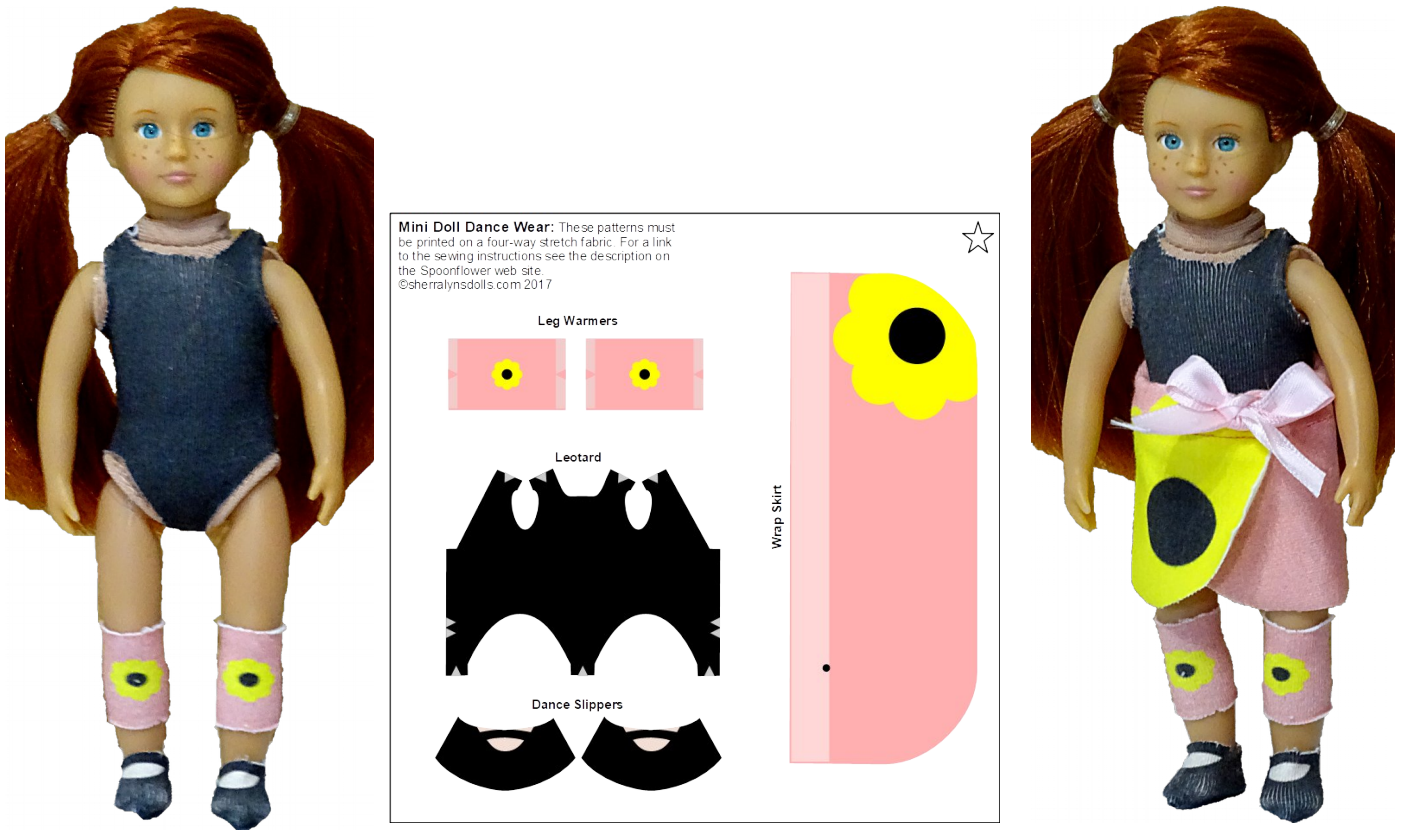


How to Sew Your Mini Doll Dance Wear



These instructions tell you how to sew up dance wear for a mini doll using the Mini Doll Dance Wear swatch from the sherralynsdolls shop on Spoonflower® www.spoonflower.com/profiles/sherralynsdolls. The dance wear fits Sherralynsdolls Twinkle, American Girl® Mini, Our Generation® mini, and other mini dolls. The dance wear includes a leotard, dance shoes, leg warmers, and a wrap skirt. Your dance wear swatch should have been printed on four-way stretch fabric for these patterns to fit properly.

