

How to prepare the pattern of a play suit

For my summer sky play suit I took the pattern of the rosewood silk dress – already prepared for you as pattern for a „blouse dress“ – hips downwards combined with the pattern of the IKEA fabrics shorts (ready to use pattern of Burda style view pictures).

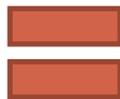


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Pattern N° 111A



Rosewood silk dress



Summer sky play suit

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Take the front piece of the dress and the front piece of the shorts and measure where the pattern of dress will be replaced by the shorts.

Therefore measure directly at your body how deep the shorts must land to leave enough comfort to move, e.g. stretch arms upwards.

Then place the shorts so that the center line of the dress exactly hits the center line of the shorts and fix it with some needles or glueing strips.

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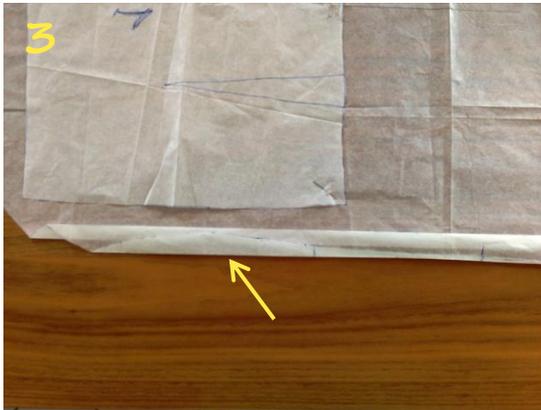


The shape of the dress is more loose so that you need to change the pattern a bit like this:

Take a large ruler and draft a parallel line like shown. Then decide how wide your play suit shall finally be. I cut mine almost 10 cm less wide than the dress was.

Take half of the reduction and fold along the drafted line so that the reduction will exactly be half of the amount you intend. For example: In my case I needed to reduce the wide of 10cm. Therefore I needed to fold a stripe of 2,5 cm. Because half of the reduction are 5cm and when I fold the sheet I will again get half of the result, hence 2,5cm.

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If you have traced a little bow at the hips of the pattern of the dress than fold it to a parallel – view picture.

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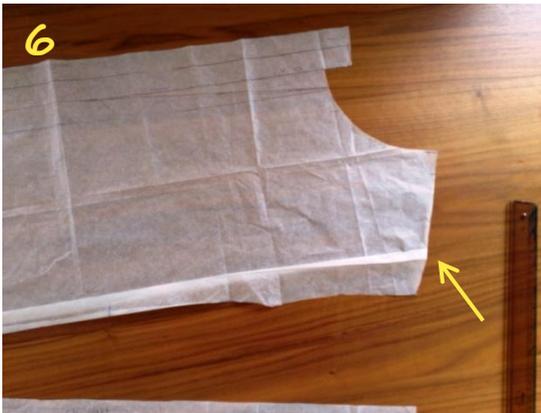


Just control the result in measuring at your body whether the total width will be okay.



Lay the back piece of your pattern of the dress exactly under the Front so that is just a bit overlapping.

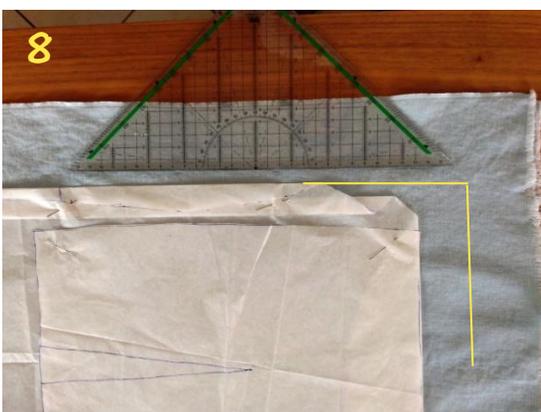
Then take a such a special ruler and transfer the position of the short to the back piece of the pattern.



When you lay the front on top of the back piece you will have recognized that the shoulders won't fit anymore due to the folding. So please pleat just the upper part a bit like I did – view picture.



Do the same steps in positioning the shorts like you did to prepare the front. The back piece will stay like it is without reducing the width.



Please cut the edges of the shorts like shown



Finally you will receive these pattern pieces except of the ruffles for the sleeves. Therefore please follow step N° 10 of the tutorial for the preparation of the rosewood silk dress.

For the last steps please follow step N° 14 and 15 of the rosewood silk dress as well.



Here you can see how I fold the fabric to receive a diagonal direction of the fibres and to get this particular fall.

Some more details while sewing:

