

# 18" Doll Vintage Party Dress

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

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## Class Description:

Create a Vintage Party Dress from *Doll Days!* This classic style will always be a go-to doll fashion and can be easily embellished to create many different looks. It's a perfect jumping-off point for teaching new skills to your customers.

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 teach students a new skill, such hemming with lace, create a pleated hem, adding picot lace trim, or using a narrow hem presser foot to hem sleeves and dresses. It's an ideal way to demonstrate how to use specialty tools and notions to your customers.

## Class Length:

This is approximately a 2-hour class.

## Class Supply List:

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

Party Dress:

- Dress and sleeves: 1/3 yard of quilting cotton fabric
- Lining: scrap at least 10" x 11" (can be solid quilting cotton)
- 1/4 yard hook-and-loop tape
- Matching thread

In addition:

*View A:* scraps for collar and sleeve bands

*View B:* scrap of coordinating fabric for sleeves and 1/4 yard elastic (1/4" wide)

*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 1/3 yard of quilting cotton fabric, hook-and-loop tape, scrap (or fat eighth) of lining fabric, and matching thread, plus any embellishments or scraps of fabric for the collar. 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. 43–44 for the Vintage Party Dress.

1. Help students decide what embellishments they want to sew, such as lace along neckline and hem, collars, or ribbon for sash.
2. Use the pattern (pullout page P1) to cut out fabric pieces and skirt and sleeve band pieces.
3. Sew the shoulder seams on the bodice and lining.
4. Sew any neckline embellishments, such as collar or lace.
5. Sew the lining to the bodice, turn right side out, and press.
6. Baste together lining and bodice along raw edges.
7. Sew the sleeves to the bodice.
8. Finish the sleeve hems according to the view student is sewing.
9. Sew the side seams.
10. Gather and sew the skirt to the bodice.
11. Hem and sew the back closure.
12. Sew any additional embellishments.