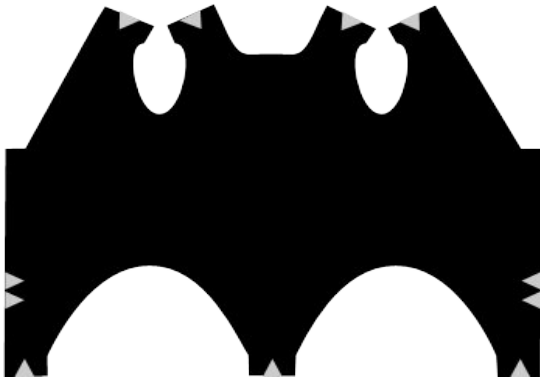
To sew up your project you will also need some basic sewing supplies: scissors, sewing pins, a 1" (2.5 cm) safety pin, a needle, matching thread, and perhaps some glue if you want to add felt soles to the dance slippers.

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.

You will also need some 1/8" (3 mm) elastic for the wrap skirt. You may decide to add felt soles to the dance slippers. If you do, you will need a small piece of black felt and glue to attach them. For glue I used Elmer's® X-treme but other glues may work as well. If you want to add a bow to the wrap skirt you will need a piece of ribbon.

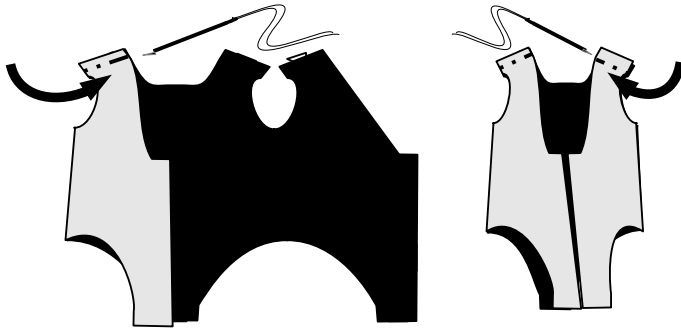
And don't forget your mini doll! You will need her to try on your creations and to model them when your done.

Cutting and Sewing the Leotard

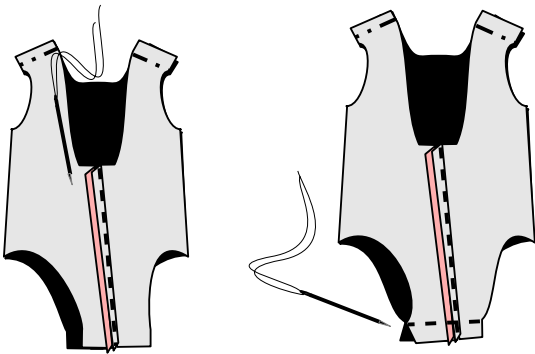


Cut out the leotard pattern from the swatch. The small curves on this piece can be hard to cut so work carefully and use small, sharp scissors.

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.



Begin by folding one side of the leotard to the back. 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.



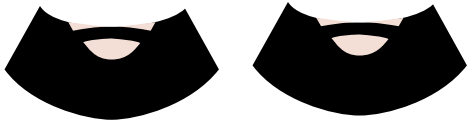
Next sew up the back of the leotard. Use the same $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance as before.

And finally, sew the crotch.

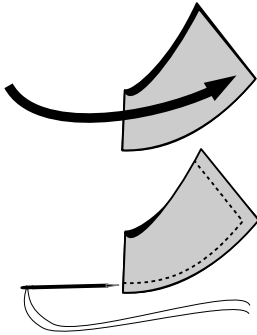
Turn the leotard right side out and try it on your doll.



Making the Slippers



Cut out the slippers pattern from the swatch.

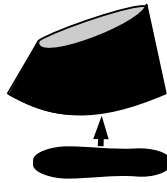


Begin by folding each slipper in half with the printed sides of the fabric touching.

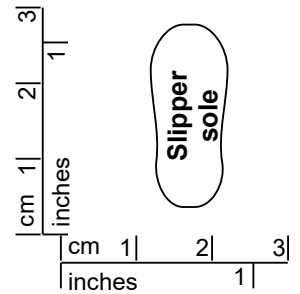
Sew each slipper together using a $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance.



