

One of the most beautiful outfits for a young girl or boy is the sailor outfit. You can make it in flannel, cotton, linen, ... The traditional color is dark bleu, decorated with white borders. But of course you can use every other color you want. The costume has 5 patterns: the skirt (or trousers) a vest, the jacket, collar and beret (bonnet)

The jacket: fig 2 (vareuse)

Back: put at the fold of your fabric, trace (double fabric) and cut

Front: trace on double fabric and cut

Close shoulder seams A/B. Close side seams E/F

Sleeves: fig 4: put the pattern on double fabric, trace and cut

Fold the sleeves (pli de coté). Stitch seams L/H and I/I. Hem the sleeves

Put the sleeves in the armhole and stitch surround till 'fronces' marks

That part of the sleeves need to be gathered. After gathering: stitch

Hem the jacket

The vest (or body if you want to make a dress...) fig 3 (gilet)

Cut in one piece. Put the pattern at the fold of the fabric, trace (double fabric) and cut

Hem both center backs, add buttons and loops

Close the shoulder seams

Make an embroidery surround the armholes (point à cheval) (bind the hem)

Don't make a hem if you want to make a dress

Skirt (fig 1) (jupe)

Cut a piece of fabric 8cm x 75 cm (3 ¼ inch x 29 ½ inch)

Make a hem (about 2 cm = ¾ inch). Plait as shown in skirt fig 2

Cut a ribbon out of the fabric, length equal to the waist of the vest. Stitch on the waist side of your skirt

Close ½ of the side seam, hem the upper half

Stitch the skirt unto the vest if you want to make a dress (after adjusting the length of the vest on your doll ...), or make a waist tie if you want a skirt

Collar (fig 5) (col)

Put the pattern on the fold of your fabric, trace and cut, make a hem surround

Embroid a little anchor in each corner

Stitch the collar to the jacket, make sure that pt D and C (fig 2)

The trousers (culotte) (if you want to make a boy outfit) (taken from costume de garconnet 12/05/1910)

You need two patterns (they are drawn on the same fig 4)

Put both patterns at the fold, trace and cut

Close the front seam. Close the back seam. Close the seam between the legs

Hem the waist (make a tunnel) lace a threat. Hem the legs (make a tunnel) lace an elastic

Beret (bonnet) (fig 2 bis)

Trace the three patterns, cut. Cut out the dark part from fig 2. Stitch both circles together at the outer edges

Strip: stitch on the inner circle of the beret. Close the side seam.

Fold the strip in half, Fold the other half to the back. Fasten with some stitches

Stitch a ribbon at the back of the strip to hide the seams. Let the ends float at the back

If you want you can embroid the name of a ship on the strip. { l' étoile (the star), 'l' esperance (hope), mouette (seagull), ... Embroid an anchor at the front side of the strip

Devant: front, le dos: the back

Ourlet: hem

Fronces, gathers

Couture: stitches

Pli: fold