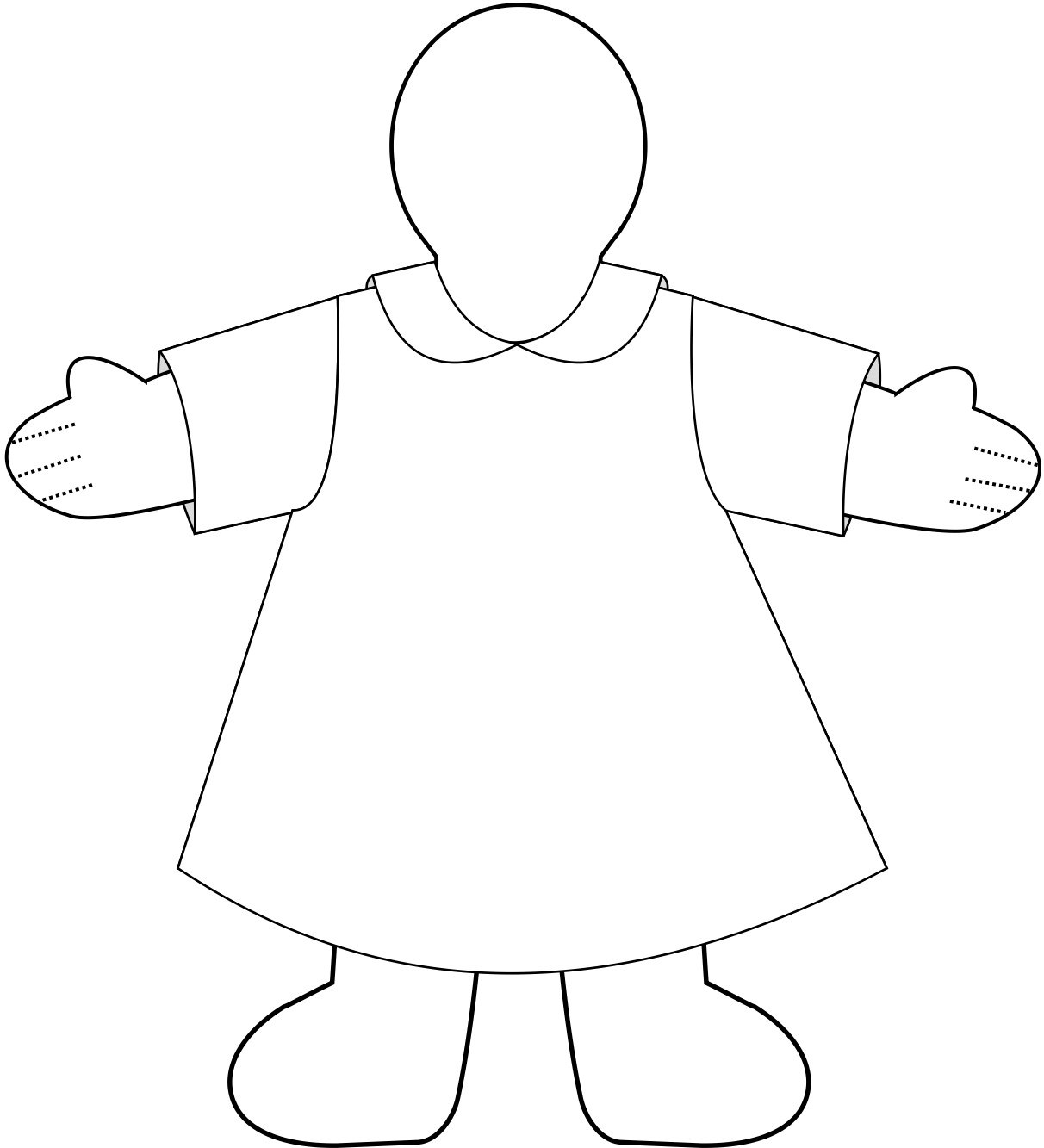


How to...

Basic Rag Doll Dress Tutorial

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make a simple doll dress

Step

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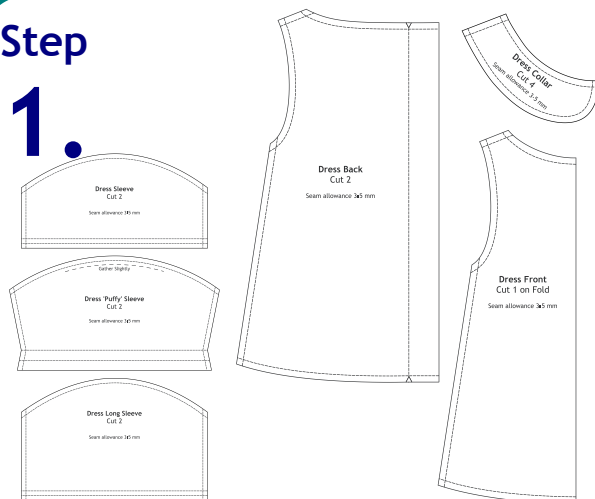


Diagram 1

Cut out the pattern pieces:

Cut 1 of the dress front on the fold.

