

# The 50's petticoat

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Apfelbluete made a petticoat for you. The one important thing is: use some special petticoat fabric but never use tulle!!! Tulle will become flabby and soft after the first washing. Instead of special petticoat fabric, you may also use organza or chiffon. We bought our special petticoat fabric here This petticoat is really sooo simple to make! Note: It is made of two layers and each layer consists of three tiers. The top which is not gathered is made of different fabric, you can use taffeta or cotton. In the waist there is an elastic. There are lots of pictures in our instructions which explain the construction. This petticoat of our project was send to a friend of apfelbluete and she says: Wearing it she feels not like a princess – but like a QUEEN! :-)

## Materials

petticoat fabric, organza or chiffon taffeta or cotton for the waist part

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## Step 1 — petticoat size 34-38



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## Step 2 — materials



You need:

6,70 m special petticoat fabric

0,35m lining fabric.

0,75m elastic band.

14 m satin ribbon,

sewing thread

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### Step 3 — at fist...



Fold and stick the fabric together. Mark the width of the tier on the fabric. Then cut the line. See cutting layout.

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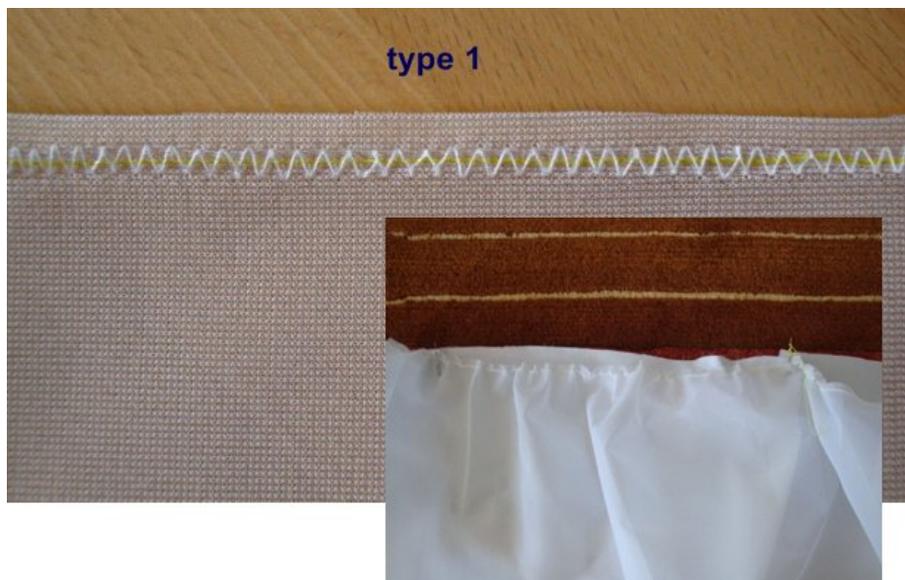
## Step 4 — gathering technics



There are 2 possibilities to ruffle the tiers: For the 1st one you need special, thick thread. Put it between the zig-zag...

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## Step 5 — 1.technic



and gather the fabric while you are pulling the end of the special thick (here it is yellow) thread.

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## Step 6 — 2. techic



2nd option is to sew 2 rows with straight stitch with 1cm in between.  
Unclench the top thread tension for this 2 rows.

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## Step 7 — fixing tiers



All tiers need to be worked with fixing pins to have 4 segments of the same length per tier.  
Start with the 1st tier and the top layer with further fixing pins.

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## Step 8 — .



Start at the center of the 1st tier to pull the thread to shorten the tier. This will actually ruffle the tier. Then continue with all gesments of the tier.

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## Step 9 — .



Continue with both ends of the 1st tier to the fixing pin.

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## Step 10 — .



The ruffles need to be equal in length and size. Fix them with more pins.

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## Step 11 — .



Sew the top layer together with each first tier of both layers (toplayer midway â next picture)

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**Step 12 — .**



Continue in both directions ( 2. tier after 1. tier)  
See cutting layout/constructions.

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### Step 13 — .



Repeat this method for the 3. tiers.

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### Step 14 — .



Thats how it should look like.

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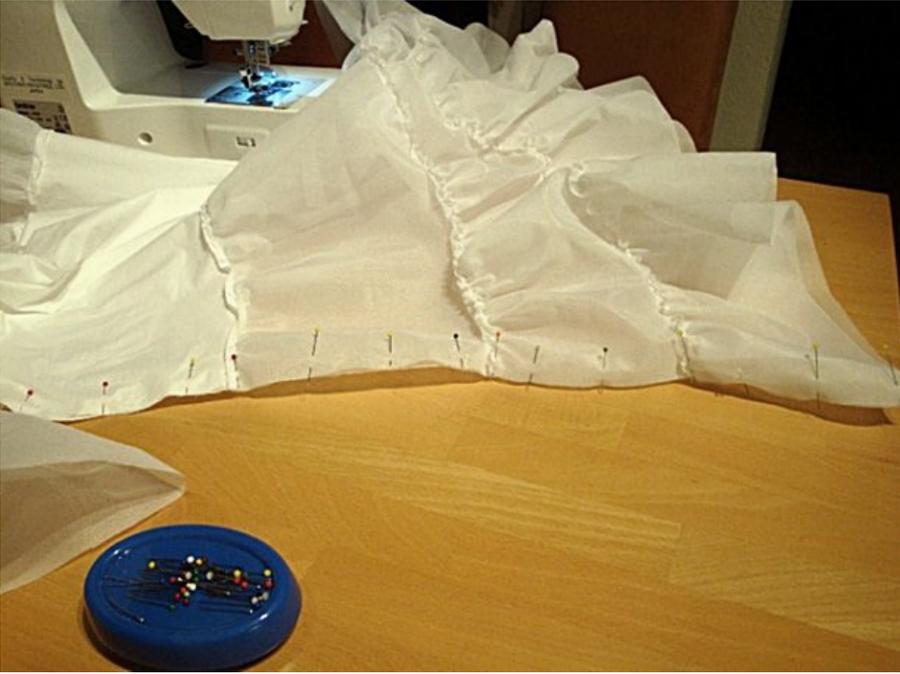
**Step 15 — .**



Now you are going to sew the side seams...

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**Step 16 — .**



Pin and sew the side seams.

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**Step 17 — .**



It looks like this.

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**Step 18 — .**



Cover the hem with satin ribbon.  
Proceed like shown in the following view of Step 19. ...

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### Step 19 — .



## Step 20 — .



Stitch the satin ribbon.

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## Step 21 — .



Fold the top layer in the middle and fix it with pins.  
Fix also the line of the top layer and the 1st tier to avoid sliding.

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## Step 22 — .



Put the elastic band on to the top edge of the top layer  
and mark it with a little bit wider width. Sew this line and keep a gap for the elastic band.

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## Step 23 — .



Thread your waist-elastic through the casing.

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## Step 24 — .



Here you can see the inside of the petticoat. All seams are on top, that's to avoid skin contact. Moreover they are INVISIBLE!

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**Step 25 — .**



READY! STEADY! GO! :-)

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