

### 152 Girl's Dress

Height 134, 140, 146, 152, 158 cm

### Materials

Stretch cotton jersey,  
width: 150 cm (59 ins)  
length: 1.65 – 1.70 – 1.75 – 1.80 – 1.85 m  
(1 7/8 – 1 7/8 – 2 – 2 – 2 1/8 yds).

Magic chalk.

Recommended fabrics: Stretch jersey. Use stretch jersey fabrics only.

### Preparations

Draft and cut the following pieces:

a) dress piece, 62 – 64 – 68 – 72 – 76 cm (24 1/2 – 25 1/4 – 26 3/4 – 28 1/2 – 30 ins) wide, 132 – 140 – 146 – 152 – 160 cm (52 – 55 1/4 – 57 1/2 – 60 – 63 ins) long, finished length (not gathered) 66 – 70 – 73 – 76 – 80 cm (26 – 27 3/4 – 28 3/4 – 30 – 31 1/2 ins),

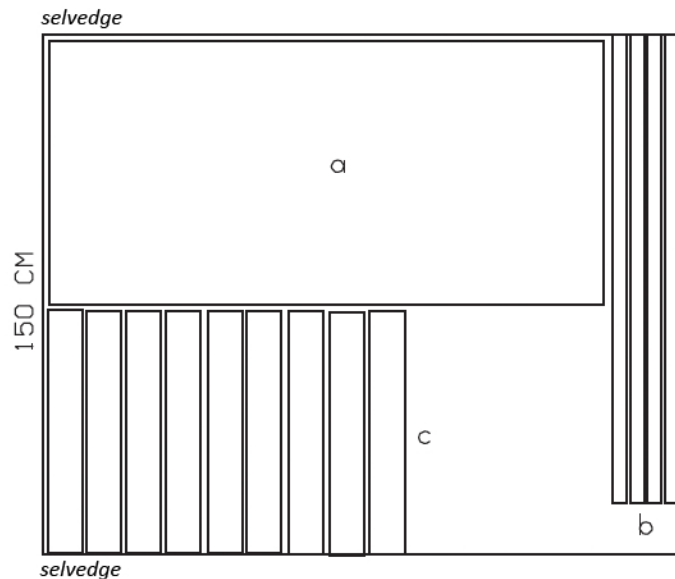
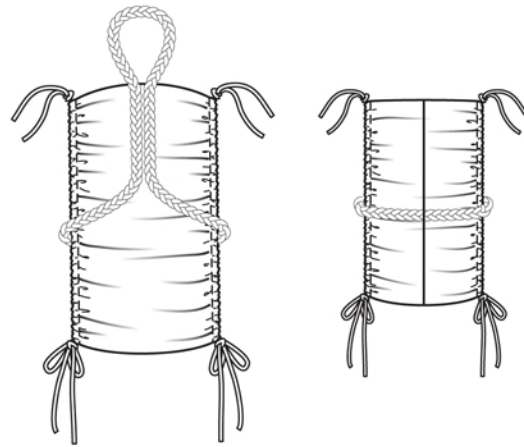
b) 4 drawstring bands, 116 – 120 – 124 – 128 – 132 cm (45 3/4 – 47 1/4 – 49 – 50 1/2 – 52 ins) long, 4 cm (1 5/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances),

c) 3 fabric strips for plaits, each a total of 210 cm (83 ins) long, 10 cm (4 ins) wide, cut without allowances.

Add seam and hem allowances:  
Seams and edges 1.5 cm (5/8 in).

### Sewing

Fold dress piece lengthwise, right side facing in. titch long edges together, leaving approx. 10 cm (4 ins) open, for turning. Press seam allowances open. Pull one end into tube, right side facing in. Pin ends together and stitch around edge. Turn dress right side out through opening in seam. Sew seam opening closed. Fold dress so that horizontal seam on lies on inner side, centred between upper and lower edges. Press fold edges. Then lay vertical seam in centre of piece and mark side fold edges with basting thread (catching inner half).



Cut from a single layer of fabric, wrong side facing up.

For the side casings, topstitch along marked side folds and 1 cm (3/8 in) to each side of these markings. On inner side of dress, cut small slits between lines of stitching, approx. 5 mm (3/16 in) from upper and lower edges, for drawstrings. Pull drawstrings into casings. Knot drawstrings together at upper edge. Gather fabric of dress together along drawstrings to approx. 43 – 45 – 47 – 49 – 51 cm (17 – 17 3/4 – 18 1/2 – 19 1/4 – 20 1/4 ins) long. Tie bottom ends of drawstrings in a bow. Try on dress to check length and adjust if necessary. Mark hip level all around, with vanishing chalk. Take off dress. Mark centre front opposite centre seam.

Stitch the pieces for plait together to a length of 210 cm (83 ins). Lay the three strips next to each other and plait together. In centre of plait, measure and mark 46 – 48 – 50 – 53 – 55 cm (18 1/8 – 19 – 19 3/4 – 21 – 21 3/4 ins) for halter strap. Lay strap in a loop. The marks meet upper edge of dress at centre front. Pin plait ends next to one other along centre front of gathered front, down to approx. 10 cm (4 ins) above hip line. Then lay in a curve toward each side and pin along hip line, to centre back seam. Sew plait in place by hand, sew ends together at centre back.