

Adams-Harris Pattern Company

Holiday Madness

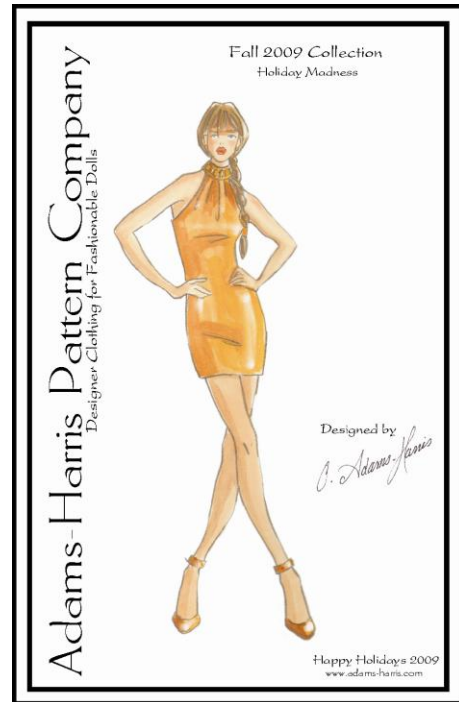
Designed and fitted for Tonner Doll Ellowyne

Yardage, Notions & Fabric

- Yardage:** ¼-yard fashion fabric such as satin, linen, cotton blends, soft calico.
Fabric must have a little drape for the gathered neck to hang right.
¼-yard lining fabric or use the dress fabric.
Scrap of lightweight fusible
- Notions:** Beads for collar if wanted.
3 small snaps.

General Cutting and Marking Directions

1. Lay out all pieces following the grainlines on the pattern. Cut the number of pieces indicated on the patterns. Check pattern before cutting to see if you will need to paste large pieces together first.
2. Cut notches no deeper than 1/8 inch. All seam allowances are ¼ inch in less otherwise indicated in the sewing directions.
3. When interfacing, use fusible and press to fabric before cutting out pattern.
4. With smaller patterns I do not recommend serging seams as this creates bulk. I use a fray-checking product as needed. If you are serging use a smaller width on your machine, I use 2mm. You will have to determine if you serge or not.
5. As with all sewing projects, you will get better results if you press as you go, fit as you go and tie off your thread ends rather than back stitching.



Sewing Terms & Abbreviations

There are many sewing abbreviations used in the fashion industry. Some differ by region. I will be using the following when writing directions:

1. rst right sides together, place cut pieces with the good or right sides together to sew the seam.
2. wst wrong sides together, place the cut pieces with the unprinted or wrong sides together to sew the seam.
3. rs right side of fabric
4. ws wrong side of fabric

5. dt double turned, as in a ¼ double turned hem. A double turned hem is filled with fabric. So a ¼ dt hem would measure ½ in before hemming.
6. sa seam allowance
7. CB or CF center back or center front
8. Bust this means to press the seam allowance open.

Sewing Directions:

1. Before starting, be sure you have cut the lining shorter as indicated on the pattern.
2. Also note that the collar is not symmetrical so check before attaching that the long end is on your left as you look at the right side of the dress. If using lining on the collar cut the fashion fabric with the pattern face up and the lining with the pattern face down. Press some lightweight fusible to the wrong side of the fashion collar.
3. With rst match and sew darts on dress and lining. Press darts toward the center.
4. With rst match back and front dress at side seams and sew in place. Bust seams.
5. Repeat for lining.
6. With rst match lining and dress at neck and along armhole to center back. Sew together matching at side seams. Do not sew across top neckline.
7. Still with the rst, match lining and dress at hem, the dress is longer, and sew from center back to center back.
8. Clip or trim seam allowance around armholes then turn rso and press.
9. With rst, match seam at hem of dress and lining and pin in place. This will be a little tricky, but sew from the dot at the back opening of the dress to the hem and then from the hem at the lining up as far as you can go to the back opening in the lining.
10. Turn rso and press. You will need to clip the seams at the bottom of the placket to make them lie flat. I serged the back placket edges to finish.
11. Run a basting stitch along the top of the dress thru both layers and gather the front neck. Fit it to the collar between the notches with rst then machine stitch in place.
12. Match the collar lining to the collar and sew across the top.
13. Next, sew the center back of the collar and pivot and turn sewing up to the notch on the bottom of the collar.
14. Trim corner and seams as needed, and then turn the collar rso and press.
15. Tuck seam allowance at the front neck under, enclosing the raw edges and slip stitch closed.
16. Press the placket at the back to one side, and attach the snap sets.
17. Sew one snap set to the back collar so the end of the collar falls in at the center back.
18. Sew assorted beads to the collar.