

143 Belt for Women's Costume

Lady astronaut

Materials

Doctor's coat for the dress.

Pre-folded bias tape in a contrasting colour, 2 cm (3/4 in) wide: approx. 0.50 m (20 ins) (measure edge of collar).

4 iron-on appliqués.

Belt:
a piece of tightly-woven red cotton fabric.

3 hammer-on snap fasteners.
Petersham ribbon (Stars and Stripes), 2 cm (3/4 in) wide: 3x waist measurement plus 10 cm (4 ins).

Hair decoration:
a piece of thick white felt.

Hair pin.

Instructions

Dress:
Bind upper edge of collar with bias tape, turning in ends of tape at collar attachment seam. Iron appliqués to left pocket and right front, as illustrated.

Belt:
Measure waist (over dress). From red fabric, cut belt piece to this length and 12 cm (4 3/4 ins) wide and cut 2 bands, each 12 cm (4 3/4 ins) long and 10 cm (4 ins) wide. Neaten long edges of belt piece. Press these edges to wrong fabric side, 1 cm (3/8 in) wide. Pin petersham ribbons to belt, 5 mm (3/6 in) from each long edge and along centre. Edgestitch ribbons in place. Stitch bands right sides together with belt ends. Press seam allowances onto bands and press opposite long edge of each band under, 1 cm (3/8 in) wide. Fold bands in half and stitch across ends. Turn right side out. Pin inside edges to joining seams. Top-stitch bands close to all edges. Fasten bands together with three snaps.

Hair decoration:
Trace star motif and cut from felt, without adding allowances. Sew hair pin to wrong side of felt star.

