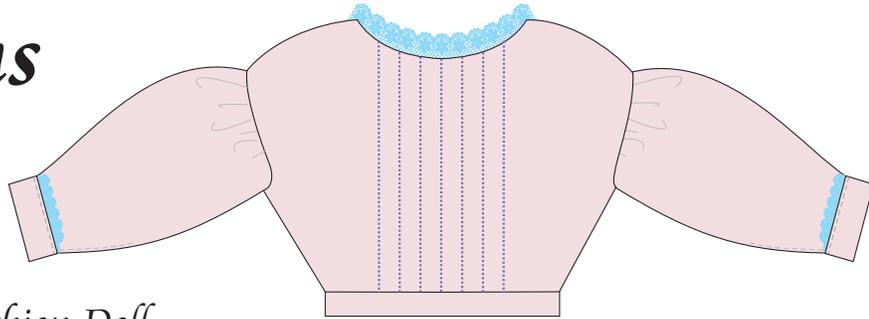


Pattikins

Chemisette

Circa 1870

For 12" French Fashion Doll

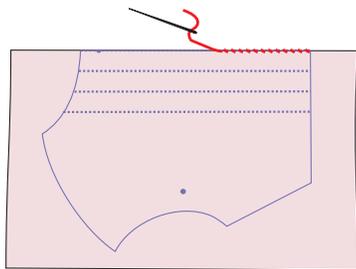


So many of the wonderful styles for our dolls call for a chemisette to fill in the open neckline, and add sleeves. Many chemisettes were decorated with tucks, embroidery (especially whitework), or lace. The chemisette presented here is constructed like a blouse. It is simply decorated, with pintucks down the front, and a stand up or lace collar. Because it's basically underwear, pick white or off white cotton batiste, lawn, voile or handkerchief weight linen. If you choose to use lace, pick cotton lace the same color as the fabric, and about 3/8" to 1/2" wide. Presencia 60# cotton sewing thread is suggested.

Instructions for construction:

Note: Seam allowances vary.

Prepare pintucks before cutting front. Cut a 4" by 6" wide piece of fabric. Pull a thread to mark center. Pull three more threads, exactly 1/4" apart, on either side of center for pintuck placement, as indicated on pattern. Lay the front pattern piece on the fabric and trace. This will indicate where to start and stop stitching. Fold the fabric on the center pulled thread and use small, even stitches (catch 2 or 3 threads) to whipstitch along fold.



Tip: to make pintucks by machine, use a 1.5 to 2mm twin needle. Lay piece flat, right side up, and stitch through one thickness of fabric, carefully following the drawn thread.

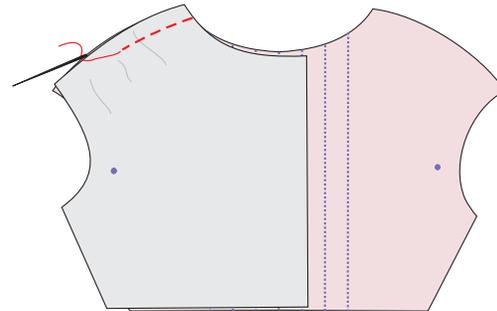
Repeat for six more pintucks. Place the front pattern piece on the fabric again, and cut.

Cut out back, sleeve and waistband pieces. Cut out cuffs and cut out collar if needed. Use an air erase pen to transfer dots to cut pieces.

Tip: Air erase pen marks disappear instantly when dampened.

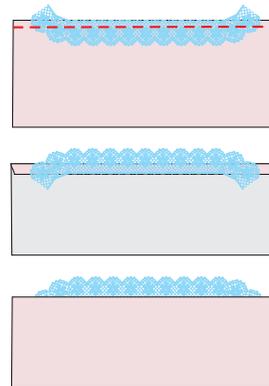
Stitch shoulder seams:

Use french seams, if desired. Press seams toward back.



Prepare Cuffs:

If using lace, gather it slightly and attach it to the edge of the cuff, right sides together. Turn the ends of the lace in 1/4" from the ends of the cuff. Stitch at 1/8".



In not using lace, fold in 1/8" to and press.