Cut 2 of the dress back.

Cut 2 of the sleeves (after choosing what style of sleeve you want!).

You should have what is shown in **Diagram 1**.

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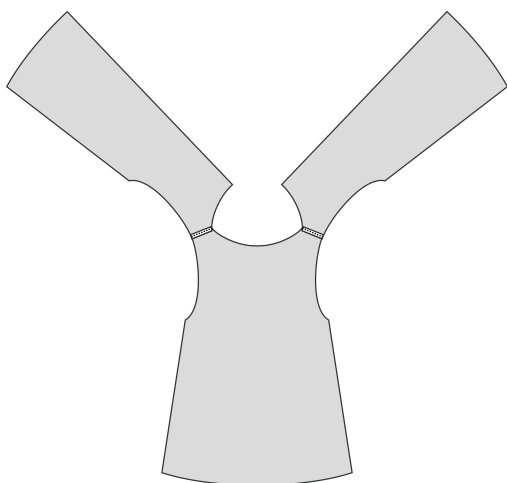


Diagram 2

Join at the shoulders:

Join the two back pieces with the front piece by sewing along the shoulders.

The grey is the wrong side of the fabric.

You should have what is shown in **Diagram 2**.

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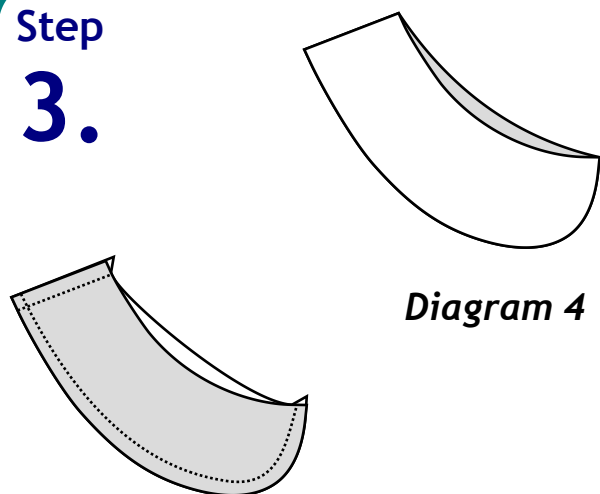


Diagram 3

Diagram 4

Make the collar:

Sew two collar pieces **right sides together**, along two seams as shown in **Diagram 3**.

Turn **right side out**, so seams are on inside, as shown in **Diagram 4**.

Repeat for other collar piece.

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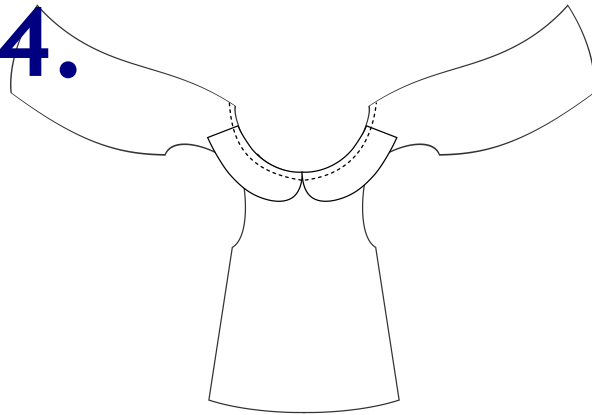


Diagram 5

Join collar pieces to dress:

Pin and sew the collar pieces to the dress, as shown in *Diagram 5*.

You may need to ease the dress around the curve of the collar.

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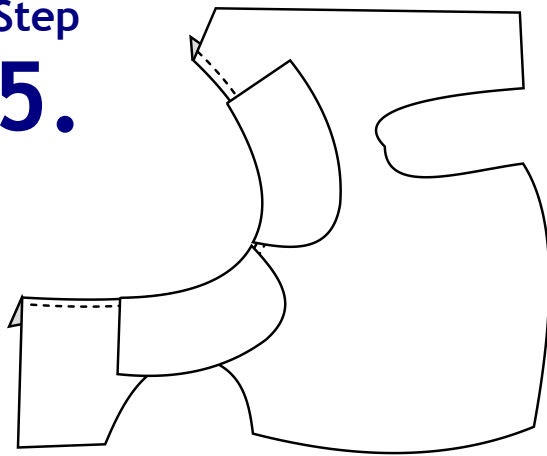


Diagram 6

Fold raw edge under, pin then sew.

