



18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL HALTER TOP

Make Your Outfit Instructions

Preview of Completed Outfit

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1. Tools and Resources Required

- 1) Paper pattern (printed from PDF file downloaded to your computer)
- 2) Fabric - 6 ½ inches (16cm) cotton, cotton blend
- 3) Matching thread
- 4) Velcro strip 1 ½ inch x 1 inch (4 cm x 2.5 cm)
- 5) Paper scissors
- 6) Fabric scissors or Rotary Blade & Cutting Mat
- 7) Clippers/snips
- 8) Tape Measure or sewing guage
- 9) Pins
- 10) Safety pin or Looper
- 11) Ruler

2. Preparing Paper Pattern

- 1) Check the measurement across the hem is correct according the 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 piece #2 - Halter Top Strap onto the fabric with the narrow edge against the fold.



- 2) Pin pattern in place and cut around with scissors or cutting blade.
- 3) Fold fabric over again so you have four layers of fabric. Place pattern piece #1 - Halter Top onto the fabric with the edge of the pattern that says 'place on fold of fabric' along this new fold. This will allow you to cut 2 pieces of fabric out at the same time.
- 4) Pin pattern in place and cut around with scissors or cutting blade.

4. Making the Strap

- 1) Fold strap in half along the length with right sides together and pin at raw edges.
- 2) Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam along length of strap securing ends with reverse stitches.
- 3) Turn tube to right side.
- 4) Tie a knot in each end.
- 5) Press.

5. Joining two pieces of top together

- 1) Place two pieces of halter top together with right sides together.
- 2) Measure down from top $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (2cm) on both sides and mark with a pen or pin. Pin around remainder of top.
- 3) Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam all around edges leaving the top part between these two pen or pin marks open.
- 4) Clip corners and curves before turning to right side.
- 5) Press.

6. Forming the casing

- 1) Turn down top edges $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) into the wrong side and pin. Press.
- 2) Pin both sides together and stitch close to the top edge.
- 3) Sew another row of straight stitch $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (12mm) down from top edge to form casing.

7. Inserting Strap



- 1) Thread strap through the casing using safety pin or looper.
- 2) Pull strap so that you have equal length on both sides of halter top.
- 3) Gather top in so that it is approx 1 ¼ inches (3cm) across and pull straps up to the top of the casing at each end. Pin casing ends together.
- 4) Stitch end of casing on both sides, catching the strap as well to hold it in place.

8. Attaching Velcro

- 1) Place hoop side of Velcro on top of one side of the halter top at the back and stitch in place with a straight stitch.
- 2) Place loop side of Velcro underneath the other side at the back of the halter top and stitch in place with a straight stitch.

9. Congratulations YOU did it!

Celebrate! YOU made another great outfit. Well done!