

Bleuette's Tablier
a pattern for the 11" doll

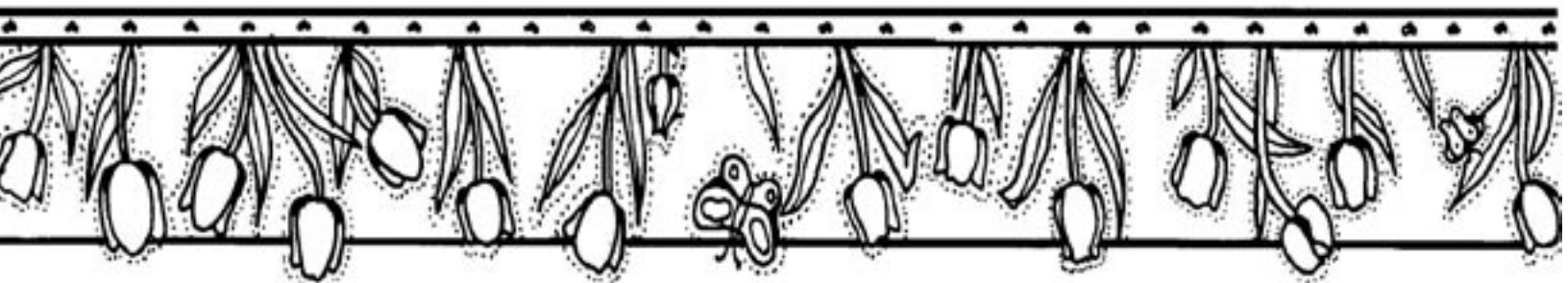


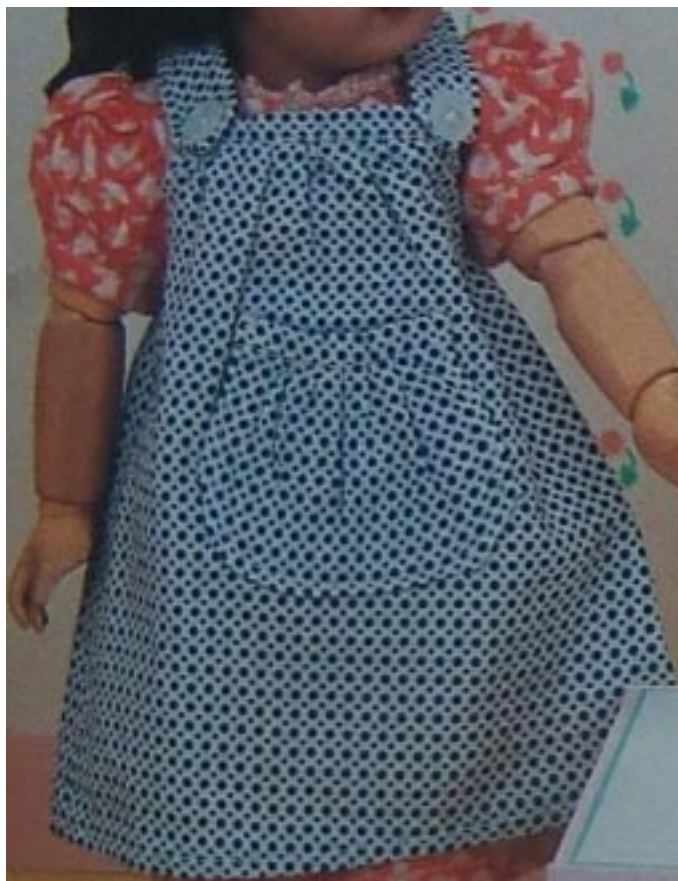
Includes Instructions for Tablier

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Picture from Billyboys* book, *Bleurette*. On page 256 he wrote: "In its time, *Bleurette* had certainly enough aprons! Here, the model "Park with the Taches" of spring summer 1952, carries over a printed dress of 1946.

Notice the placement of the apron straps. The straps help control the fullness of the apron by bringing in the sides and coming up into a criss-cross.

This picture shows a close up of the apron straps and how they are attached to the apron.





I did not line the aprons since there is a dress, and slip and other undergarments which would make it too bulky. It would be easier to line and turn right side out.



I used a micro-check tan Imperial Broadcloth for Anna's apron and a pima cotton tiny checked pink and white for Daisy's apron.



