



## **18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL CROP TOP**

### **Make Your Outfit Instructions**

#### **Preview of Completed Outfit**

Play this video and check out this great outfit that YOU will make!



#### **1. Tools and Resources Required**

- 1) Paper pattern (printed from PDF file downloaded to your computer)
- 2) Fabric - 6 inches (15cm) cotton, cotton blend
- 3) Matching thread
- 4) Velcro strip 2 inch x ½ inch (50mm x 12mm)
- 5) Paper scissors
- 6) Fabric scissors/Rotary Blade
- 7) Clippers/snips
- 8) Pins
- 9) Safety pin
- 10) Ruler

#### **2. Preparing Paper Pattern**

- 1) Check the measurement across the hem is correct according to the tip
- 2) Cut out pattern pieces following the solid line.

#### **3. Cutting Out Crop Top**

- 1) Fold fabric in half and place paper pattern onto the fabric with the grain line on the pattern running parallel to the selvedge of the fabric.
- 2) Pin pattern in place and cut around with scissors or cutting blade.



#### **4. Pinning Shoulder Seams**

- 1) Fold back of crop top in half down the centre back with wrong sides together and pin at side seam. Repeat for second back piece.
- 2) Place one front piece (right side up) on the table in front of you. Take one of the back pieces and match shoulder seam of back to shoulder seam of front with side seam and arm holes matching. Pin at shoulder seam making sure to only pin the shoulder of the back piece that is touching the front piece. Repeat with the second back piece and the second shoulder of the front piece.
- 3) Now, lay the second front piece on top of this with the right side down, matching both shoulder seams. Pin.

#### **5. Sewing Shoulder Seams**

- 1) Stitch the four shoulder seams with a straight stitch.

#### **6. Sewing Armholes and Neckline**

- 1) Open top out. Remove the pin from the side seam of the first back piece and fold it the other way so that the right sides are now together, pin. Repeat with other back piece.
- 2) Match shoulder seams at neckline and pin with one seam allowance facing one way and the other seam allowance facing the opposite direction.
- 3) Match shoulder seams at armholes and pin with one seam allowance facing one way and the other seam allowance facing the opposite direction.
- 4) Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (6mm) seam around the neckline and armholes.

#### **7. Turn Bodice To Right Side**

- 1) Clip seam allowance all around armholes and neckline.
- 2) Turn crop top to right side by pushing back through the shoulder towards the front. Repeat with other back.
- 3) Press with an iron.



## **8. Side Seam**

- 1) Place right sides of side seams together matching underarm seams. Pin and repeat on the other side.
- 2) Stitch both side seams with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (6mm) seam allowance.
- 3) Push seam allowance to one side and fold down at underarm.

## **9. Turn Up Hem**

- 1) Turn raw edge of hem towards wrong side of fabric  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (6mm). Match both hems together (ie hem of crop top/outside and hem of lining/inside), pin.
- 2) Press with an iron.

## **10. Sewing Hem**

- 1) Stitch a row of straight stitch along hem line close to bottom of crop top.

## **11. Attaching Velcro**

- 1) Place hoop (fluffy) side of Velcro on top (on right side) of one side of back of crop top so that the Velcro is in the middle and stitch in place with a straight stitch.
- 2) Place hook (prickly) side of Velcro underneath (on wrong side) of the other back of the crop top so that the Velcro is in the middle and stitch in place with a straight stitch.

## **12. Congratulations YOU did it!**

Celebrate! YOU made another great outfit. Well done!