

18" Doll Sundress

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

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Class Description:

Create a Modern-Vintage Sundress from *Doll Days!* This sundress pattern can be easily embellished to create many different looks, and it can be used to teach new skills to your customers or sell specialty tools, notions, and kits.

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 or to teach students a new skill, such sewing with ric rack trim, hemming with lace, creating a pleated skirt, or using a narrow hem presser foot for hemming.

Class Length:

This is approximately a 2-hour class.

Class Supply List:

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

Modern-Vintage Sundress:

- Dress and straps: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of fabric
- Waistband: long, narrow scrap of complimentary fabric
- Lining: scrap of lightweight fabric, such as muslin or batiste (quilting cotton will also work)
- Hook-and-loop tape ($\frac{1}{2}$ " wide): $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
- View A collar: scrap of fabric and $\frac{1}{4}$ " buttons (2)
- View B rickrack ($\frac{1}{2}$ " wide): $1 \frac{1}{4}$ yards
- *Optional embellishments such as:* coordinating fabric for ruffles, contrast hems, rickrack, lace, or picot trim

TIP: Make it even easier for students to take the class by offering project kits for students to purchase. Basic kit should include $\frac{1}{4}$ yard fabric, 1 fat quarter of coordinating print or solid, hook-and-loop tape, scrap (or a fat eighth) of lining fabric, and matching thread, plus any embellishments for specific dress view. 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:

Follow instructions on pp. 22–23 for Modern-Vintage Sundress.

1. Help students decide what embellishments they want to add, such as rickrack along the neckline and hem or ribbon for a sash.
2. Use the pattern (pullout page P1) to cut out fabric pieces, as well as skirt and waistband pieces.
3. Sew any neckline embellishments, such as collar or rickrack.
4. Sew the straps and baste them to the bodice front.
5. Sew the side seams on the bodice and lining.
6. Sew the lining to the bodice, turn right side out, and press.
7. Sew the straps to bodice back.
8. Baste together lining and bodice along raw edges.
9. Sew the waistband to the bodice.
10. Gather and sew the skirt to the lower edge of the waistband.
11. Hem and sew the back closure.
12. Sew optional embellishments, such as buttons or rickrack hem.