

# **A Small Wardrobe for a Small Doll**

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## Before You Begin

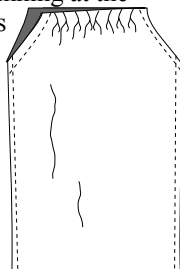
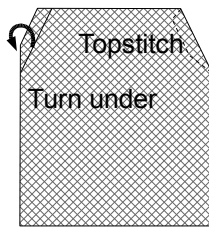
- Check the 6" ruler printed on the patterns to make sure that they are printed full size.
- The checks in the illustrations below indicate the right side of the fabric.
- If you are uncomfortable sewing such small items on a machine, you can easily complete each project with hand sewing.
- Decide on the method that you will use to finish the seams.
  - If you are using a sewing machine you may use a small zig zag stitch.
  - You may finish the seam with an overcasting stitch if you are sewing by hand.
  - If you are comfortable with a seam sealant you may use it with either hand or machine sewing. To use the seam sealant place cut fabric pieces on a sheet of wax paper, apply sealant sparingly to all edges, and allow to dry before sewing. Ignore instructions in the pattern for finishing seams, because you have already done so.

## Supplies

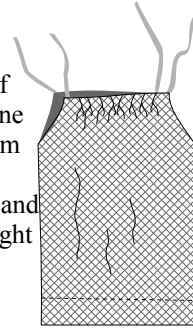
- Scraps of soft cotton fabric with soft colors or small prints and matching thread
- Narrow ribbon for the sundress or summer top and the gown or smock top
- 1/8 inch elastic for gown or smock top and pants
- Seam sealant if you wish

## Sundress or Summer Top

- Cut one front on the fold and one back on the fold.
- Finish the outside edges of the four arm openings, press 1/4 inch to the inside, and topstitch.
- Finish the outside edges of front and back neck, press under 1/8 inch and gather each side by hand to 1 1/4 inch.
- Sew the sides together beginning at the bottom of the arm openings and finish seams.
- Fold and press 1/2 inch of fabric to the inside at hem and topstitch or whip in hem.

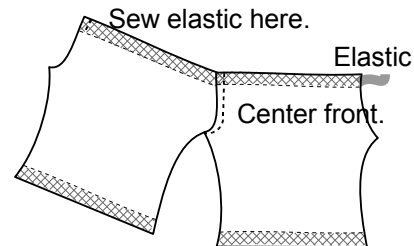
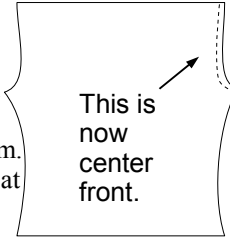


- Cut four 5 inch lengths of narrow ribbon and sew one strip at the top of each arm opening.
- Put the outfit on the doll and tie bows at the left and right shoulders.



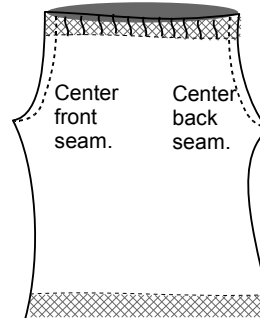
## Pants

- Cut one front on the fold and one back on the fold.
- Lay the pieces right sides together and sew the center fronts together. (The center fronts and backs are exactly alike, so pick seam to be center front.) Finish the seam.
- Finish the raw edges at the bottom of each leg. Turn 1/4 inch to the inside at each leg bottom. Topstitch.
- To make the casing open the pants up and finish the raw edge at the top of the waist. Press the fabric in 1/4 inch to the inside. Topstitch very close to the finished edge.
- Insert the elastic into the casing. Sew the short end of the elastic along the raw edge of the casing.
- Pull the elastic until it measures about 4 1/2 inches. Try around the doll's waist and

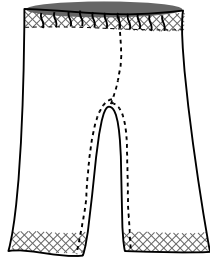


adjust if necessary. Secure the second side of the elastic and cut off the excess.

- Sew center backs together.



- Bring the center fronts and center backs together and sew the inside leg seams.

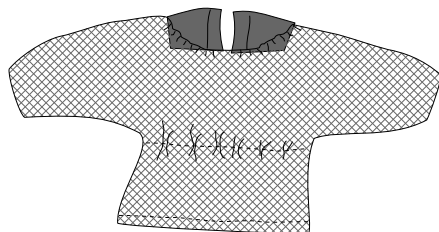
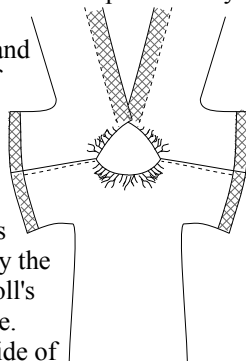


hook and loop tape or snaps.

- Press a ½ inch hem in the gown, or a ¼ inch hem in the top and topstitch or whip in the hem.

