

## How to Sew Your Mini Doll Costumes



These instructions tell you how to sew up costumes for a mini doll using the Mini Doll Costumes swatch from the sherralynsdolls shop on Spoonflower® <https://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/sherralynsdolls>. The costumes fit Sherralynsdolls Twinkle, American Girl® Mini, Our Generation® mini, and other mini dolls. There are two costumes on the swatch. Each includes a leotard, boots, armbands, and a mask. Your costume swatch should have been printed on four-way stretch fabric for these patterns to fit properly.

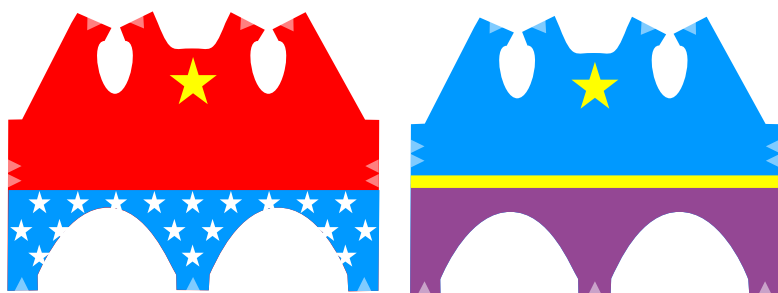
To sew up your project you will also need some basic sewing supplies: **scissors**, **sewing pins**, a **needle**, and matching **thread**.

You will also need 1/8" (3 mm) **elastic** (masks and tiara); **fabric glue** (I used Elmer's® X-treme but other glues may work as well.) (tiara and boot soles); **felt** (boot soles); and **card stock** (I used an index card.).

For scissors you will want some sewing scissors that cut fabric well. Scissors that are intended for cutting only paper may not work very well. You may want a pair of 4" (10 cm) scissors that cut fabric such as embroidery scissors to cut out the leotard.

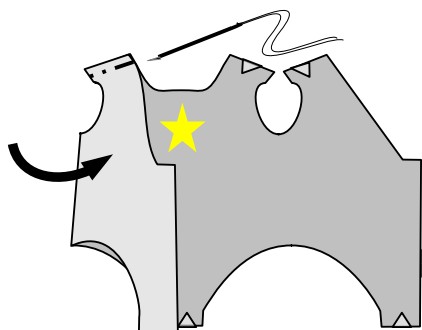
And don't forget your mini doll! You will need her to try on your creations and to model them when your done.

## Cutting and Sewing the Leotard



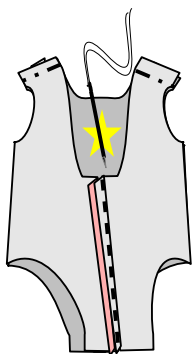
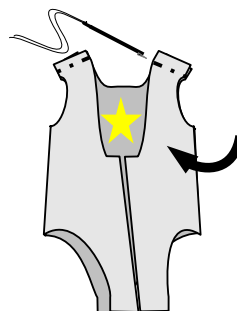
Cut out the leotard pattern from the swatch. You might need adult help to cut out this pattern piece because some of the curves can be hard to cut.

Cutting this delicate piece out is the hardest part of making this outfit. Young, beginning sewers may want an adult to cut out this piece. The rest of the cutting and sewing is easy.



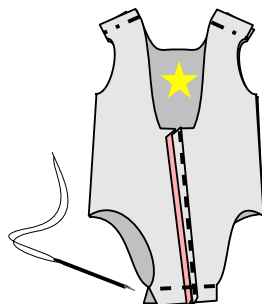
With the printed sides of the fabric touching, sew the front and back shoulder straps together using a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance.

Do the same thing on the other side.



Next sew up the back of the leotard. Use the same  $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance as before.

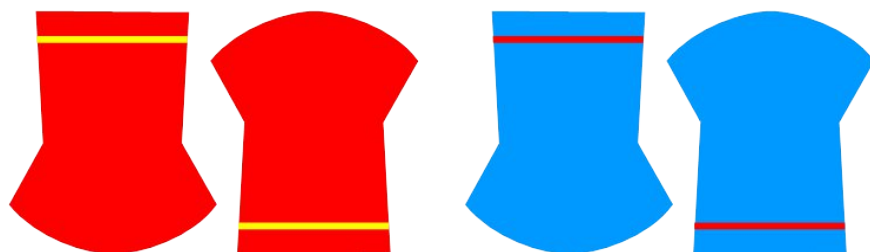
And finally, sew the crotch.



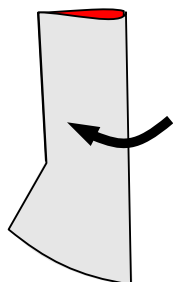
Turn the leotard right side out and try it on your doll.



