

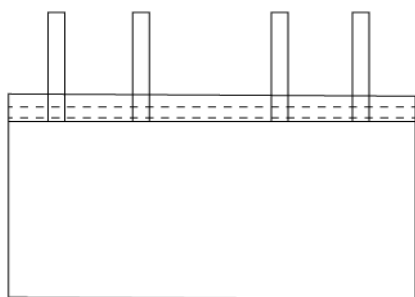
# Doll Dress Tutorial

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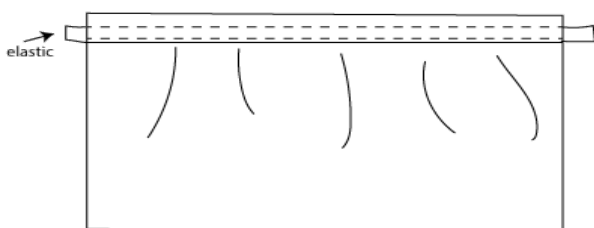
**Step 1.** Place 18" by 8.5" fabric rectangle with wrong side up. Turn top edge over 1 inch like the illustration below and press with a hot iron.



**Step 2.** Measure in 4 inches from short side and pin one cut ribbon into place. Then measure 3 inches in from that ribbon and pin second ribbon into place. Repeat for the other side of the rectangle. Then stitch ¼ inch from the top making sure to catch all ribbons in the top seam. Stitch ⅝ inches down from your first stitching line making the casing for your elastic.



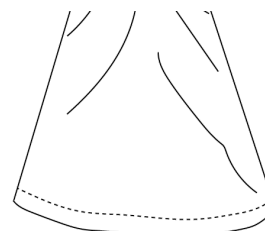
**Step 3.** Use a small safety pin to thread your cut elastic (10") through the casing, pinning at each side to keep elastic in place.



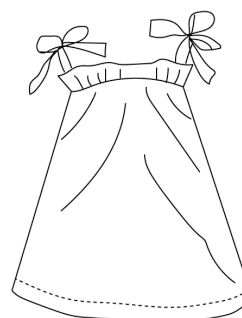
**Step 4.** Fold fabric in half (right sides together) to stitch the back seam of the dress making sure to catch the elastic in the seam.



**Step 5.** Turn up the bottom edge of the dress to the wrong side ¼ inch and press. Turn under ¼ inches again and press and stitch the hem.



**Step 6.** Place dress on doll and tie up the top ribbons on shoulders. You are done!



Tips for Decorating Your Doll:

There are a variety of methods for adding the hair and face to your doll. The doll pictured on the cover was finished using basic acrylic craft paint mixed with a fabric medium and applied with a medium sized paint brush. (All of which can be purchased at your local craft store.)

Other options for adding the face and hair include drawing them on using fabric markers, using embroidery methods (for example french knots for eyes and a running stitch for a smile), or fabric gluing items onto the doll such as yarn for the hair.

Creating the doll should be fun so select a method that you feel the most comfortable with and then be creative!

