

Sweet Simple Dress

Free Pattern by Cindy Markovcy
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Supplies Needed:

1/3 yard fabric, calico print
Scrap coordinating print
6-10 inch stick
Vintage decorative buttons
Small round tag
Stamp set
Thread and needle



Bodice: Cut out the bodice pattern. There are 2 folds on the bodice – along the top and the middle; place the pattern on the double folds of your fabric and cut. Cut the neck hole (oval shape at the far left) and the arm holes. Open the piece up so you have one large piece for the bodice. Using a hot iron, press scant seams on the neck opening; use a tiny stitch and hem neck (this is optional – you can leave it raw, I think it looks nicer finished on this dress).

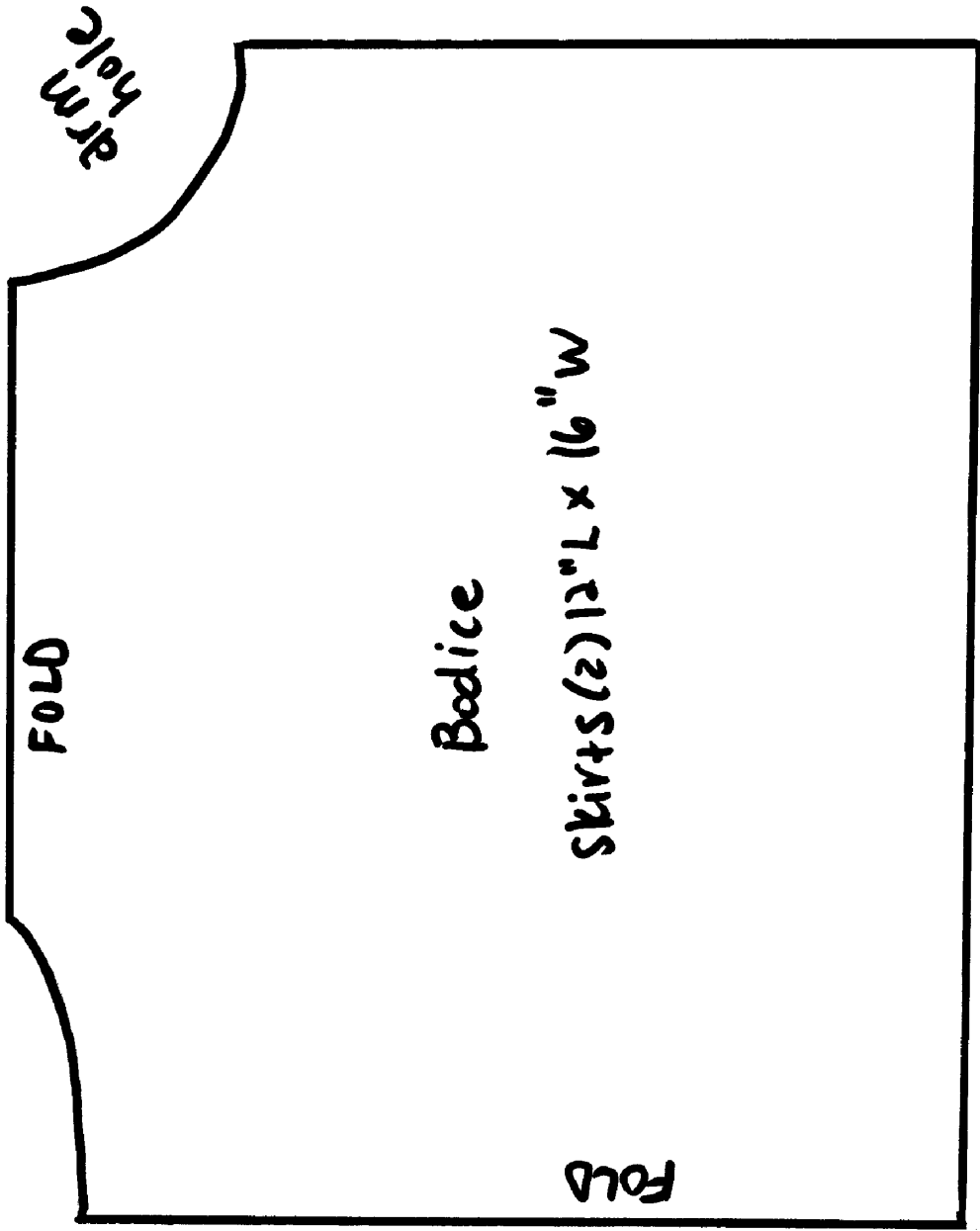
Skirts: Rip 2 pieces of fabric, 12 inches long by 16 + inches wide (wider will make the skirt fuller). Sew the long end of the skirts to the RIGHT side of the bodice, in the place marked on the pattern. Sew them in place by gathering, creating pleats as you sew along the edge, attaching the skirts to the bodice.

Line up the sleeves and stitch along the sleeves/underarm and down the skirt sides. Repeat for the other side. You may wish to widen the arm holes now by cutting with your scissors from the “armpit” area up to the shoulder.

Embellishing:

Let your imagination go – you can use buttons as shown, a rusty key, appliqué wool shapes, lace, festive pins, basically anything you wish to embellish your dress.

I used my fun alphabet stamp set and stamped “Sweet” on my tag; pin it to the dress. Place the dress on the stick and attach ribbon/jute/etc. for hanging. All done!



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