

How to Sew Your Mini Doll Performance Wear



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

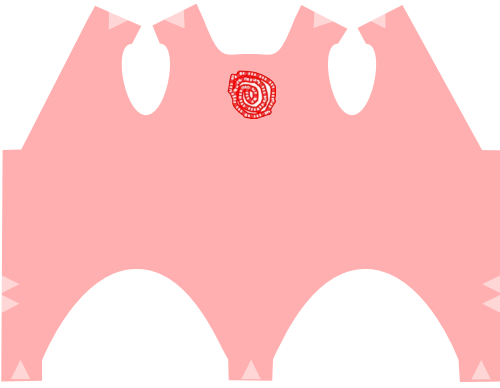
To sew up your project you will also need some basic sewing supplies: scissors, sewing pins, a 1" (2.5 cm) safety pin, a needle, matching thread, and perhaps some glue if you want to add felt soles to the slippers. The tights are most easily sewn using stabilizer and a zigzag stitch on a sewing machine,

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 and tiara. You may decide to add felt soles to the slippers. If you do, you will need a small piece of black felt and glue to attach them. For the tiara you will need part of an index card and glue. For glue I used Elmer's® X-treme but other glues may work as well.

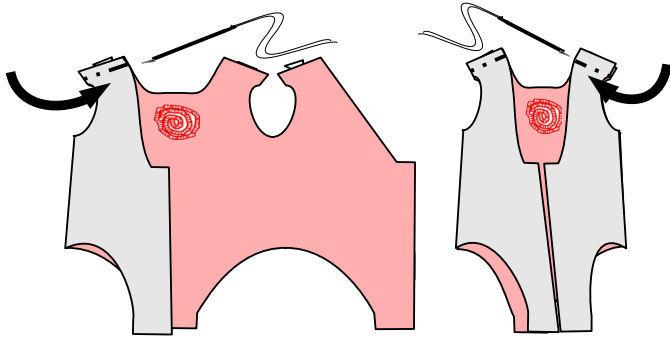
And don't forget your mini doll! You will need her to try on your creations and to model them when your done.

Cutting and Sewing the Leotard

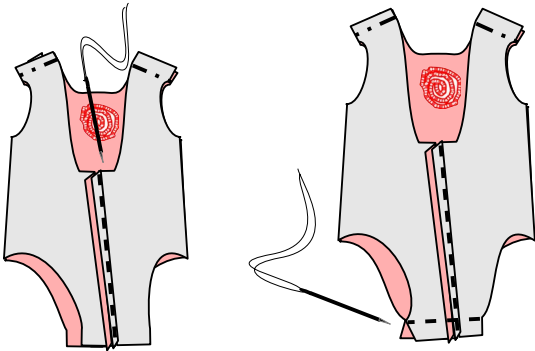


Cut out the leotard pattern from the swatch. The small curves on this piece can be hard to cut so work carefully and use small, sharp scissors.

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.



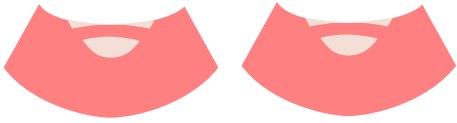
Next sew up the back of the leotard. Use the same $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance as before.

And finally, sew the crotch.

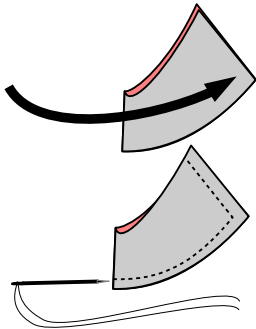
Turn the leotard right side out and try it on your doll.



Making the Slippers

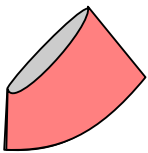


Cut out the slippers pattern from the swatch.

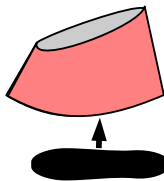


Begin by folding each slipper in half with the printed sides of the fabric touching.

