

FREE

easy sequin flower girl dress



SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 3/8 yd. sequin fabric
 - 1 yd. lining (satin, cotton, silk, or other basic color)
 - 1-1/2 yds. lightweight tulle sold by the yard
 - 16" of 1/4" elastic
 - 2 yds. of 2" silk ribbon
 - Large safety pin
- Sewing machine
 - Basic sewing supplies
 - Shoulder Tie Toddler Dress pattern (Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Stores®)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Print out or draw the Shoulder Tie Toddler Dress Pattern to size. This pattern will be the basic lining.
2. Using pattern pieces, cut (2) on the fold from the lining fabric.
3. Cut paper pattern pieces on the dashed line, or the 'Cut Lining Here' pattern line, for both the Front and Back pattern pieces.
4. From the new top bodice front and back pattern pieces, cut (1) Front on the Fold, and (1) Back on the Fold, of the sequin fabric.
5. Using the new bottom dress paper pattern pieces for length, cut (4) pieces of tulle (tulle panels) the same length by width of fabric. *Optional, for a fuller tulle skirt - cut more tulle panels.
6. Take (2) of the tulle panels and place them together, matching up all raw edges. Pin the top edges together, and sew a row of gathering stitches along the top. Gather top edge by gently pulling on the bobbin thread, until tulle panels are the same length as the bottom of the sequin bodice. Place the gathered tulle edge right sides together with the sequin bodice bottom edge, pin together and sew. Repeat for other (2) tulle panels and back sequin bodice.
7. Place front and back sequin and tulle dress pieces right sides together, and pin the side seams of the sequin bodice only. Sew carefully using a sharp needle, going slowly with the speed so as not to break the needle when sewing over the sequins. Set aside for a moment.
8. Take the dress lining front and back and place right sides together. Match up the side seams, pin and sew. (*Do not sew arm curve together, just the side seam). Zig zag stitch along the raw edge to finish.
9. Turn the bottom hem of the lining 1/4" towards wrong side and press. Turn again 1/2", press and sew to hem.
10. Please pay careful attention to the following steps. The sequin dress

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AND the lining dress should both be RIGHT SIDE OUT. Slip the lining over the sequin dress, matching up the side seams and top edges of the bodice.

11. Pin together the top straight edge of the bodice front and back. Sew, once again sewing carefully over the sequins.
12. Pin the side arm curve together, matching up the side seam. Leave the top 1" open of the curve, where the curve meets the top straight edge of the back and front bodice. Sew around bottom curve.
13. Turn right side out, and gently press out edges using your fingers. Sew a straight line across 1" down from the top bodice straight edge on the front and back, creating a casing for the elastic in the next step.
14. Attach safety pin to one end of the 1/4" elastic, and gently thread through the front and back casing in the bodice. Be sure to hold onto the opposite end of the elastic while threading so it's not lost inside the casing. Once all the way around, bring both ends of the elastic together and pin. Using a zig zag stitch, go back and forth over the ends to secure. Twist elastic so that the sewn ends are inside casing.
15. Wrap 2" silk ribbon around the waist a couple of times and pull tight. Tie in front or back.

Skill Level: Some Experience Necessary

Crafting Time: 3-5 hrs

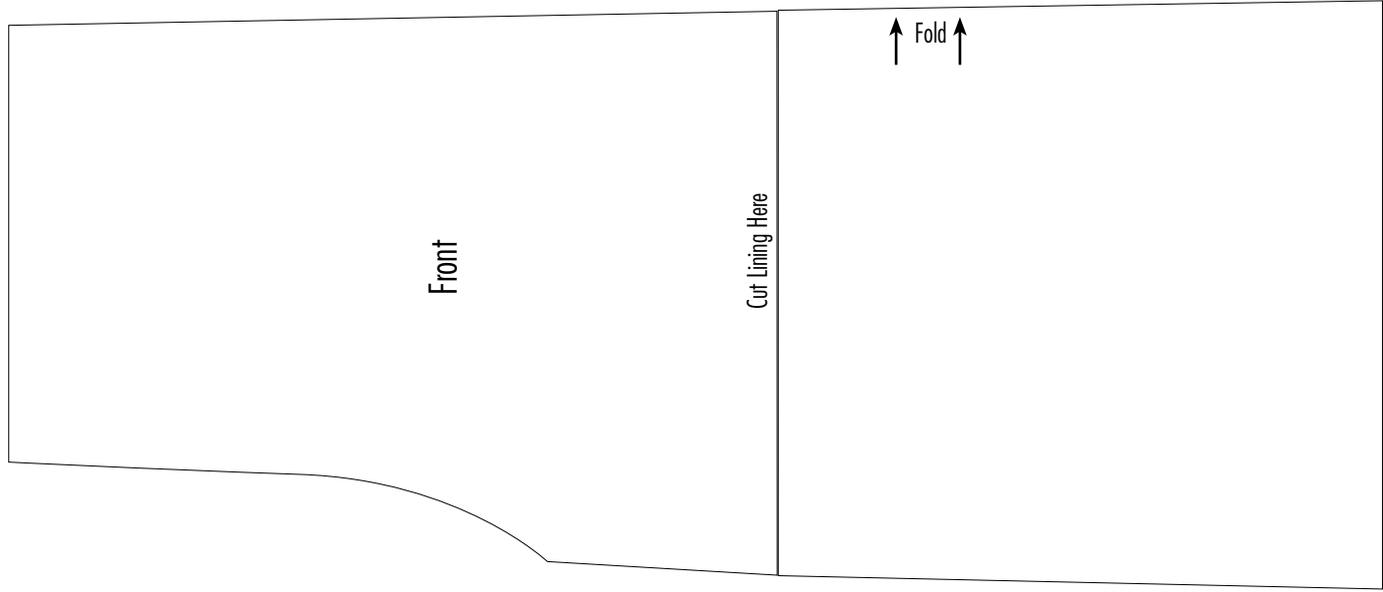
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