



18 INCH & AMERICAN GIRL FRILL HAT

Make Your Outfit Instructions

Preview of Completed Outfit

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



1. Tools and Resources Required

- 1) Paper pattern (printed from PDF file downloaded to your computer)
- 2) Ruler
- 3) Paper scissors
- 4) Glue
- 5) Fabric – 8 inches (20cm) cotton, cotton blend
- 6) Fabric scissors or Rotary Blade & Cutting Mat
- 7) Matching thread
- 8) Clippers/snips
- 9) Pins

2. Preparing Paper Pattern

- 1) Check the measurement across the brim is correct according to the tip
- 2) Cut out pattern pieces following the solid line.
- 3) Glue pattern piece #1 part 1 and part 2 together
- 4) Glue pattern piece #2 part 1 and part 2 together



3. Cutting Out Hat

- 1) Fold fabric in half and place paper pattern piece #2 – Frill Brim onto the fabric with the narrow edge against the fold. Secure with pins.
- 2) Place paper pattern piece #1 on fabric ensuring that you have the grain line running with the grain. Secure with pins.
- 3) Cut around paper pattern pieces with scissors or cutting blade.
- 4) Remove pins.

4. Making the Top of the Hat

- 1) Separate the two pieces of the top of the hat.
- 2) With the right side of the fabric facing up, fold the first peak over on top of the second peak so that right sides are together and pin from the point down towards the fold.
- 3) Repeat with the other end. Fold the last peak over on top of the second last peak with right sides together and pin from the point down towards the fold.
- 4) Repeat steps 2) & 3) with the second piece of fabric.
- 5) Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam where you have pinned, starting at the point and following the curve until you get to the fold where you then taper the seam allowance off to nothing. Repeat for all pinned sections.
- 6) Take the first piece of fabric and fold in half with the right sides together and match the seam at the top of the peak. Push one seam allowance one way and the second seam allowance the other way and pin. With raw edges of the back of the hat even, pin.
- 7) Repeat step 6) with the second piece of fabric.
- 8) Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam from the bottom of the hat, following curve around to the fold and then taper seam allowance off to nothing.
- 9) Clip 'V' shapes out of all seam allowances approximately 1 inch (2.5cm) apart being careful not to cut the stitching.
- 10) Turn one hat top to the right side and insert inside the other so that wrong sides are together. With raw edges even, match the back seams and pin.
- 11) Sew a row of stitches around the bottom to hold both pieces together.



5. Making Brim of the Hat

- 1) Fold fabric in half with right sides together and match the raw edges of the ends together (short sides of the rectangle), pin.
- 2) Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam. You have now created a circle with your brim.
- 3) Open out seam allowance and fold brim in half with wrong sides together. Match seam and raw edges together and pin all around the brim.
- 4) Sew first row of gathering stitch less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) in from raw edge. Do not cut threads.
- 5) Sew second row of gathering stitch more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) in from raw edge being careful not to sew over the first row of stitching. Do not cut threads.
- 6) Press.

6. Joining Top of Hat to the Brim

- 1) Fold the top of hat in half along the back seam and place a pin at the fold on the opposite end. Matching back seam with this pin, fold the top of hat in half again marking both folds with a pin. You now have the top of the hat marked in four even sections.
- 2) Take the brim of the hat and fold in half along the seam and place a pin at the fold on the opposite end. Matching the seam and this pin, fold the brim in half again marking both folds with a pin. You now have the brim marked in four even sections.
- 3) With raw edges even, match the seam of the brim with the seam of the top of the hat and pin. Again with raw edges even, match the first pin of the hat with the first pin of the brim, remove one pin and use the second pin to secure the two pieces together. Repeat with the second and third pins.
- 4) Separate the gathering threads so that when you pull on the two threads coming from one direction, you will gather the brim on that side. Continue to pull on these threads and ease the gathering along the brim, past the first pin, until the length of the brim is even with the top of the hat on the first side. Even out the gathering between these pinned sections and place another pin about half way between the original pins to secure the brim to hat.
- 5) Repeat with gathering threads on the other side.
- 6) Take the long threads that you were pulling to create the gathers and tie a knot. This will prevent the gathers from coming loose.



- 7) Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam joining the top of the hat to the brim. Remove gathering thread. Trim all loose threads showing on the right side of the hat and along the seam.
- 8) Sew a row of zigzag stitch over the raw edge of this seam. Tidy up any remaining loose threads.
- 9) Sew a row of top stitching around the hat $\frac{1}{16}$ inch (3mm) in from the seam, securing the seam allowance into the top of the hat.

7. Congratulations YOU did it!

Celebrate! YOU made another great outfit. Well done!