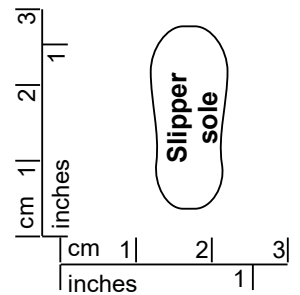
Thread your needle and sew each slipper together. Sew along the seam from toe to heel using a $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam allowance.



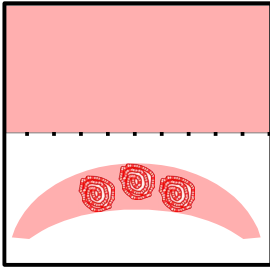
After sewing, turn the slipper right side out. Try them on your doll.



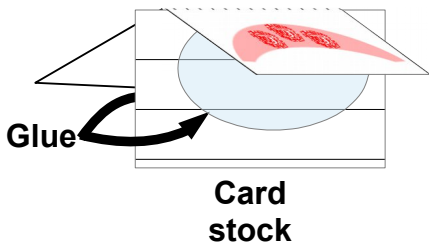
If you want to you, can. use this template to cut soles out of black felt and glue them to the slippers



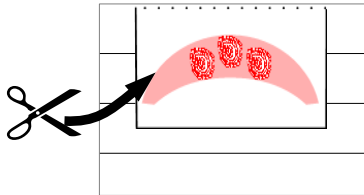
Cutting and Sewing the Tiara



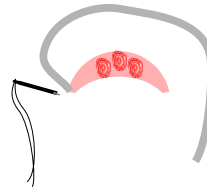
From the swatch, cut out the rectangle that includes the two parts of the tiara. Keep the two parts together on the rectangle



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.

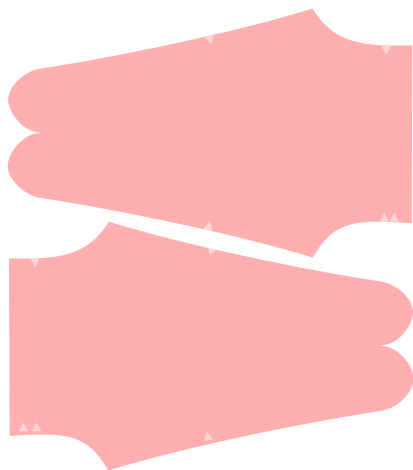


Fit the tiara around your doll's head. Mark the elastic where it fits then sew the other end to the tiara.

Try the tiara on your doll.



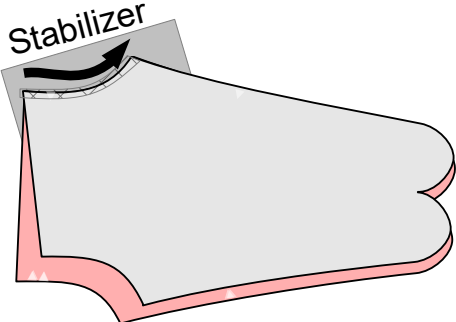
Cutting and Sewing the Leggings



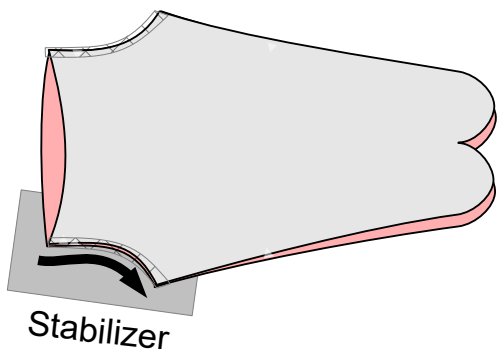
Cut out the leotard pattern from the swatch.

For this garment it is easier to use a sewing machine and zigzag the seams using stabilizer. The tights need to be sewn by a sewer with intermediate sewing skills.

