








Modified gathered waist dress instructions

1		<p>For doll with 20.5cm neck measurement.</p> <p>Pin out your pieces.</p> <p>Take note of the fold line on some pieces. (For the purposes of this photo, the front facing is just sitting there until I can cut it out on the fold.)</p> <p>Cut.</p>
2		<p>Pin facing (fronts) to facing (back), right sides together.</p> <p>Pin bodice (front) to bodice (backs), right sides together.</p> <p>Press $\frac{1}{4}$" in along front edge.</p> <p>Sew shoulder seams and overlock or zig zag stitch. Overlock or zigzag stitch around the outer edge of the facing.</p> <p>Press seams, checking that the facing seams go the opposite direction to the shirt seams. This will reduce bulk later.</p>
3		<p>Pin facing around the neckline, right sides facing. Unfold pressed $\frac{1}{4}$" edge until after you have stitched the facing.</p> <p>Stitch facing to bodice, using $\frac{1}{4}$" seam allowance.</p> <p>Tip: Leave needle in fabric when you pivot to continue around neck line.</p> <p>Clip carefully in curves near shoulder seam, making sure you don't snip your stitching.</p>
4		<p>Turn facing through, pushing out the corners.</p> <p>Press carefully. This is really important, as you can't get it flat later 😞</p> <p>Fold the back edge of the bodice under another $\frac{1}{4}$".</p> <p>It should sit nicely under facing and then press.</p> <p>Repeat for the other back edge.</p> <p>Stitch up back edge, closely around the neck, down the other back. This helps the facing sit where it should. I divert on my way round to sew in the ditch on the shoulder seam for about 1cm. Stops the facing coming out of place.</p>

5		<p>Fold the sleeve hem $\frac{1}{4}$" and $\frac{1}{4}$" again. Press. Stitch the sleeve hems from the back so you can make a neat hem.</p> <p>Repeat for the other sleeve.</p> <p>Stitch side seams, starting at sleeve hem. Clip underarm very carefully, and zig zag or overlock.</p> <p>Turn right side out and press.</p> <p>Cut a tiny notch in the centre front of bodice.</p> <p>Attach Velcro at back opening top only on this dress. Make a small row of holding stitches along the waist edge to hold it in place till the skirt is stitched on.</p> <p>Pin skirt back and front together on both side seams. Stitch, open and zig zag. Press open.</p> <p>Fold hem at the bottom of the skirt $\frac{1}{4}$" and then again $\frac{1}{2}$".</p> <p>Press and stitch.</p>
6		<p>Snip a tiny notch on the waist edge of the skirt at the centre front and back as a guide for later.</p> <p>Stitch 2 rows of gathering threads around the top edge of the skirt. Use stitch length 4 (normal sewing is 2.5), stitching on the right side of the fabric. This is because the bobbin thread usually pulls up easier. Start at one side seam and go right around. Repeat with a second row of gathering stitch.</p> <p>Pin to bodice at side seams and centre front and back.</p>
7		<p>Match notches and pin at centre front, side seams and match back edges. Carefully pulling both bobbin threads together, gather up skirt to fit around the bodice from edge to centre front. I pin with lots of pins vertically to keep it all in place.</p> <p>Stitch together, using a 6mm (width of sewing foot) seam. Check to see it is all sitting as you want. When you are happy, pull out the gathering threads. It's easy if you just pull one of the long tails, then the other.</p> <p>Zig zag around to finish waist seam.</p> <p>Congratulations! Your dress is finished!</p>



Modelled on the same large necked baby 😊



Now the neck fits this sized baby!