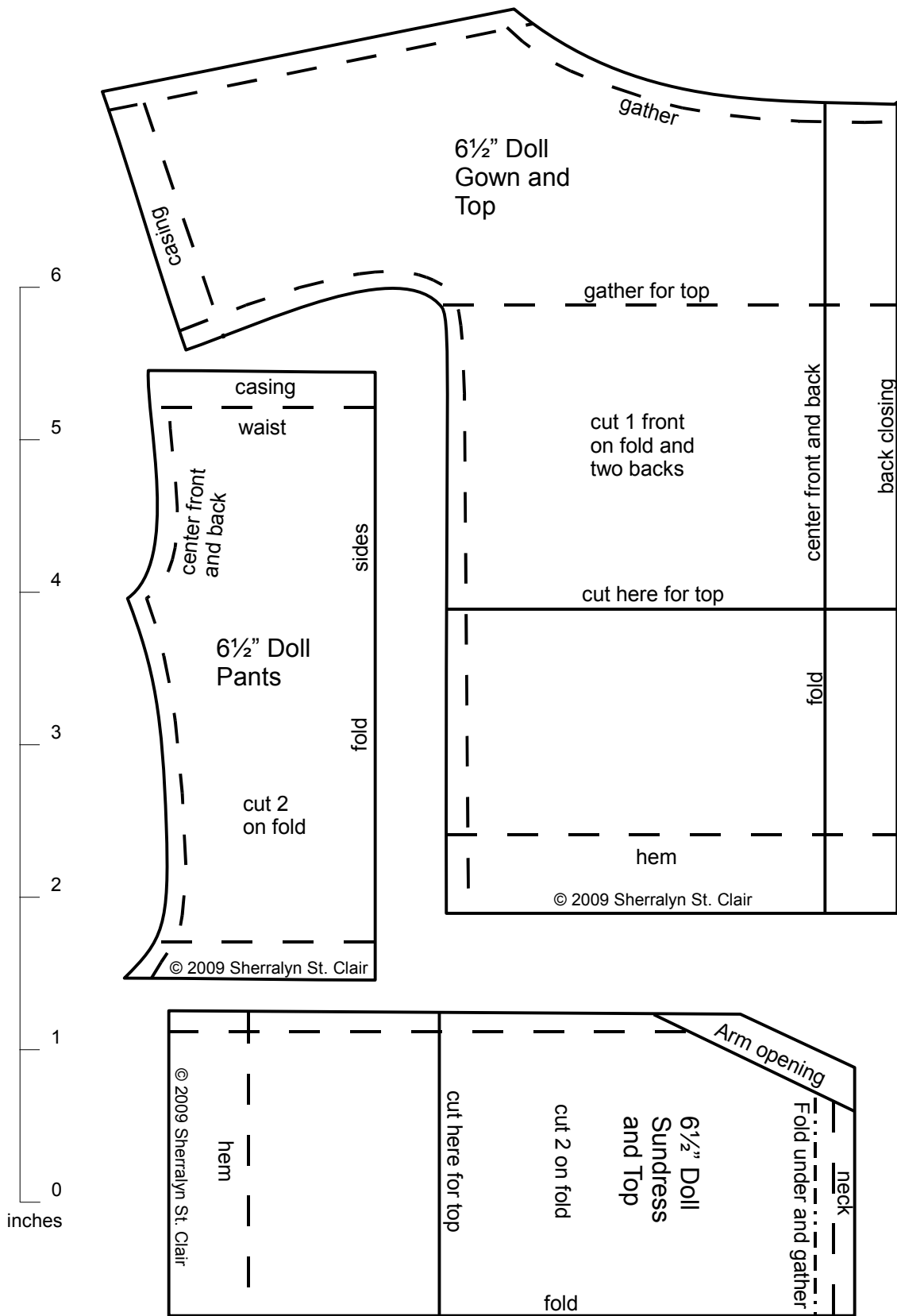
### Gown and Smock Top

- Fold under the ½ inch seam allowance at the center front and back line of the pattern and cut one front on the fold. Fold out the seam allowance and cut two backs.
- Sew shoulder seams and finish the seams.
- Finish the raw edges of sleeves, neck, and back closings.
- Press the back closing ½ inch to the inside and the neck edge ⅛ inch to the inside.
- Hand gather the neck to three inches.
- To make each sleeve casing press the sleeve edges ¼ inch to the inside. Top stitch very close to the finished edge. Insert elastic and sew the short end of the elastic along the raw edge of the casing. Pull the elastic on the free end until it measures about 1½ inches. Try the sleeve around the doll's arm to check the size. Secure the second side of the elastic and cut off the excess elastic.
- Fold right sides together at the shoulder seams. Sew across the bottom of each sleeve and down each side of the gown or top. Finish the seams.
- For the smock top you may hand gather the top below the sleeve on the line indicated on the pattern. Pull the gathers to about five inches.



- Either garment opens all the way down the back. Lap left over right and close with

# Patterns



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