## Making the Boots

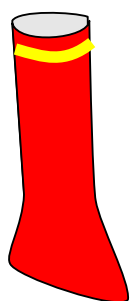
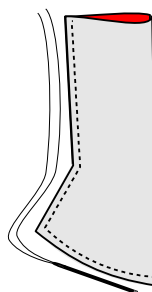


Cut out the boot patterns from the swatch.

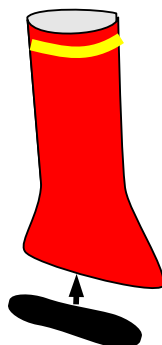


Begin by folding each boot in half with the printed sides of the fabric touching.

Sew each boot together using a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance.

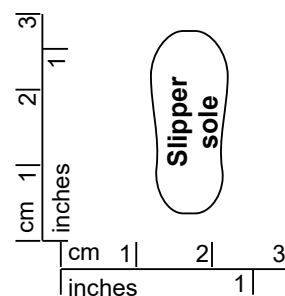


After sewing, turn the boot right side out. Try them on your doll.

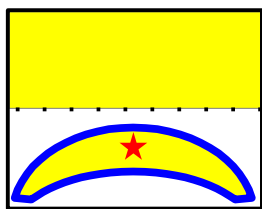


If you want you, can, use this template to cut soles out of felt.

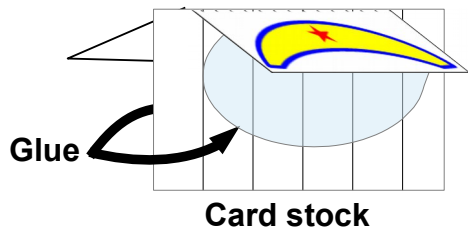
With the boots on the doll, glue the soles in place then let the glue dry.



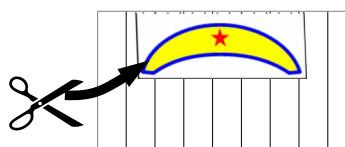
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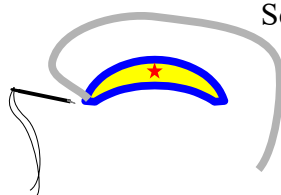
From the swatch, cut out the rectangle that includes the two parts of the tiara. Keep the two parts together on the rectangle



Fold the rectangle from the swatch in half along the dotted line. Fold the wrong sides of the fabric against a piece of card stock. An index card works well. Glue the folded fabric to both sides of the card.



When the glue has dried, cut around the tiara.



Sew elastic to one side of the tiara.



Fit the tiara around your doll's head. Mark the elastic where it fits then sew the other end to the tiara.

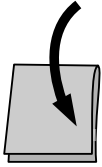
Try the tiara on your doll.



## Cutting and Sewing the Armbands



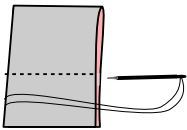
Cut out the armband patterns from the swatch.



Begin by folding each armband in half with the printed sides of the fabric touching.

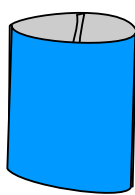
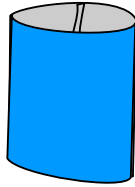
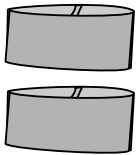


Check the fit of the armband around your doll's arm. Pin the arm band where it fits.



Thread your needle and sew the seam where you pinned it.

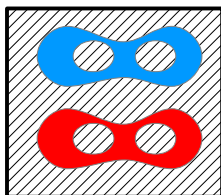
Trim the seam allowance if necessary.



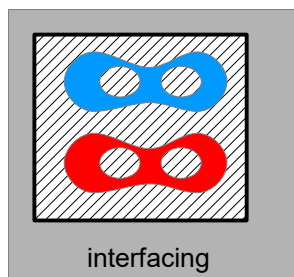
After sewing, turn the armbands right side out.

The longer blue armband can be fitted next to the shoulder to simulate a sleeve.

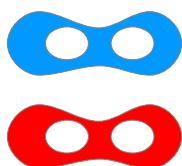
## Cutting and Sewing the Masks



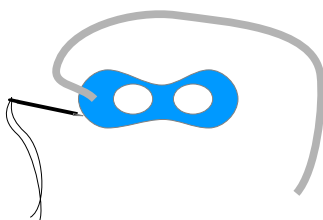
Cut out the square containing the masks from the swatch.



Iron the mask square on to a piece of fusible interfacing.



Trim the masks away from the square.



Sew elastic to one side of the mask.



Fit the mask around your doll's head. Mark the elastic where it fits then sew the other end to the mask.

Try the mask on your doll.

