

Sewing Garment Sewing, Start Small December 10, 2025

Garment sewing can be intimidating because of the many different sewing techniques, fitting issues and the cost of materials. To develop skills and confidence, consider starting small with doll clothing. The materials are less expensive, the project is fast and fitting is not as crucial. Likewise, develop as many different skill sets from beginner to advanced. Beginners will feel more comfortable with the entire process. Intermediate sewists can hone skills on more advanced projects. Advanced thread artists or budding designers design your own patterns and learn to make fitting alterations. Finished small clothing makes doll lovers happy or create a display with a doll mannequin. Something for everyone!

Patterns Shown in the Video

Edwardian Bicycle Skirt pattern by Thimbles and Acorns purchased as a download from Pixie Faire. Pixie Faire has hundreds of patterns for many different size dolls and is searchable for contemporary items to historical costuming. Prices are reasonable and there are a number of free patterns and free doll-sized embroidery downloads as well.





Vogue Doll Collection #7729 views A & B 18" Doll Western Wear is out of print and may be available through resellers on Etsy or eBay. Shirt in view B was modified for the western shirt. Jacket in view B as shown in the video. Note that this pattern sews up very large for dolls such as American Girl™. Make a muslin to check fit before using final fabric.



➤ Vogue Doll Collection #7603 view C Horse for 18" Doll is out of print and may be available through resellers on Etsy or eBay. The saddle view C was used in the Sewing Leather and Faux Leather video.

➤ **Dress Form 18" Doll Clothes Pattern** by Liberty Jane is a pattern for a mannequin to display doll clothes. It is available as a download from Pixie Faire. Four different sizes are available separately or as a bundle. This pattern suggests a candlestick as a base.

