

Cap Sleeve Dress - PDF Pattern # 1



I've been sewing for dolls for over fifteen years but this is my first attempt of making the patterns available - most likely it will not be presented perfectly, but I can promise you that you will have the same perfect fit on your dolls that I have spent so long refining on mine!

After seeing how popular this model became and all the reiterations that followed, I decided to make the original pattern available so everyone could purchase it and make it for their enjoyment or profit! I would greatly appreciate credit for my design, as well as not sharing or selling the pattern!

Sewing Level

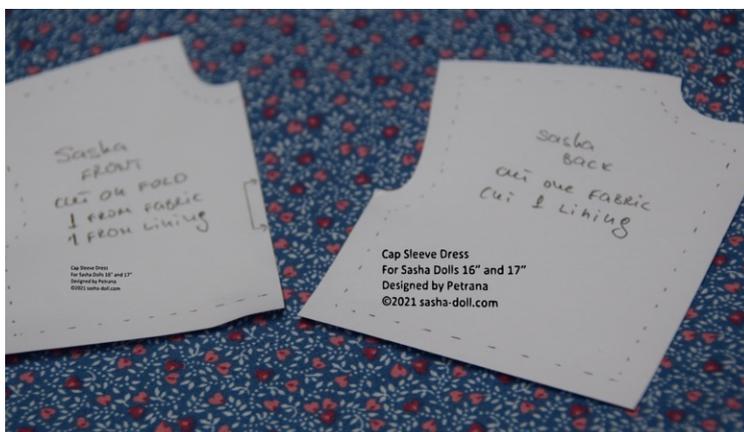
The Cap Sleeve Dress is an advanced beginner pattern. I recommend that you've made a couple of other doll clothes before attempting this one, but even a beginner with enough determination will do just as well :-)

Fabric Suggestions

The Cap Sleeve Dress works beautifully in a variety of different fabrics, including light to medium weight cotton, cotton lawn, silk and even lightweight wools.

Fabric Requirements You can make the dress just from one FQ

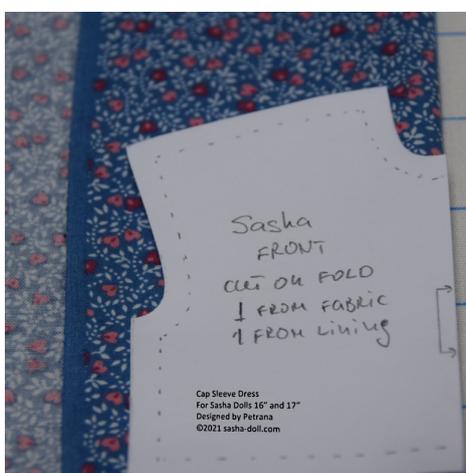
When you print the pattern, print at 100% (you might have to uncheck the scale box). Print the page with the pattern pieces first and make sure the 1" line is exactly 1" on your printed page.



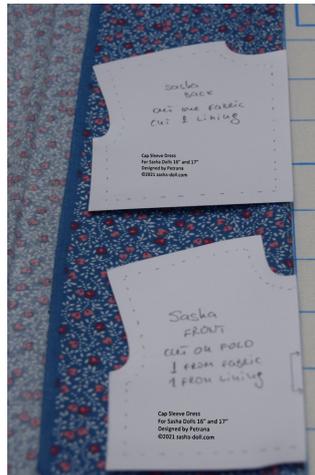
Fold the fabric and place the front of the bodice pattern on the folded line; do the same with the front lining.

You may pin the pattern to the fabric to help you cut correctly as in doll clothes even 1mm makes a difference.

TIP: Never lift the fabric from the surface while cutting!

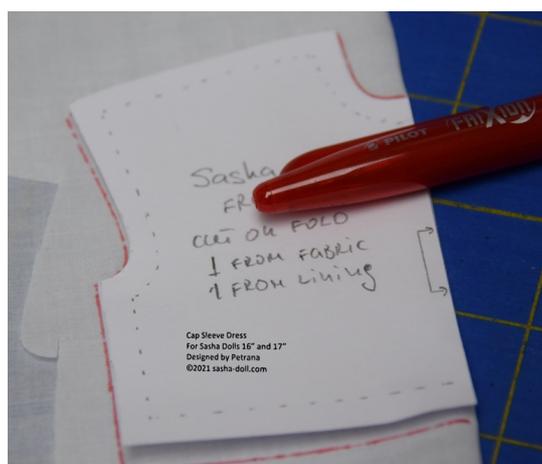


The best method is to place the front and back pieces at the same time on the folded fabric. You can use the fold line to separate the back pieces, or you can move slightly from the edge and then cut the back pieces.

