

Robe Soleil

An Original Fashion Pattern for 16 Inch Ellowyne



Instructions and Pattern Pieces for a long flowing Sun Dress

Designer's Introduction

This simple sun dress pattern was created to be offered for free, to inspire anyone who already sews, or **anyone who thinks they can't sew!**

You can sew it as is using a pretty printed fabric, or use it as a "base" or "canvas" for your own creative notions. Of course you can use this pattern to get a wide variety of looks.

My hope is that you enjoy every minute of the sewing process, and have fun sewing!

Fabric and Notions

- 1/2 yard of light to medium weight fabric such as cotton prints, batiste, dupioni silk, etc...
- 2 small snaps and two small buttons.
- Ribbons, lace, beads, paint, stencils, tulle, yarn, silk flowers, jewelry, embroidery floss or whatever strikes you fancy for embellishment.

Notes:

- All seam allowances are 1/4 inch.
- If you do not have a "serger" or "overlock" sewing machine, you can use a zigzag stitch (see photo)
- You can cut the dress panels shorter to wear with leggings, or add ruffles, or change the skirt panels to create "petals", or fray the bottom edge instead of hemming the dress...
- For the dress ties you will need to use a special tool to turn them right side out (see steps photos). This "turning tool" is sold at JoAnn's Fabrics.
- If you are uncomfortable with this step you can use ribbons or yarn for the dress ties.



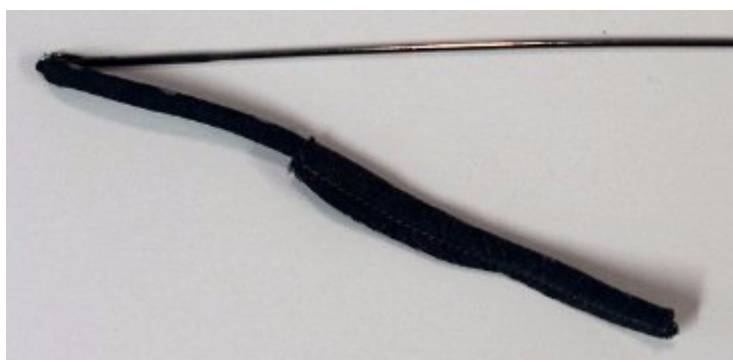
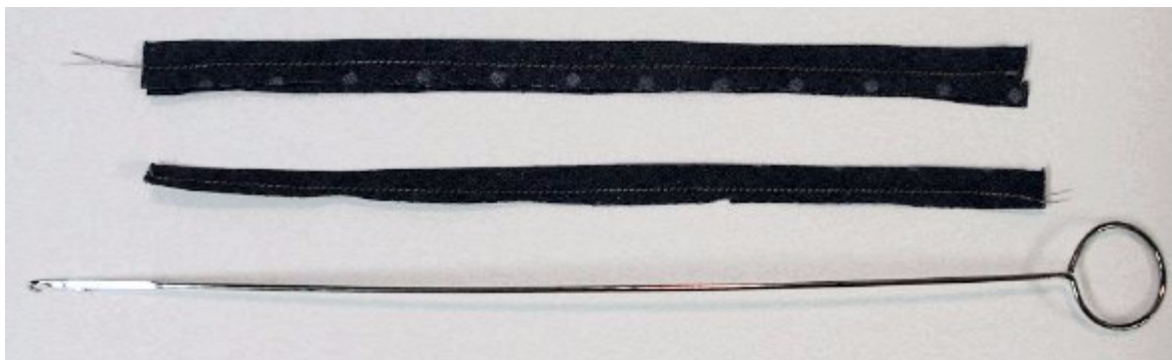
Pattern Pieces

- 1 - Dress Bodice
- 2 - Dress Skirt Panels

- 3 - Dress Ties

Sewing Instructions

Fold and sew the dress ties. Trim the seam in half and use the turning tool to turn the ties right side out. Press, then tie a knot on one end of both ties.



Sew the ties to the bodice



Sew the bodice lining to the bodice (dots)



Trim the seam in half and clip at the corners (arrows)



Turn right side up, press.



Piece together all eight skirt panels



Serge (or zigzag) all seams and center back edges (dots). Press all seams toward one side.



Now would be the time to embellish the dress skirt with appliqués, ruffles, stencils, etc...

Gather the skirt to measure 7"



Lifting the lining, sew the skirt (right sides together) to the bodice (dots), folding in $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each end (arrows)



Fold the lining $\frac{1}{4}$ " and hand stitch the lining closed using an invisible stitch (ladder stitch)

Sew the center back seam (dots)
to 1½" from the bodice (arrows)



Press the seam open



Serge or zigzag the lower edge. Turn ¼"
and hem



Sew buttons and snaps



Press

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