Press collar flat with hot iron.

You should have what is shown in *Diagram 6*.

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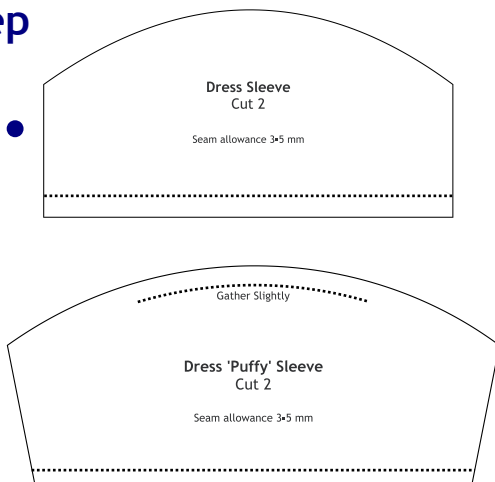


Diagram 7

Attach sleeves:

Fold the hem of the sleeves over and stitch as shown in *Diagram 7*.

The **long and short sleeves** are the same in how the hem is folded. The only difference in the sleeves are the lengths.

The **'Puffy' sleeve** is a little different in that it is shaped to allow for the puffiness. When the hem is folded over, the odd shape of the sleeve allows for the fold.

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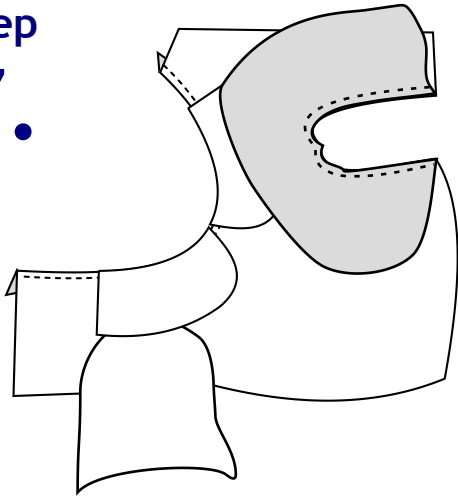


Diagram 8

Pin sleeves inside armholes and sew.

You should have what is shown in *Diagram 8*.

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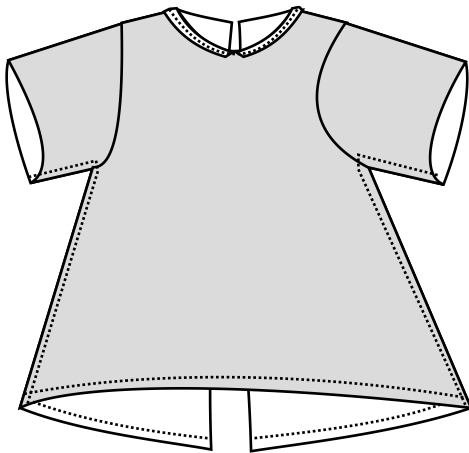
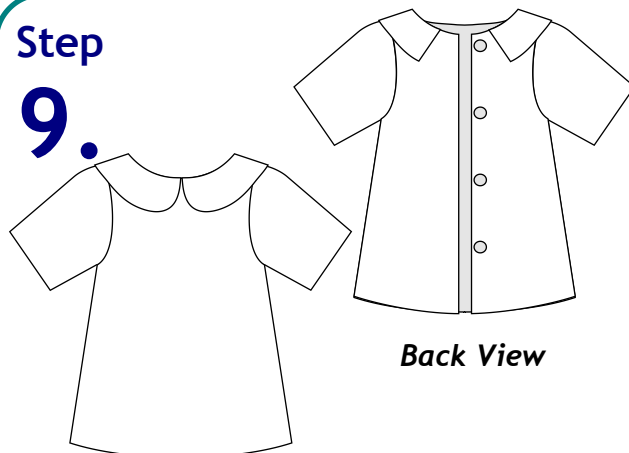


Diagram 9

Sew along sleeve, along side dress seam, as shown in *Diagram 9*.

Hem along skirt of dress, as well as back edges.

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Front View

Back View

Diagram 13

Sew on 3 or 4 small buttons, snap fasteners or velcro dots, as shown in *Diagram 10 - Back View*.

SUGGESTION:

If you are a confident sewer, sew the side seams first, before the hems. You can then hem the sleeves and skirt of dress using small stitches. This saves any seams in the sleeves from showing.

Ta-da! A nice, simple doll's dress! ☺

(Which could also be used for a coat! ☺)