Stabilizer

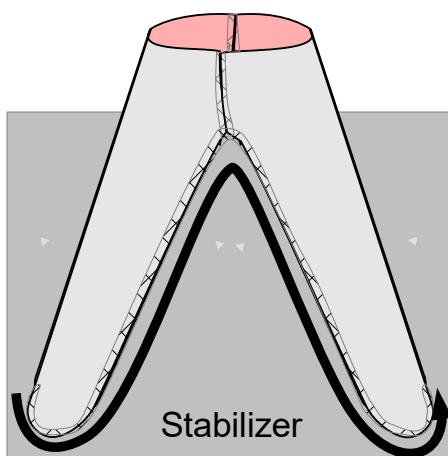


Printed sides together, place the two fabric pieces on a square of tear away stabilizer. Baste and then zigzag the center fronts.



Baste and then zigzag the center backs.

Stabilizer

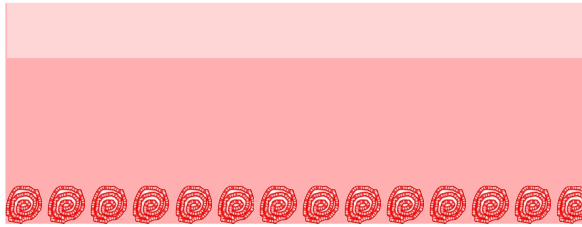


Open up the tights and bring the sides of each leg together. Baste the leg seams to the stabilizer and then zigzag the leg seam.

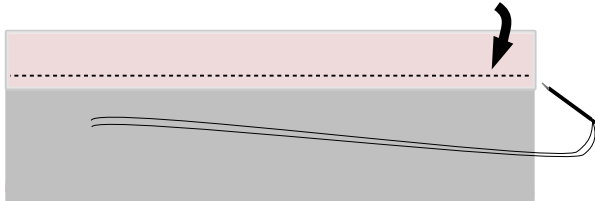


Turn the tights right side out.

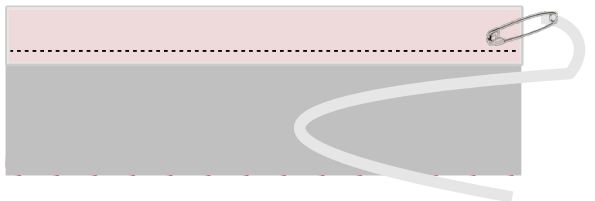
Cutting and Sewing the Wrap Skirt



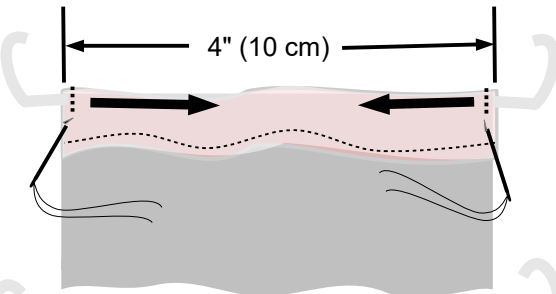
Cut out the skirt pattern from the swatch.



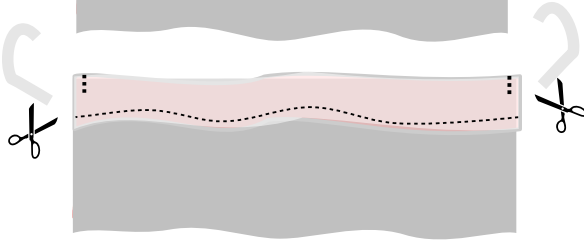
Begin by folding the light colored casing area to the back of the fabric. Sew it in place to form a casing.



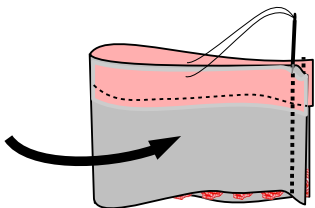
Attach the $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3mm) elastic to the safety pin and use it to push the elastic through the casing that you have just made.



Gather the casing on the elastic until the casing is about 4" (10 cm) long. Sew the ends of the elastic in place



Cut off the extra elastic.



Fold the skirt in half and align the ends. Sew the ends together using a $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) seam.

Turn the skirt right side out.

