



## **18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL PETTICOAT**

### **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) 12" (30cm) Cotton or Poly cotton
- 3) 12" (30cm) netting
- 4) Matching thread
- 5) 10" (25cm) or ¼ inch (6mm) Elastic
- 6) Fabric scissors or Rotary Blade & Cutting Mat
- 7) Safety Pin or Loop Turner
- 8) Marking Pen
- 9) Clippers/snips
- 10) Tape measure or ruler
- 11) Pins



#### **3. Cutting Out Fabric**

- 1) With cotton or poly cotton fabric folded in half and selvages together cut a straight line from selvedge to fold.
- 2) Measure 12" (30cm) along this straight edge from fold towards selvedge and mark with a pen. From this point rule a line straight up 10" (25 cm) for the American Girl doll or 11" (27 ½ cm) for the Australian Girl doll.



- 3) On the fold, measure up from straight edge 10" (25 cm) for the American Girl doll or 11" (27 ½ cm) for the Australian Girl doll and mark with a pen. Rule a line from this mark to the top of the line you have just drawn.
- 4) Cut along the pen marks with fabric scissors or rotary cutter.
- 5) With the netting folded in half cut a straight line from selvedge to fold.
- 6) Measure 24" (60cm) along this straight edge from fold towards selvedge and mark with a pen. From this point rule a line straight up 3 ½ " (9 cm).
- 7) On the fold, measure up from straight edge 3 ½ " (9 cm) and mark with a pen. Rule a line from this mark to the top of the line you have just drawn.
- 8) Cut along the pen marks with fabric scissors or rotary cutter.
- 9) Measure 18" (45cm) along this straight edge from fold towards selvedge and mark with a pen. From this point rule a line straight up 7" (18 cm).
- 10) On the fold, measure up from straight edge 7" (18 cm) and mark with a pen. Rule a line from this mark to the top of the line you have just drawn.
- 11) Cut along the pen marks with fabric scissors or rotary cutter.

#### **4. Hem**

- 1) With fabric wrong side up, turn down raw edge of long straight side ½ inch (12mm). Pin in place.
- 2) Press and remove pins.
- 3) Turn raw edge down into the fold and pin in place.
- 4) Using a straight stitch, sew the hem in place doing a couple of reverse stitches at both beginning and end.

#### **5. Create Casing**

- 1) With wrong side of fabric facing up, turn down raw edge of top of petticoat ¾ inch (2cm). Pin in place.
- 2) Press and remove pins.
- 3) Turn raw edge of casing in towards the fold 1/4 inch (6mm). Pin in place.



- 4) Using a straight stitch, sew close to the fold at the bottom of the casing doing a couple of reverse stitches at both beginning and end.

## 6. Gather Netting

- 1) Along the long edge of the first piece of netting, sew a gathering stitch e.g. straight stitch length 5, just under  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) in from edge. Sew a second row just over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) in from same edge.
- 2) Repeat with second piece of netting.

## 7. Attach Netting

- 1) On both ends of the petticoat measure and mark a point  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " (8cm) up from the finished hem and use a ruler to draw a line from one point to the other.
- 2) On both ends of the petticoat measure and mark a second point 7" (18cm) up from the finished hem and use a ruler to draw a line from one point to the other.
- 3) Take the narrow strip of netting and fold in half, mark this point with a pin on the side with the gathering stitches. Fold one end of the netting into the centre to find the quarter point and mark with a pin. Repeat on other end.
- 4) Fold petticoat in half and using a marking pen mark this centre point along both of the lines you ruled in steps 1) and 2).
- 5) Fold one end of the petticoat in towards this centre point and mark this quarter point on both lines you ruled in steps 1) and 2). Repeat with other end of petticoat.
- 6) Place the narrow strip of netting along the line closest to the hem i.e. line ruled in step 1), matching the top of the netting with this line. Pin the ends of the netting to the ends of the petticoat. Pin centre of netting to centre point of petticoat marked in step 4). Pin quarter points of netting to quarter points of petticoat marked in step 5).
- 7) Pull gathering threads on one end and gather netting evenly to fit between pins. Place extra pins to hold netting firmly in place. Repeat on other side.
- 8) Using a straight stitch sew between both rows of gathering threads securing with reverse stitches at both the beginning and end of sewing.
- 9) Take the wide strip of netting and repeat step 3)



- 10) Place this strip of netting along the line closest to the casing i.e. line ruled in step 2), matching the top of the netting with this line. Pin the ends of the netting to the ends of the petticoat. Pin centre of netting to centre point of petticoat marked in step 4). Pin quarter points of netting to quarter points of petticoat marked in step 5).
- 11) Pull gathering threads on one end and gather netting evenly to fit between pins. Place extra pins to hold netting firmly in place. Repeat on other side.
- 12) Using a straight stitch sew between both rows of gathering threads securing with reverse stitches at both the beginning and end of sewing.

## **8. Insert Elastic and Sew Back Seam**

- 1) Cut a piece of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (6mm) elastic 10 inches (25cm) and place a pin in one end.
- 2) Thread through casing with a safety pin, Bodkin or Loop Turner.
- 3) With one end of elastic in line with the end of the casing, stitch across the elastic to secure in place. Ensure elastic is not twisted through the casing. Match the other end of elastic with the other end of the casing and stitch across the elastic to secure in place.
- 4) Fold petticoat in half with right sides together (netting to the inside) and match the raw edges of the back seam ensuring the top casing and hem are even. Pin, being careful to include the netting in the back seam.
- 5) Using a straight stitch sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  " (6mm) seam starting at the top of the casing and securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 6) Sew a row of zigzag stitch over the raw edges to prevent fabric fraying, secure beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 7) Turn to right side.

## **9. Congratulations You Did It!**

Celebrate! YOU made this fantastic Petticoat. Well done!