Half Scale Sleeveless Princess Line Dress

This dress fits the half-scale paper or stuffed dress forms I designed. The patterns to make the dress forms are available in the <u>GrowYourOwnClothes Etsy Shop</u>. This dress fits a form that measures approximately 17 7/8" (45.5 cm) at the bust, 13 3/4" (35 cm) at the waist, 18 1/8" (46 cm) at the hip, and has an 8" (20.3 cm) back neck to waist measurement.

If you have a doll with an adult female figure, you may be able to scale down this pattern to fit it. I suggest determining the print scale based on the bust measurement. For example, if you have a doll with a 12" (30.5 cm) bust, print the pattern at $12 \div 17.875 \times 100\% = 67\%$ (or in metric, $30.5 \div 45.5 \times 100\% = 67\%$). After you reduce the pattern, you will need to re-draw the seam allowances, since they will also be scaled.

Materials

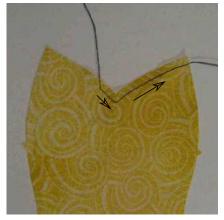
- 3/4 yard (.7 m) woven fabric at least 44" (1.1 m) wide
- 1/4 yard (.2 m) lightweight fusible interfacing
- 10" zipper
- Fusible web tape (optional)





Instructions

- 1. The dress pattern is on pages 10 through 17 of this document. Print these pages on 8 %" × 11" or A4 size paper. Print the pattern from a pdf reader such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, not a web browser. Print at 100% of normal size ("no scaling" or "actual size"), unless you are scaling down the pattern. Measure the test squares to check that you printed to the correct scale.
- 2. Cut on the borders and tape the pages together, matching borders and alignment marks. Cut out the individual pattern pieces.
- 3. Cut the dress pattern pieces out of fabric. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric before cutting out the neck and armhole facing pieces.
- Staystitch 3/16" (4 mm) from the neckline edge on the dress FRONT piece.
 Overlap stitches at center front as shown. Use small stitches and do not backstitch.

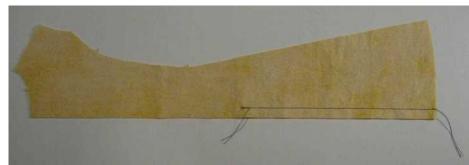




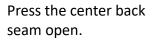
5. Staystitch 3/16" (4 mm) from the edge on the SIDE FRONT pieces as shown, stopping at the circle.



6. Stitch BACK sections together below the dot with a 1/2" (1.3 cm) seam allowance, backstitching at the dot.

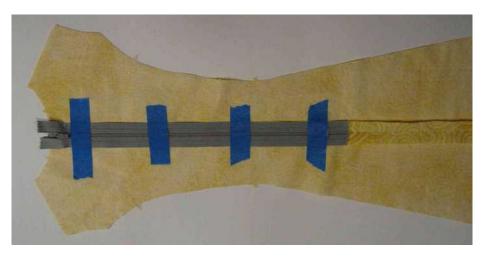


7. Machine baste the center back seam above the dot with a 1/2" (1.3 cm) seam allowance.





8. Tape, baste, or fuse a 10" zipper in place face down over the center back seam on the wrong side of the dress. Place the top edge of the upper zipper stop 5/16" (8 mm) from the edge of the fabric. Turn the pull tab up.



9. On the right side, topstitch with a zipper foot 1/4" (6 mm) from the center back seam.

Remove all tape and basting stitches.



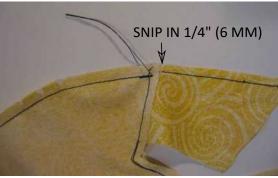
10. Stitch SIDE BACK to BACK with a 1/4" (6 mm) seam allowance. Clip inner curves, notch outer curves, then press the seam open.

Note: The rest of the seam allowances are 1/4" (6 mm).



11. Sew FRONT to SIDE FRONT, matching circles. Make a 1/4" (6 mm) snip in the SIDE FRONT just above upper edge of the FRONT. Clip inner curves, notch outer curves, then press the seam open.





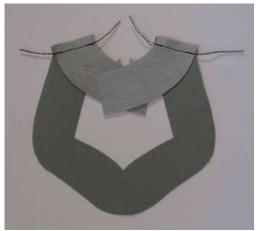
12. Stitch the shoulder seams. Press the seams open.



13. Stitch the BACK NECK FACING pieces to the FRONT NECK FACING at the shoulders.

Press the seams open.

Press under 1/4" (6 mm) at center back.





14. Stitch the shoulder seams in the FRONT ARMHOLE FACING and BACK ARMHOLE FACING. Press the seams open.





15. Stitch the neck facing to the neck opening.



16. Grade, clip, and notch the seam.



17. Press the seam allowance toward the facing. Understitch.



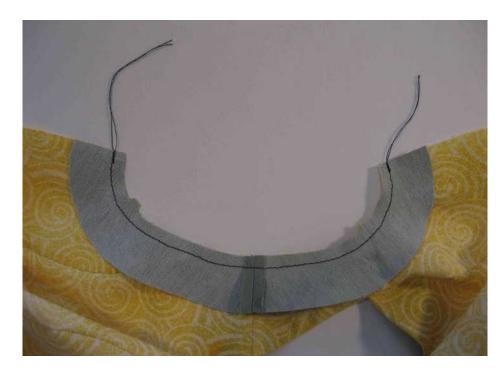
18. Press the facing, rolling the seam to the inside.



19. Hand stitch the facing to the zipper tape.



20. Stitch ARMHOLE FACING pieces to the armholes.



21. Grade and clip the seam allowance.



22. Press the seam allowance toward the facing.
Understitch.



23. Turn the armhole facing to the inside. Press, rolling the seam 1/16" (1.5 mm) to the inside



24. Unfold the armhole facings and stitch the side seams. Clip the seam allowance and press the seam open.



25. Hand sew the armhole facings to the seam allowance at the underarms or tack in place with fusible web.



26. Hem the dress as desired. I pressed up 5/8" (1.6 cm) and bonded it in place with fusible web tape.



