

3/2011 Maxi Dress

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Materials

Silk batiste, knit tulle

Step 1 — Preparation

Trace the pattern pieces from the pattern sheet. Lengthen pieces 22 and 23 as indicated.

Diagram:

Follow the diagram to make a full-sized pattern piece for the short overskirt panel (a) and the long overskirt panel (b) as follows:

On a large sheet of wrapping paper — the upper edge and the right edge must form a right angle — stretch a thread from the upper right corner to mark the radius® for the upper edge, (R1) for the hem edge of the short overskirt panel, and (R2) for the hem edge of the long overskirt panel. Trace the short overskirt panel as a separate pattern piece.

Seam and hem allowances:

Seams, edges and hem 1.5 cm (5/8 in).

Step 2 — Cutting Out



Outer dress

Silk batiste:

21 bust piece 2x

22 front, on a fold 1x

23 back, on a fold 1x

24 flounce 1x

- a) short overskirt panel, once according to diagram,
- b) long overskirt panel, twice according to diagram,

- c) bias binding strip for neck edge, a total of 109 — 113 — 116 — 119 — 122 cm (43 — 44 1/2 — 45 3/4 — 47 — 48 ins) long, 4.5 cm (17/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances),
- d) 2 bias binding strips for armholes, 46 — 47 — 49 — 50 — 52 cm (18 1/8 — 18 1/2 — 19 1/4 — 19 3/4 — 20 1/2 ins) long, 4.5 cm (17/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances).

Inner dress

Silk batiste:

21 bust piece 2x

- e) 2 bias binding strips for front neck edge, 29 — 30 — 31 — 32 — 33 cm (11 1/2 — 12 — 12 1/4 — 12 3/4 — 13 ins) long, 4.5 cm (17/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances),
- f) 2 bias binding strips for front armhole edges, 23 — 24 — 24 — 25 — 25 cm (9 1/8 — 9 1/2 — 9 1/2 — 10 — 10 ins) long, 4.5 cm (17/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances).

Tulle:

22 front, on a fold 1x

23 back, on a fold 1x

- g) bias binding strip for back neck edge, 57 — 58 — 60 — 61 — 62 cm (22 1/2 — 23 — 23 1/4 — 23 3/4 — 24 — 24 1/2 ins) long, 4.5 cm (17/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances),
- h) 2 bias binding strips for back armhole edges 25 — 26 — 27 — 28 — 29 cm (10 — 10 1/4 — 10 3/4 — 11 1/8 — 11 1/2 ins) long, 4.5 cm (17/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances).

Step 3 — Note

This style is sewn as two separate dresses which are then placed one over the other and stitched together at the upper end of the right side seam and at the zip on the left side.

Step 4 — Zigzag stitching

On both long overskirt panels, neaten front and back edges (see also pattern layout) and lower edge with closely spaced zigzag stitching. Press allowance to wrong side of fabric. Work from right side of garment to stitch along fold edge with short, closely spaced zigzag stitching. On inside, carefully trim allowance close to zigzag stitching. Also neaten upper edge of back overskirt panel with closely spaced zigzag stitching. Neaten upper, front and lower edges of short overskirt panel with closely spaced zigzag stitching. Neaten side and lower edges of flounce with closely spaced zigzag stitching.

Step 5 — Overskirt panels

Gather side edges of overskirt panels to 10 cm (4 ins) long, from top to marking. Gather upper edge of long front overskirt panel to 21.5 — 22 — 23 — 24 — 25 cm (8 1/2 — 8 3/4 — 9 1/8 — 9 1/2 — 10 ins). Lay long front overskirt panel on front, with wrong side facing right side. Baste to right side edge, above lower marking, and to upper edge, up to centre front. Over this, baste short overskirt panel and long back overskirt panel each to right side front edge, from upper edge (right sides facing).

Step 6 — Flounce

Gather upper edge of flounce to 21.5 — 22 — 23 — 24 — 25 cm (8 1/2 — 8 3/4 — 9 1/8 — 9 1/2 — 10 ins) long and gather narrow front edge to 8 cm (3 1/4 ins) long. Baste flounce to upper edge of right half of front, over front overskirt panel. Baste narrow front edge of flounce to upper edge of left half of front, from centre front.

Step 7 — Sew shoulder seams as French seams (double seam), as follows

First lay fabric pieces together, wrong sides facing. Stitch the 1.5 cm (5/8 in) seam allowances together, 7 mm (1/4 in) from edge). Press seam allowances open. Then lay pieces right sides facing — the seam lies exactly along the fold. Now stitch 8 mm (a generous 1/4 in) from fold edge, along marked seam line. Press seam allowances to one side.

Step 8 — Bind neck edge

Trim away seam allowance on neck edge. Clip back into point of neck edge, 7 mm (1/4 in) long. Spread back neck edge open to a straight line. Fold binding strip in half lengthwise and press, right side facing out. Pin folded binding strip to neck edge. Stitch strip to neck edge, 7 mm (1/4 in) from edge. Fold binding strip over edge to inside and baste over joining seam. Edgestitch binding in place. At point of neck edge, mitre binding on inside.

Step 9 — Bind armhole edges as for neck edge

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Step 10 — Bust

Fold allowance at upper point of front down horizontally and press. Gather bust pieces between asterisks. Stitch bust pieces to front — neck edges meet at centre front. Press allowances of joining seams down.

Step 11 — Twist shoulders of bodice

Twist shoulders of bodice by pulling lower edge of back through the neck opening, from outside to inside

Step 12 — Sew right side seam as a French seam

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Step 13 — Zipper

Sew invisible zip to left side edges. Turn in top ends of zip tapes and sew in place. Stitch left side seam from lower edge to zip.

Step 14 — Neaten hem edge with closely spaced zigzag stitching

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Step 15 — Hem

Sew left hem corner of long front overskirt panel to joining seam of bust piece, at top, next to zip. Sew right hem corner of long back overskirt panel to centre back, 10 cm (4 ins) below point of neck edge. Leave short overskirt panel hanging loose.

Step 16 — Inner dress

Sew in the same manner as for outer dress, omitting overskirt panels and flounce. Stitch binding strips for neck edge and armhole edges, of two different fabrics, together so that seams exactly meet shoulder seams of dress. Omit zip.

Step 17 — Sewing inner and outer dresses together

Turn finished outer dress wrong side out. Pull finished inner dress over outer dress, with right side facing wrong side. At right armhole, sew edges together at top of side seams, with a few stitches. At left, sew opening edges of inner dress to zip tape.

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