

ROBE EN LINON FLEURI ROZE 25/05/1905 linon dress with pink flowers

Here is a very nice dress that will suit Bleurette very well. It's easy to make (!) and you need just a bit of fabric. This pattern needs a bodice and a shaped skirt. The pattern is used for both the bodice and the **lining**. Trace the pattern very carefully. You will need it for other pattern of the same year (!) (**Hint-hint**) Now the bodices are very fanciful but the lining is always the same, as it's trimmed and attempted. The fabric of the bodice needs to be prepared according to the pattern chosen.

This bodice has 'plis couchés' flat folds on the back (like pintucks?), and 3 pleats on each side at the front

Start with tracing the pattern on the lining, cut out and save the seams (**that means we will have to add seams and hem!**) Fig 1 is half the back. Fig 2 is one of the 2 fronts

While making the lining of the back, you don't need to pay attention the dotted lines, you will see later on where they are for ...

Front piece (we need 2)

Take a piece of fabric 12 cm x 12 cm (4 ¾ inch), make a flat fold at 0,5 cm (3/16 inch) from the edge (fig 3) Make a second and third one. Every fold takes about 1 cm fabric (3/8 inch) The pleats 'look' to the center front. Baste the folds. When the 3 folds are made, your fabric is about 9cm x 12cm (3 ½ inch x 4 ¾ inch) Put your 2 patterns (fabric) right sides together, trace the front pattern on your fabric and cut out (don't forget to add the seams!)

Back

Take a piece of fabric 12 cm x 16 cm (4 ¾ inch x 6 ¼ inch) (seams!)

Prepared in the same way, but you only need 4 folds (2 left and 2 right)

Start making the folds at 0, 5cm from the centerback

After the folds are made your fabric is 12 cm x 8 cm (4 ¾ inch x 3 1/8 inch)

Baste the folds

Fold your back (fabric) pattern double, put your back pattern at the fold (c/c) trace and cut out

Sleeves

Take a piece of fabric 12 cm x 18 cm (4 ¾ inch x 7 inch)

Folds are made in length. Start at 0,4cm from the border and make 3 folds

Baste the folds. Fold your fabric double, put the pattern at the fold (A/B), trace and cut (maybe it's easier to draw the pattern of the whole sleeve first, then put it on single fabric, trace and cut) Close the side seam of your sleeves (seams!)

Assembling of the bodice

Close shoulderseams (A/A) and sideseams (B/B)

When you assemble the lining you need to make an extra seam at the center back: stitch on the dotted lines. (that is to make sure that your folds don't pull)

Put the sleeves in the bodice, pin and stitch. To decorate your bodice, make a 'butterfly' lace with a slip of pink silk. Add a lace ruffle in the sleeves (cuff)

Closure ??? Maybe you can add buttons and buttonloops

This dress is in fact a blouse and a skirt!

Skirt

You need 5 patterns: 2 back pieces, 2 side pieces and the 'apron'

Fig 1: **apron:** put the pattern at the fold of double fabric (A/A), trace and cut (**don't forget the seams and hem!**)

Fig 2: **side pieces:** put the pattern at double fabric, trace and cut . Stitch the sidepieces to the apron (B/B)

Back: take a piece of fabric 17cm x 36 cm (6 ¾ inch x 14 inch) Make a slit in the center of 5 cm (2 inch) (this will be the skirt closure) hem the slit

Again we need to make some flat folds in this backpiece

Start at 4 cm (from the seam , end at 4 cm from the other border. Work as in the bodice.

When folds are made your fabric is 18 cm (7 inch)

Stitch the backpiece at your side pieces to close the skirt (X/X)

Belt: take a piece of fabric 20 cm x 2cm, fold double and turn under the seams. Finished, your belt is ¾ cm (1/4 inch) . Stitch your belt at the skirt

Ruffle: take a piece of fabric 6cm x 100 cm (2 3/8 inch x 39 inch). Make a tiny hem at one side. Gather OR make tiny folds. Adjust the ruffle to the skirt circumference pin and stitch.

Add button and buttonloop

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The only modern change I wonder about is sewing the sleeves open to the bodice after the shoulder seams have been sewn rather than doing such a tiny set in sleeve? Then you could sewn the side and under arm seam as one.