

Tiny Premie Gown

Materials: $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. of soft cotton fabric, 2 small plastic snaps

Layout: Place pattern as shown on layout (Illustration 1). Seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless marked otherwise.

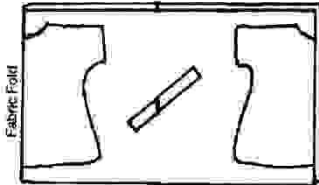


Illustration 1

Step 1. Shoulders—French seam front to back at shoulders.

French Seam: Pin fabric with wrong sides together. Stitch in a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Trim close to stitching. Press. Pin fabric right sides together, enclosing raw edges. Stitch in a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam (Illustration 2).

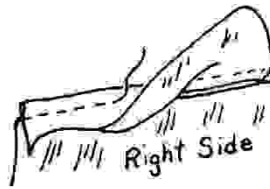


Illustration 2

Step 2. Neck Edge—Fold front facings to wrong side along fold line and stitch in place with a running stitch (or by machine). Finish neck edge with bias binding cut $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ". Stitch binding to neck edge in a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam.

Step 3. Side seams—Sew side seams using a French seam.

Step 4. Hem—Fold under hem $\frac{5}{8}$ "; press. Fold again $\frac{5}{8}$ " and stitch hem in place.

Step 5. Sleeve hem—Turn sleeve edge under $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Turn under again $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Stitch in place.

Step 6. Finishing—Embroider a lazy daisy (or flower of your choice) as marked on pattern. Sew a snap on wrong side of fabric, just under embroidery. Sew a corresponding snap to left front of gown (Illustration 3). Gown snaps right over left.

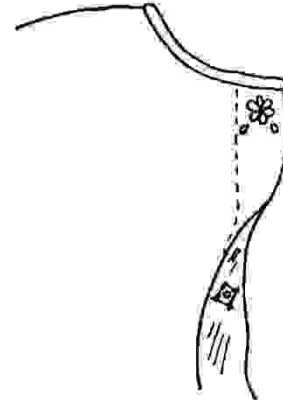


Illustration 3

Red Stick Smocking Art Guild's Smocked Premie Bonnet

Materials: $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. of soft fabric such as flannel or batiste (cotton or poly/cotton)

16" of $\frac{1}{4}$ " Ribbon

1. Tear fabric to measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ " along selvage x 36" (across fabric). Fold one long side of fabric under $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (Illustration 1a). This will be the finished front edge of the bonnet. Serge or zigzag the other long side of fabric and the bonnet sides to finish raw edges. Turn the long serged edge under $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the back and straight stitch in place to form a casing (Illustration 1b).



Illustration 1a



Illustration 1b

2. Pleat 7 rows ($\frac{1}{2}$ space rows) along the bonnet front. The first row of pleating will be $\frac{3}{8}$ " away from the folded front edge.

Remove pleating threads $\frac{3}{8}$ " on either side of bonnet for seam. Pull threads to measure 7" and tie off (Illustration 2).

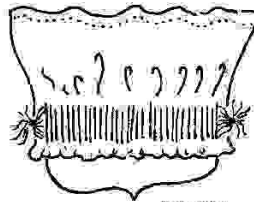


Illustration 2

3. Smock, using smocking pattern provided or desired pattern, taking care that the needle picks up both folds of fabric with each stitch.

When smocking is complete, remove all gathering threads.

4. Fold bonnet right sides together and stitch in a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam, stopping at casing (Illustration 3). Backstitch to secure. Press seam to one side.

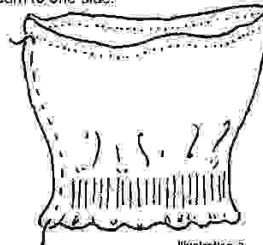


Illustration 3

5. Insert ribbon through casing and tie into a bow. Dot ends of ribbon with Fraycheck so they will not ravel when washed.

Smocking Pattern

Use one strand of floss or 2 strands of DMC floss. There are 6 rows of 2-step waves (each wave is worked on $\frac{1}{2}$ space). Waves are worked close together and form a diamond in the center. A satin stitch in the center of each diamond is worked over two pleats. Satin stitch is worked 3 times in the same place.



Completed Premie Bonnet

