

Wren ★ Feathers

Summer Sew-Along 2024: Week 5



Dress pictured on Petitcollin Francoise

Week 5: 1960s

As you're probably aware, there was a HUGE shift in fashion that occurred during the 1960s. At the beginning, for girls' dresses, the waistline raised a little and sleeves were often straight or cut in one piece with the bodice, especially for ease-of-sewing with doll clothes. This was balanced by extremely full skirts, often in stripes and geometric patterns arranged in creative ways. As time went on, A-lines took over and synthetic stretch knits increased in popularity. Our basic puff sleeve bodice was gone! Until the 70s granny dresses brought it back ;)

There is a new bodice for you this week that is SO quick and easy. I was aiming for something in between sleeveless and T-shaped/short Dolman sleeves and surprisingly it took a LOT of trial and error to get exactly the right look. At its simplest, you just cut the bodice on the fold and line it, but to me, ease of cut often means "excellent canvas for decorating" and I'll go into that more next week! For the skirt, the pictured dress here has 3x the waist measurement fullness.

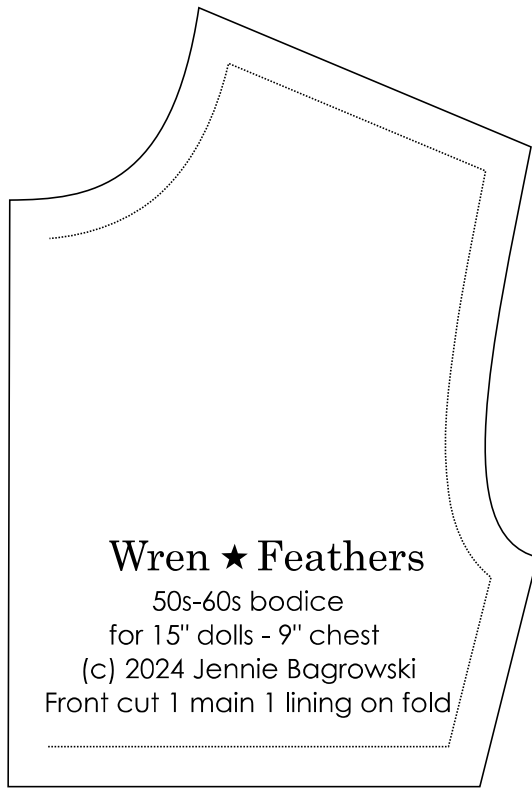
Happy sewing!

This will fit dolls like AGAT, Sasha, Disney Animators, etc. **There is no way to make this fit 18" OG/AG/Maplelea/etc. with just a percentage increase on a copier.** Enlarging to their chest size would mean re-drafting the neckline, collar, armholes, and sleeves.

Note that I'm not providing any sewing or resizing instructions in this week's free pattern. The whole collection will be available in my etsy shop in the next couple of weeks with well-illustrated instructions for sewing all of the basic dresses, more sizes, and maybe some bonus pattern pieces as well!

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Quarter inch seams allowed unless otherwise specified.



Skirt is 6"x32"
Or desired length/fullness

