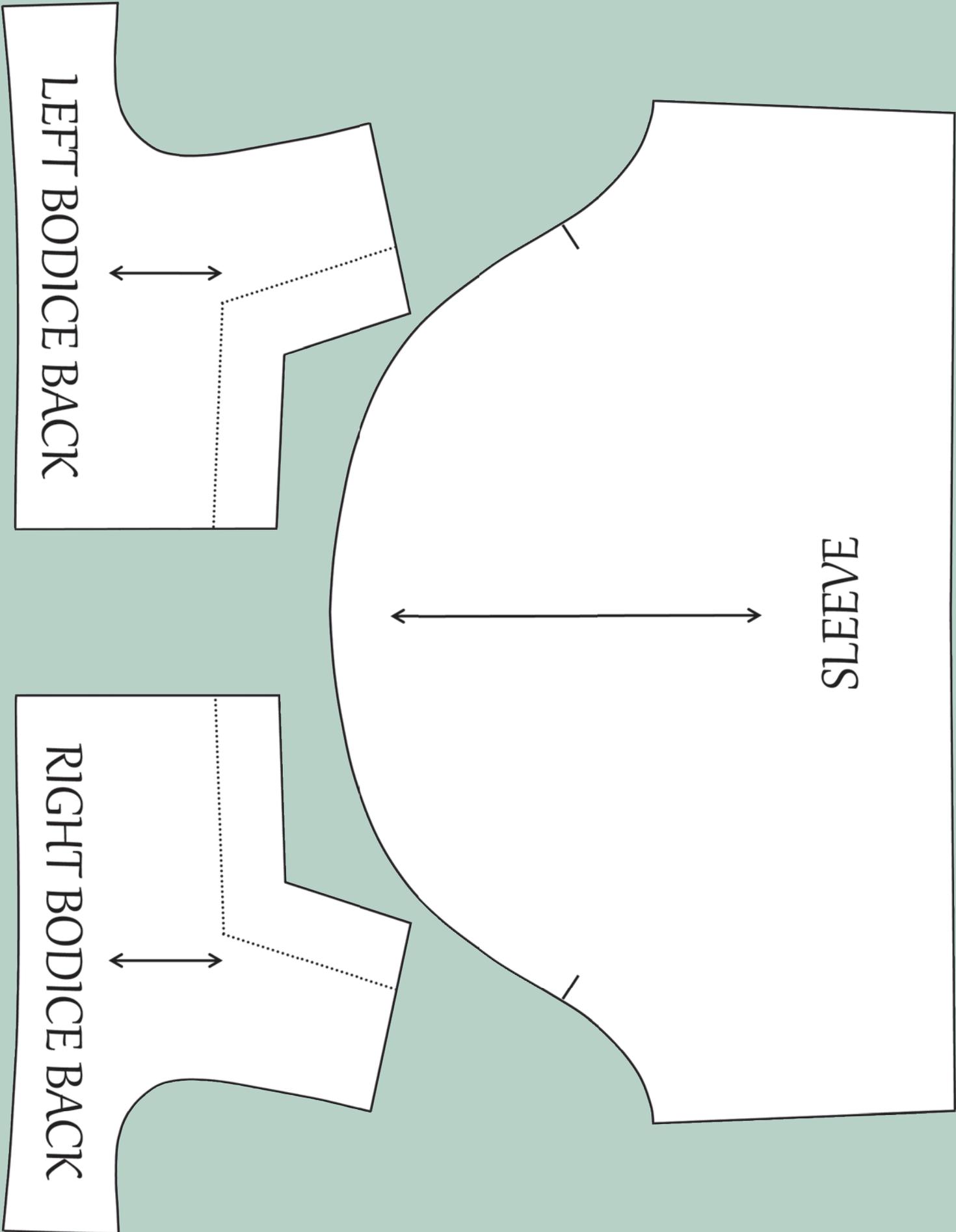


24. Pull up three rows of gathering threads at hip level of skirt until the finished width is 13" from center back edge to center back edge. Pull threads through to back side, tie off securely, and clip.
25. Cut a piece of insertion 13" long. Turn under 1/8" along each raw edge and hand baste. Press.
26. Pin insertion over rows of gathers, arranging the gathers evenly behind the insertion as you go. Stitch in place along both edges.

27. With right sides together, pin center back of dress from just above gathers to the lower edge. Stitch using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam allowance towards doll's left.
28. Turn up 1/4" and then an additional 1/2" at hem and pin. Stitch in place with blind hem stitch. Press.
29. Cut two pieces of narrow lace edging, each 5 1/2" long. Turn in one short end by 1/4", then begin stitching to one lower sleeve edge. When the lace meets again, turn

- in the final short end and stitch the two turned in ends to one another.
30. Cut a piece of wide lace edging 25" long. Hand stitch to lower skirt edge, turning in short ends where they meet at the center back.
31. Create a decorative bow or floral embellishment and tack to left hip over insertion.
32. To create the back closure, use hooks and thread loops or buttons with buttonholes.





SLEEVE

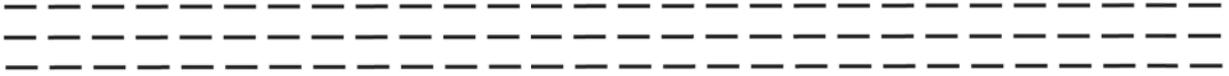
LEFT BODICE BACK

RIGHT BODICE BACK

SKIRT

Center Back

Cut skirt 25" wide



Hem Allowance - 3/4"