

18" Doll Skirts and Tops

From *Doll Days! Sew an Everyday Wardrobe for 18" Dolls*

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Class Description:

Create an outfit using the Classic Skirt and Crochet Top patterns from *Doll Days!* This is a wonderful class for confident beginners and up and is appropriate for both adult and children's classes (ages 10+).

This class is a great way to introduce gathering to beginning students (using the ruffle hem option) or to teach students a new skill, such hemming with lace or using a narrow hem presser foot. Intermediate students could sew the more challenging View A, Scallop Hem Skirt. The top can be sewn with or without crochet lace, or students may choose to sew the peplum option, which also only takes a fat quarter.

Class Length:

This is approximately a 3-hour class.

Class Supply List:

Required text: *Doll Days! Sew an Everyday Wardrobe for 18" Dolls*

Crochet Lace Top:

- 1 fat quarter of quilting cotton fabric
- ¼ yard hook-and-loop tape
- ½ yard single-fold bias tape
- 1 yard crochet lace
- Matching thread
- *Optional embellishments:* coordinating fabric for peplum or crochet lace

Classic Skirt:

- 1 fat quarter of quilting cotton fabric
- 1/3 yard hook-and-loop tape
- Matching thread
- *Optional embellishments:* coordinating fabric for ruffle, lace, ribbons, etc.

TIP: Make it even easier for students to take the class by offering project kits for students to purchase. Basic kit should include 2 fat quarters, hook-and-loop tape, single-fold bias binding tape, and matching thread. These kits can also be a great way to use up your scrap bin fabrics.

Classroom Preparation:

Classroom should include a workspace for each student, with a sewing machine and a small cutting/work space.

A common ironing station is also needed.

Class Agenda:

Help students decide what top embellishments they want to do, such as lace along the neckline and hem or adding a peplum hem.

Crochet Lace Top: follow instructions on pp. 34–35

1. Use the pattern (pullout page P1) to cut out fabric pieces.
2. Sew the shoulder seams and finish the neckline using bias-binding method on p. 16.
3. Sew sleeves to bodice.
4. Sew lace along neckline.
5. Sew side seams.
6. Hem as desired with crochet lace or peplum, and sew the back closure.

Classic Skirt: follow instructions on pp. 252-6

1. Help students decide what design they would like to sew.
2. Use the pattern (pullout page P1) to cut out fabric piece(s) and waistband piece
3. Hem the skirt according to the design choice of student.
4. Sew the waistband to the skirt.
5. Sew the back closure.