

A White Dress for Bleuette and Rosette
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This charming sundress for our two dear dolls is easy to create if you follow the pattern indications exactly.

Cut the dress from a piece of fabric as indicated on the pattern, adding seam allowances. [Also add hem allowances and self-facings—CF or CB. The original pattern has a CF seam in the skirt and CF opening, with CB cut on the fold, but you could change this to CB opening and CF cut on the fold if you prefer. You must decide as you are cutting, and add self-facings to either the front or the back.] The exterior lines correspond with Rosette’s measurements, the interior lines correspond with those of the doll “Bleuette.”

Sew the shoulder seams. Cut the collar and the collar lining and line the collar. The collar is sewn to the neckline of the dress. [Finish the neckline with a strip of bias dress fabric, if you wish.]

Apply 3 extra-wide bands of color [top to bottom: green, yellow, red] to the bottom of the skirt and the sleeves. [The width shown is the exact width of bias tape, or you could use ½” –5 /8” ribbon. Other trims of the period, like rick-rack or braid could also be used.]

Sew the sleeves to the bodice, and then form the bodice by sewing the side seam and sleeve seam simultaneously.

Gather the skirt to fit the bodice waistline. [Turn back the self-facings of the opening first.] Form the skirt by sewing the CF [or CB] seam, leaving a little slit for the dress’s opening.

Sew three buttons down the front for decoration [white, or one each green, yellow, and red] and close the opening with two hooks, one at the neck and one at the waist. [You could also use snaps. For Rosette’s larger size, use three snaps or hooks.]

CF=center front

CB=center back