

***Robe de Fete, Party Dress***

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Translation:

*Choose a pretty velvet or a fine silk of pastel tint. Cut the pieces as indicated on the pattern pieces.*

*The skirt is a long rectangle of 60cm[23 & 5/8inches]: the seam is placed at the center back.*

*To tailor the dress, prepare the pleats: at the center front is a box pleat, and four pleats go around each side, finishing at the center back [pleat placement marked on the pattern]. [Make a short seam in the skirt, and hem the rest of the CB seam allowance for the CB opening.]*

*Sew the shoulder seams to assemble the fronts and back of the bodice.*

*Make a hem around the neckline. [Or face with bias strip of fabric.]*

*Sew the sleeves to the armholes.*

*Make a hem in the bottom of the sleeves.*

*Sew together the underarm seams of the bodice at the same time as the sleeve seams.*

*Make a hem down each side of the back of the bodice, stitch the skirt to the bodice, [lap the right over the left back] and close with snaps.*

*Sew on a trim of ruffled white eyelet to the neckline (requires 1/3 meter[12"]), and the bottom of the sleeves (requires 1/5 meter[8", 4" per sleeve]).*