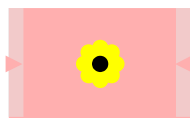
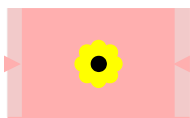
After sewing, turn the slipper right side out. Try them on your doll.



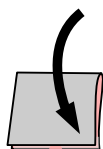
If you want to you, can. use this template to cut soles out of black felt and glue them to the slippers



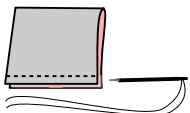
Cutting and Sewing the Leg Warmers



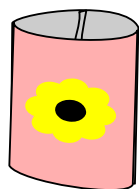
Cut out the leg warmers pattern from the swatch.



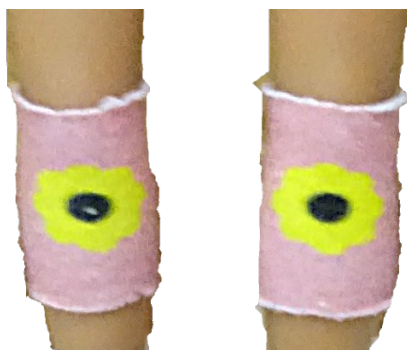
Begin by folding each legwarmer in half with the printed sides of the fabric touching.



Thread your needle and sew the seam. Use a $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance .



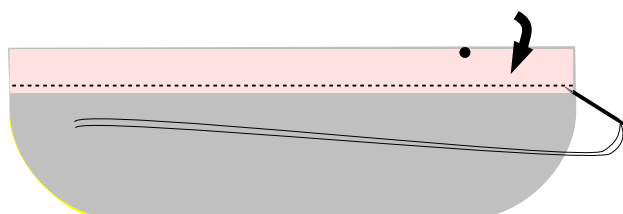
After sewing, turn the leg warmers right side out and try them on your doll



Cutting and Sewing the Wrap Skirt



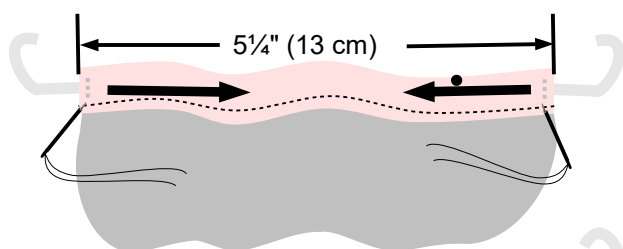
Cut out the wrap skirt pattern from the swatch.



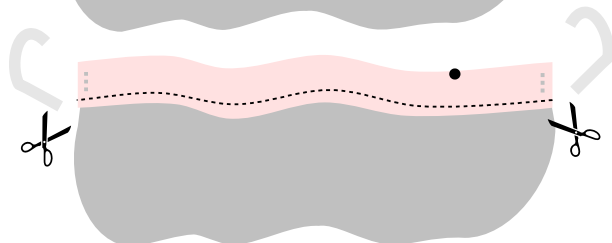
Begin by folding the light colored casing area and the alignment dot to the back of the fabric. Sew it in place to form a casing.



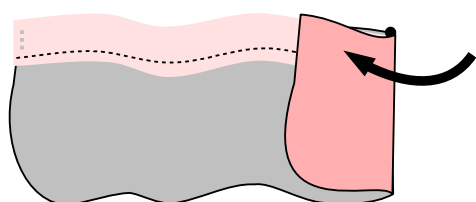
Attach the $\frac{1}{8}$ " elastic to the safety pin and use it to push the elastic through the casing that you have just made.



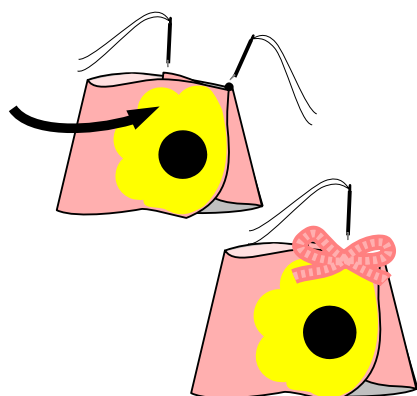
Gather the casing on the elastic until the casing is about 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (13 cm) long. Sew the ends of the elastic in place.



Cut off the extra elastic.



Fold the end of the skirt up at the alignment dot.



Fold the other end of the skirt up and sew it where it meets the alignment dot. Sew the first end in place as shown.

If you want to, you can use ribbon to tie a bow then sew the bow to the front of the skirt.

