



18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL WITCHES DRESS

Make Your Outfit Instructions

1. Preview of Completed Outfit

Play this video and check out this great outfit that YOU will make!

2. Tools and Resources Required

- 1) Paper pattern (printed from PDF file downloaded to your computer)
- 2) 15 inches (38cm) Knit fabric e.g. Panne Velvet
- 3) Optional netting (not stiff tulle) 8 inches (20cm) for the contrast sleeve lining. This will include fabric for the hat band.
- 4) Optional felt for the bat decorations 5 x 5 inches (13 x 13cm). This will make 4 bats – 3 for the dress and 1 for the hat.
- 5) Matching thread
- 6) Velcro strip ½ inch x 4 inches (1.2cm x 10cm)
- 7) Paper scissors
- 8) Paper glue
- 9) Fabric scissors or Rotary Blade & Cutting Mat
- 10) Pencil
- 11) Clippers/snips
- 12) Tape measure or ruler
- 13) Pins





3. Preparing Paper Pattern

- 1) Check the 'Tip' measurement is correct.
- 2) Cut out paper pattern pieces following the solid line.
- 3) Glue pattern piece #1: part 1 and part 2 together matching solid line to dashed line. Glue pattern piece #2: part 1 and part 2 together matching solid line to dashed line. Glue pattern piece #3: part 1 and part 2 together matching the solid line to dashed line.

4. Cutting Out Fabric

Dress

- 1) With fabric folded in half matching selvages, place pattern piece #1 (Front) on the fold. Pin in place. Place pattern piece #2 (Back) beside piece #1 and pin in place. Place pattern piece #3 beside piece #2 and pin in place. If you are using fabric with a nap, please ensure that your pattern pieces are all up the same way.
- 2) Cut around the paper pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Remove pins.
- 3) Take the 2 pieces of fabric that you have cut for the sleeves and cut different size triangles from the hem of the sleeve starting and finishing about 2 ½ inches (6cm) from the ends – this will give the jagged look around the hem of the sleeve.

Sleeve Lining

- 1) Fold netting in half and place pattern piece #3 onto the fabric close to the selvedge so that you have enough netting left for the hat band. Pin in place.
- 2) Cut around the paper pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Remove pins.

Bat Decorations

- 1) Place bat template from the Hat pattern onto the felt and pin securely in place. Cut around the paper pattern and remove pins. Repeat three more times.



5. Join Shoulder Seams

- 1) With right sides together, match shoulder seams of the front to the shoulder seams of the two back pieces. Pin.
- 2) Sew a ¼ inch (6mm) seam allowance with a small zigzag stitch or knit stitch securing the beginning and end with reverse stitches.

6. Finish Neck

- 1) Sew a row of stay stitching around the neckline about ¼ inch (6mm) in from the raw edge.
- 2) Fold the raw edge of the neckline down ¼ inch (6mm) onto the wrong side of the fabric. Pin in place.
- 3) Sew a row of straight stitches around the neckline, securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 4) Remove stay stitching.

7. Prepare Sleeve

- 1) On the wrong side of the first sleeve piece, place the first piece of netting. Pin the two pieces together along the curve and about 2 inches (5cm) down each side. Repeat on the second sleeve.
- 2) Using a straight stitch, sew the two pieces of fabric together with ¼ inch (6mm) seam allowance starting about 2 inches down from the curved edge and finishing about 2 inches (5cm) down from the curved edge on the other side. Repeat on the second sleeve.
- 3) Sew a row of gathering thread along the top curve of each sleeve just inside ¼ inch (6mm) from the raw edge. Start and finish this row about 1 inch (2.5cm) from each end.
- 4) Sew a second row of gathering thread along the top curve of each sleeve a little more than ¼ inch (6mm) from the raw edge. Start and finish this row about 1 inch (2.5cm) from each end.



8. Attach Sleeve

- 1) Fold one sleeve in half to find the centre of the top of the sleeve. Mark with a pin.
- 2) With right sides of fabric together, match the pin marking the centre of the top of the sleeve with the first shoulder seam of the dress. (The raw edge of the sleeve will be even with the raw edge of the armhole) Pin. Match the first end of the armhole with the corresponding end of the curved edge of the sleeve. Pin. Match the second end of the armhole with the other end of the curved edge of the sleeve. Pin.
- 3) Pull gently on the bobbin threads of the gathering stitches until the sleeve is even with the armhole. With the majority of the gathering near the shoulder seam, pin securely.
- 4) Repeat steps 1) – 3) with the second sleeve and armhole.
- 5) With a seam allowance of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm), sew a row of zigzag stitches (or knit stitches) to join the sleeves to the armholes securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 6) Remove gathering thread.

9. Sew Side Seam

- 1) With right sides of fabric together, match the first side seam and pin ensuring the hem is even. Match and pin the seam under the arm and again about 2 inches down the sleeve. Repeat on the second side seam.
- 2) With a seam allowance of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm), sew a row of zigzag stitches (or knit stitches) to join the first side seam and 2 inches down the sleeve. Secure beginning and end of seam with reverse stitches. Repeat on the second side.

10. Finish Hem

- 1) Cut different size triangles out from along the hem starting and finishing about 1 inch (2.5cm) from the ends and avoiding the side seams.



11. Sew Back Seam

- 1) With right sides together, match the back seam starting at the hem and pin together for 5 ½ inches (14cm).
- 2) With a seam allowance of 5/8 inch (15mm) sew the back seam with a zigzag stitch (knit stitch) starting at the hem and secure the beginning with reverse stitches. When you get to the final pin marking the 5 ½ inch (14cm) point, turn the fabric and stitch from the seam out to the raw edge finishing with reverse stitches. This will give extra strength to the top of your seam.

12. Attach Velcro

- 1) Turn over 5/8 inch (15mm) one side of the back opening towards the wrong side of the fabric. Pin.
- 2) Using a straight stitch hem in place from neckline to top of back seam.
- 3) Separate the Velcro strip and stitch the hook side to the back opening that is not hemmed. The strip should be attached to the right side of the fabric and starting close to the neckline.
- 4) Attach the loop side of the Velcro strip to the underside (wrong side) of the hemmed back opening starting close to the neckline.

13. Attach Bat Decorations (Optional)

- 1) Place and pin the felt bat shapes onto the front of the dress where you would like them.
- 2) Using a straight stitch sew down the centre of the first bat shape. Turn and stitch back up then down again to secure. Repeat with remaining bats.

14. Congratulations You Did It!

Celebrate! YOU made another great outfit. Well done!