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From the collection of the Juliette Low birthplace, Savannah, GA,
Girl Scouts of the USA.



SKIRT:

1. Follow New Look® 6004 directions. Add approximately 4" to the skirt length, adjusting for the girl's height.

NECK TIE:

1. Cut two 6½"x30" strips of the light blue fabric. Sew short ends together using 1/4" seam allowance to form a 6½"x59½" piece. Press the seam open.
2. Fold in half lengthwise with right sides together and pin. To angle corner, draw a line on one end starting from 2" up one side angling to the corner on the other side.
3. Cut along the line and repeat on the other tie end.
4. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew ends and long side leaving an opening at the center back for turning. Turn, press and sew opening closed.

Complete the uniform with a large black bow for the hair, black stockings and black shoes.



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Skill Level 3: Experience necessary

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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Patterns:
Simplicity® 8523
New Look® 6004
- 3¾ yds navy poplin
- 1/2 yd light blue cotton fabric
- 3/4"-wide elastic
- 1/2 yd fusible interfacing
- 2 sheets of tissue or craft paper: at least 20"x24"
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron & pressing surface

DIRECTIONS: Make paper collar pattern for middy top, then pin the collar and all other pattern pieces needed for the top and skirt on the navy fabric before cutting the fabric. Adjustments for sleeve and skirt length and sleeve hem width may need to be made depending on the Girl Scout's measurements.

MIDDY STYLE TOP:

1. Use Simplicity® 8523 View E. Allow for a loose fit when selecting pattern size.
2. To design middy collar, trim front and back pattern pieces to desired size then overlap pattern pieces at the shoulder so the seam allowances of both pieces are lined up, pin together (Illustration A).

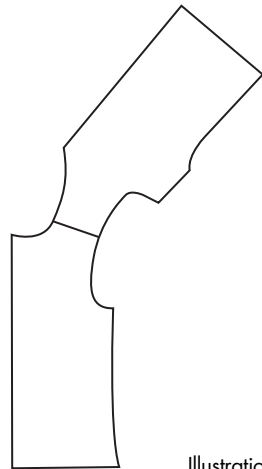


Illustration A

3. Fold one piece of tissue or craft paper in half lengthwise. Place the pattern on the paper with center of back pattern on the fold of the paper (Illustration B). Trace the neckline and shoulder seam onto paper and remove pattern (Illustration C).

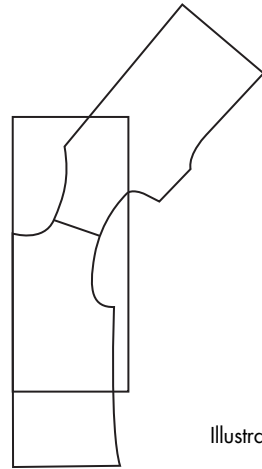


Illustration B

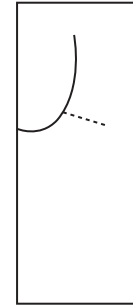


Illustration C

4. Measure down along the fold 8¾" from the center back neck and make a mark for bottom of collar. From that mark draw a line straight out perpendicular from the fold (Illustration D). Measure out from neckline at shoulder seam 5" and make a mark. Make a line straight down to the perpendicular line staying parallel to the fold (Illustration E). From the mark at shoulder to the center front of the V neck make a curved line (Illustration F). This forms the pattern for the collar and includes the 5/8" seam allowance.

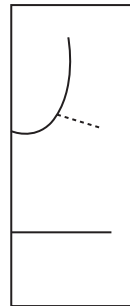


Illustration D

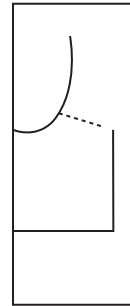


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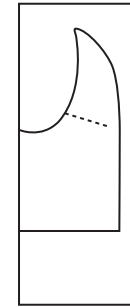


Illustration F

5. To design the long sleeves, use the short sleeve pattern and tape paper to the bottom of the sleeve. Measure down 13½" from the bottom of the sleeve and make a line parallel to the bottom of the sleeve (Illustration G). This is the sleeve length, which includes the 1¼" hem (may need to adjust for girl's sleeve length). Fold the sleeve with the added paper in half to make a crease, then open it out. At the bottom of the long sleeve, measure out 5" both directions from the fold and make a mark. Draw a line from the 5" marks up to the original sleeve pattern and draw a line on each side. Flair the last 1¼" out a bit for the hem (Illustration H). Depending on the wrist size needed, the 5" mark may need to be adjusted.



Illustration G

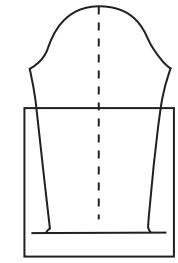


Illustration H

6. Follow directions for the top, cutting two of the new middy collar pieces and use the long sleeve pattern. Use the collar pattern to cut the interfacing and fuse to one of the collars. With right sides together, sew the collar pieces together on the sides and bottom, leaving the neckline open. Turn, press, then baste row edges together. When sewing the top together, insert the collar between the facing and the top.