Bleurette's Tablier

a pattern for the 11" Bleurette doll



This is an apron "Tablier" pattern for the Bleurette Doll featuring an easy to sew apron. I have tried to make this pattern as easy to sew as possible while still keeping the traditional look of Bleurette clothing. I have not included basic sewing techniques, I am assuming that those are already known or available elsewhere. Please feel free to email me if there are any questions! All seam allowances are for a skant 1/4" unless otherwise noted on pattern. Since I was using handsewing techniques on this pattern, the seam allowances are smaller than 1/4". I usually turn under 1/8 inch, then turn under 1//8" again to make a quarter inch seam on these type of garments.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Basic sewing supplies, approx. 1 fat quarter of main fabric, silks or woven material can be used. Be creative and choose fabrics that you like. Try and buy the best quality fabric you can. You only need a small amount for Bleurette so buy the best! Approximately 1/2 yard of ribbon is optional for the apron. Two small snaps and two buttons are also needed.

TECHNIQUES: I have not repeated this in the construction directions: Serge, zigzag or french seam all seams, this will not be noted all the time, so please be sure to do this. Always, press, press, press! After every seam press the stitches in place and then press into the correct placement. Right Sides Together (RST). To clip small curved seams easily, very carefully pink around the edges. Always press then turn and press again.

TABLIER CONSTRUCTION:

- Cut out all pattern pieces on the straight of grain. You will need to cut two pieces for the armhole on the bias, measuring about 3.5 x 1.5. I always make this larger than needed.
- I sew up the armholes first. Take bias strip and pin RST. Pin middle first then stretch out a tad to each corner. You will have left over fabric. Sew seam, fitting band into seam as you sew. Trim seam to 1/8". Press towards outside of apron. Cut band so you will be able to turn 1/8" and then 1/8 " again to cover seam. Pin and stitch into place. This makes a tiny little seam binding for the arms.
- Gather top of apron to fit Cuff for apron top. Sew to apron top the same was as arm seam binding. Make sure you turn the two sides in before turning for final sewing. This will hide the raw edges nicely.
- Turn under around apron edge, 1/8" and again 1/8" and seam with a tiny hemming seam. Place ribbon or other trim around edge.
- To make pocket hem around edge 1/8". Then gather top of pocket and use pocket band to make same cuff as for apron top. Place your apron pocket on apron and handsew around edges, leaving top open for Bleurette's hanky or other items.
- For straps, fold under short edges first, then fold 1/4 on each long edge and 1/4 again on each long edge. Seam middle using an invisible seam. Sew straps onto apron where arms meet hem edging. Slant up so that you will be able to bring strap up around to snap onto apron front on the opposite side. Do the same for other strap. (Look at back picture to make sure you have the straps right.)
- Sew buttons and snaps on to apron. Makes up really fast and look nice with my Schooldress pattern. I have included pictures from Billyboys* book. It is a fabulous book, full of large, unadorned pictures of Bleurette's and her fashions.

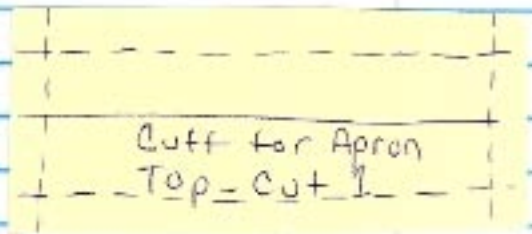
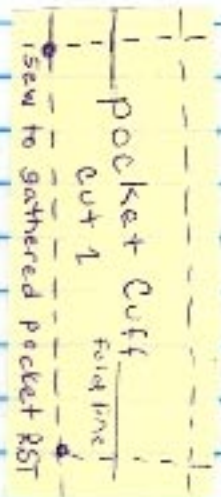
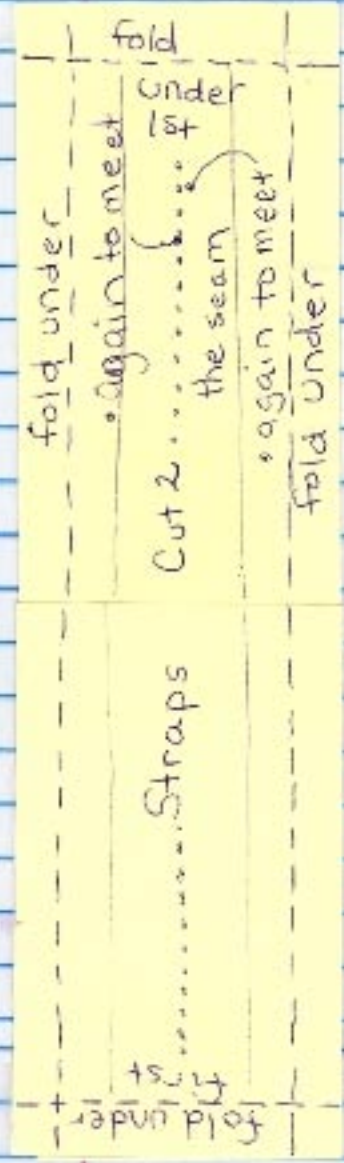
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