

Sewgirl Wardrobe

DRESS (sleeveless) You need 40 x 100cm of fabric approx.

1. Cut out 4 pieces of dress pattern (2 Front and Backs and 2 front and back facings).
2. With right sides together, join front to back at shoulder seams(6mm seam allowance). Repeat with dress facings.
3. Sew around neck and each side of opening slit. Clip curved edges. Turn inside out.*
4. Sew side seams left and right. Turn dress to right side.
5. Fold over 6mm (1/4") at armhole edge of dress and facing. Hand stitch together.
6. Hem bottom edge. Press.

Dress (frilled sleeves)

Follow instructions as above to* then cut 2 pieces of fabric 6.5 x 34cm wide.

Fold in half with right sides facing so you have 2 pieces 6.5 x 17cm. Sew together at short sides.

Hem along long edges. Gather the other side to fit sleeve head with a long running stitch.

Pin sleeve to dress sleeve head with right sides facing. Sew. Continue as from * in main dress pattern.

Dress (frill hem)

Make a frill for the bottom hem with 2 pieces of fabric 6.5 x 68cm. Fold in half to make a piece 6.5 x 34cm wide. Sew at short edge. Hem 1 long side. Gather up opposite long edge with a long running stitch.

Pin to dress bottom edge evenly spacing gather. Sew. Turn dress to right side and press.

Jeans You need 30 x 40cm of denim fabric and about 2m of embroidery thread in contrast colour.

1. Cut out 2 pieces of pattern for jeans. Hem bottom edges of each leg.
2. With right sides facing join front to back at centre front and back seam.
3. Pin then sew each inner leg seam. Turn over top edge and sew down. Turn jeans to right side.
4. Using embroidery thread sew a running stitch to highlight seams and pocket as indicated on the pattern. Press.

Knitted stripy smock (as worn by Agnes)

You will need 2 x 25g of DK yarn in contrast colours. A pair of 3 1/4mm knitting needles.

A Needle for sewing jumper up.

Stripe 2 rows col (1), 2 rows col (2), following pattern at same time.

Front Cast on 36 stitches in the light colour yarn and knit 1 row, purl 1 row, repeat for 30 rows.

Knit 2 stitches together for the next row. You should now have 18 stitches.

*Knit 2 sts, purl 2sts (rib) for 1 row. Next row purl 2 sts, knit 2 sts**. Repeat from * to ** for 20 rows.

Cast off.

Back Knit as Front.

Sleeve (Knit 2) Cast on 26 stitches and stripe same as body. Knit 2 x 2 rib same as body bodice for 30 rows. Cast off.

Finishing: Sew sleeves to body using darker shade yarn, then sew up sides with right sides facing. Press.

Beret Using a 4.00 crochet hook, work 8ch, join to 1st ch with a ss.*2dc in next ch st and repeat for next 7 ch.**1tr in next ch, 1ch repeat from ** for next 8 rounds. Then 1 dc in each tr made. Cast off.

Button necklace Using about 20 multicolour buttons not bigger than 1cm (1/2") and a 25cm (10") length of embroidery thread or beading cord. Thread the cord onto a needle and sew the buttons on down the length of cord. Knot at end to fix.

Fake Fur Shrug (as worn by Georgie) Cut a piece of fur 36cm x 9cm (14 x 3 1/2"). Repeat with a piece of cotton fabric. With right side facing, sew all way round leaving a 8cm (3") gap at centre of one long side for turning. Turn inside out. Sew up opening by hand. Attach a press fastener at short ends, one half on lining, the other on fur side. Cross over shrug and fasten. Press.

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