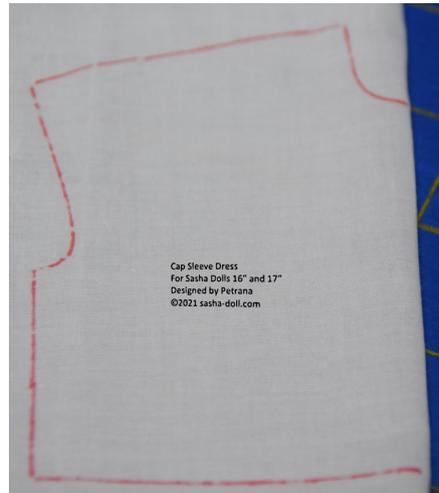


If you are not sure you can cut while holding the pattern piece over the fabric you can use a pen to draw around the pattern and cut after. You can use practically any pen, as these lines later will have to be cut off.

TIP: Pilot Pen Frixion Erasable Rollerball Pen with Assorted Colours are easy to find, and they disappear after ironing, but please make sure you use them only in areas that later on will be cut out!



Example of the pen outline method:
Remember to keep the fabric on the surface while cutting!



The best method is to iron the fabric before cutting, but if you have not done that yet now is the time to use your iron.

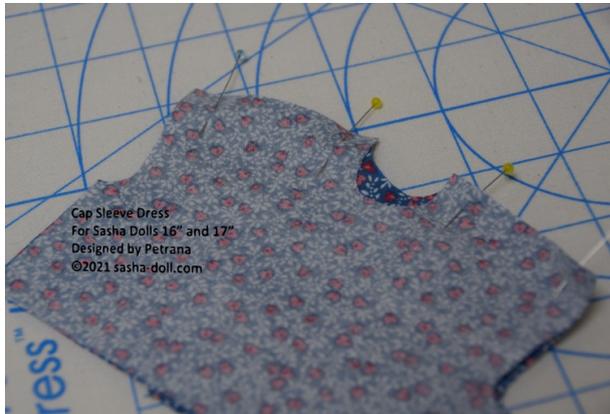
It is important to PRESS and not IRON as you don't want to stretch the fabric - remember the 1mm! :-)

Even the cotton fabric stretches if you iron by pressing and moving your iron over the fabric, so just press.

TIP: Always leave your fabric to dry completely before performing any operation! For best results, always press after completing any operation!



With the right sides together pin the front of the dress fabric to the back.
If you are not comfortable with the pins you can use a basting stitch, but make sure you are not basting on the sewing line.
In our case the sewing line is 1/4" from the end of the cut.



With the right sides together pin the front of the dress lining to the back.
For lining, you can use the same fabric as the dress fabric.
If you are not comfortable with the pins you can use a basting stitch, but make sure you are not basting on the sewing line.
In our case the sewing line is 1/4" from the end of the cut.

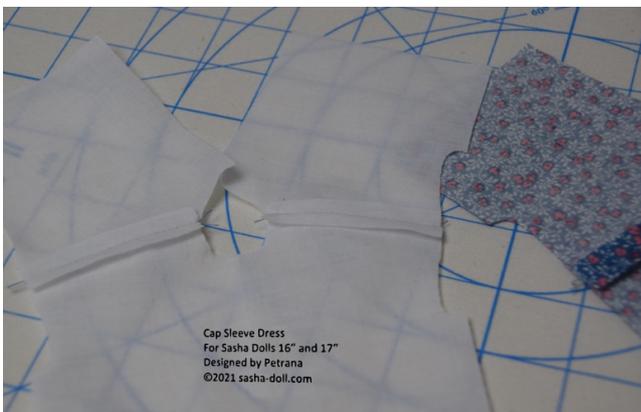


TIP: Always leave a long tail of threads at the beginning so you can use it to help move the fabric along in the beginning.
It is best to secure the stitches at the beginning and at the end every time. Try to avoid sewing over the pins and keep your fingers away from the needle! When you are done with the shoulder seam, press them.



Open and PRESS the shoulder seams. I prefer to press twice - once from inside and once from outside.

Trim the seam allowance on the shoulders up to 3mm to avoid bulk after.



With the right sides facing each other, pin or baste the fabric to the lining. TIP: If you have less than 2mm difference in any direction you can stretch a bit before pinning (basting), but if it is any larger it is better to start over!



Start by securing the stitches at the beginning. You can do it in one go - end of back to the neckline and finishing at the back. Once you are done, move to the sleeves.

This is where I forgot to take photos of the next steps, but they are all in the videos, so you'll be able to see every operation recorded and the tutorial for the long and short dress.

Video tutorials for all steps of the sewing are available on link below.

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I wish you lots of fun creating for your doll! Happy sewing!
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