

"Santa's Little Helper Dress"

Make this adorable dress from little more than a pillowcase. A simple purchased pillowcase or one yard of your favorite holiday fabric makes a cute dress to pair with a turtle neck and tights this holiday season.

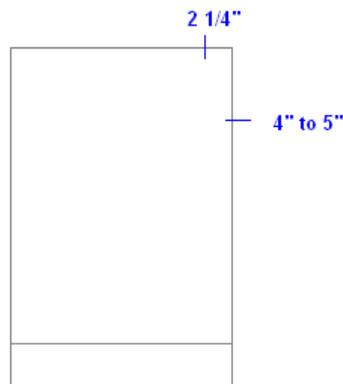
Supplies:

Baby Lock Diana Serger
5 Spools Madeira Aerolock serger thread
1 purchased pillowcase or 1 yard cotton print fabric
3-4 yard spool of decorative ½" wide ribbon
Pins
Seam ripper
Chalk
Tape measure
Scissors

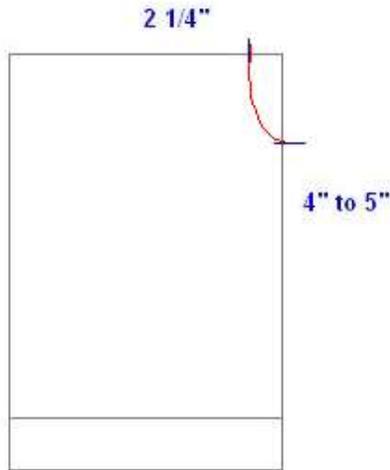


Instructions:

1. Thread the serger for a 4-thread stitch.
2. For a fabric yardage create a side seam, by folding the right sides of the fabric together. Serge the selvage edges together to create a seam.
3. Next trim out a curved section on each side to become the armholes according to the following measurements. Measure down 4 to 5" on each side and mark with chalk. Then measure over 2 ¼" from the side and mark with chalk.



4. Draw in a slight curve from each of the marks.



5. Serge the raw edges of the curved arm holes. Serge the raw edges at the top front and back and the lower edge (if using fabric- a pillowcase will already be hemmed).
6. Starting with the lowest part of each armhole. Fold under the raw edge and pin in place.
7. Thread the Diana for a cover stitch.
8. Turn under the edges of the armholes $\frac{1}{4}$ " each turn to encase the raw edge, pin and cover stitch it down.
9. Fold under 1" the center section between the armholes to form a casing. Cover stitch to sew down the casing. Optional add some decoration to the neckline of the dress by using contrasting thread colors or adding trims.
10. Repeat this for the casing on the back.
Optional: Add additional contrasting stitches, ribbons or trims along the hemline of the dress.
11. Thread your neckline casings with ribbons and tie the ribbons into bows at the shoulders.

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