



BARBIE WITCH DRESS PATTERN



INGREDIENTS



Tools

- Sewing machine or hand sewing needles.
- Pins.
- Fabric scissors.
- Paper scissors.
- Fabric marker (fine point, disappearing ink) or white fabric pencil if using darker fabrics.
- Fray check/stop liquid (optional - for stopping seams fraying).
- Computer with printer and A4 paper.
- Fabric glue (optional but helpful).

Materials

- Black cotton fabric for dress (one fat quarter will be plenty). You can use quilting cotton, cotton lawn or polycotton.
- Black thread.
- Light weight fabric or tulle for neck facing, or alternatively lightweight interfacing (not iron on).
- 5mm wide lace x 20cm length for neckline
- 1 cm wide lace x 40 cm for ruffle hem.
- Various scraps of black lace, black ribbon tulle, organza etc for decorating skirt.
- 3 sets of snaps for back closure (or hook and loop tape).



Sewing the dress

Print the pattern page on A4 paper - making sure your printer is set to 'no scaling' or 100%.

Cut out the paper pattern pieces along the solid lines and pin the skirt, back bodice, front bodice and ruffle to your main fabric - following the pattern instructions. Note that some pieces are cut 'on the fold' - which means you fold your fabric in half and place the 'fold' arrows up against the folded edge. The neck facing is cut from your neck lining fabric - I used a black lawn fabric. Cut out your fabric (1).

If using, apply fray stop liquid to raw fabric edges. I find that it really helps stop fraying.

Sew the darts on each side of the front bodice (2). Press seams open (3).

Sew the front bodice to the back bodice pieces at the shoulder seams (4). Press seam open.

Use a disappearing ink pen like a Frixion pen (which disappears like magic when ironed) to mark the seam allowances onto the fabric.

STAR TIP



Sewing the dress cont...

Pin and sew the neck facing to the neckline (5).

Make small notches along the inner edge and trim corners and then turn the facing to the inside (6). Press so the facing doesn't show from the front. You can add some small dots of fabric glue to help the facing lie flat on the inside.

Pin and sew the 5 mm lace on the inside of the neckline - sewing with a top-stitch from the front (7). Again you can use dots of glue to hold it in place.

Cut notches around the curves of each arm hole. Fold and press the inwards. Then use dots of glue and/or pins to hold them in place while you sew around the arm-hole (8).



My favourite fabric glue is 'Fray Stop Hi-Tack' fabric glue. It dries clear, remains flexible and dries easily while you hold the fabric in place.

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Sewing the dress cont...

Pin and sew the side seams (9) to finish the bodice.

Press under a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem along the long edge of the ruffle. Pin the 1 cm width lace to the folded edge on the right side (10). Top-stitch so you are attaching the lace and hemming the ruffle at the same time.

Sew two rows of gathering stitches at the top long edge of the ruffle (gathering stitches are just straight stitches with nothing to secure them at the start or finish) (11). Pull the bobbin threads together to gather the ruffle to the same width as the bottom of the skirt.

Pin the ruffle to the bottom of the skirt, right sides together (12). Sew the ruffle. Press the seam up, then top-stitch along the bottom edge of the skirt (from the right side).



Make sure you only pull the bobbin threads to gather the fabric - otherwise it can get stuck.

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Sewing the dress cont...

Cut out your scraps of tulle, organza, ribbon and lace. You can be quite random here and get creative. Layer them on top of the skirt and pin (12). Sew your layers close to the top edge of the skirt.

Pin the bodice to the top of the skirt, right sides together and sew (13). Press the seam allowance to towards the bodice - be careful with your iron settings on any tulle or netting that may not take much heat. Pin and top-stitch a ribbon around the waistline (14).

Pin and sew the back seam, right sides together (15) - stopping as shown on the pattern.

Press the right side of the back opening under and hand stitch along the folded edge. Sew one part of the snaps onto the wrong side of the folded edge. Sew the other part of the snaps onto the right side of the raw edge - so it doesn't show.



Snap are good for little fingers to practice fine motor skills. Hook and loop tape is ok but can snag tulle and other delicate fabrics.

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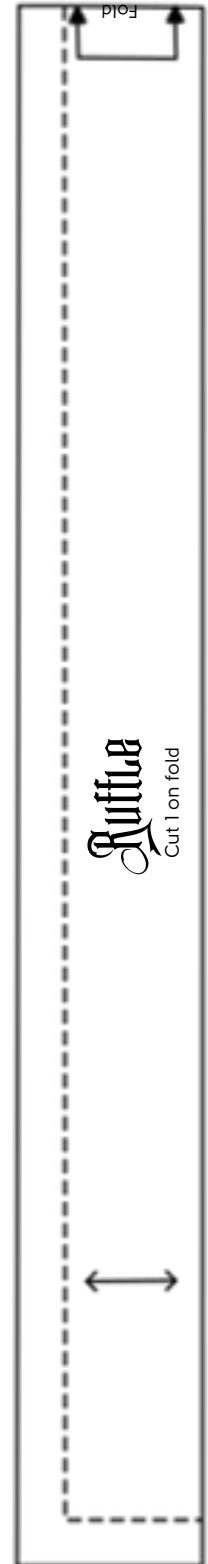
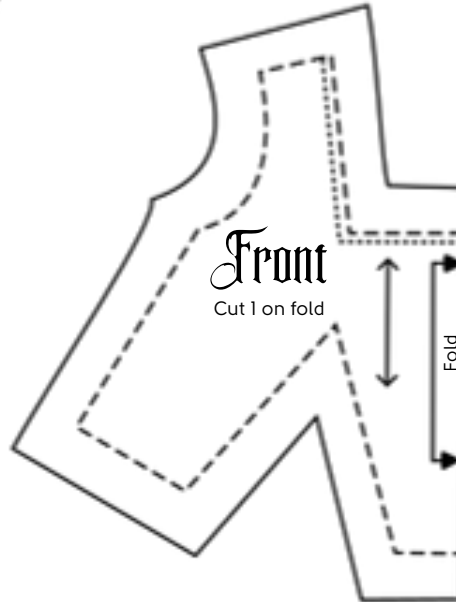
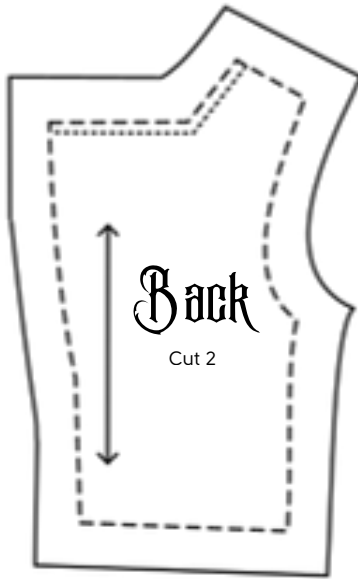




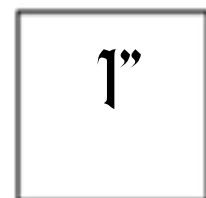
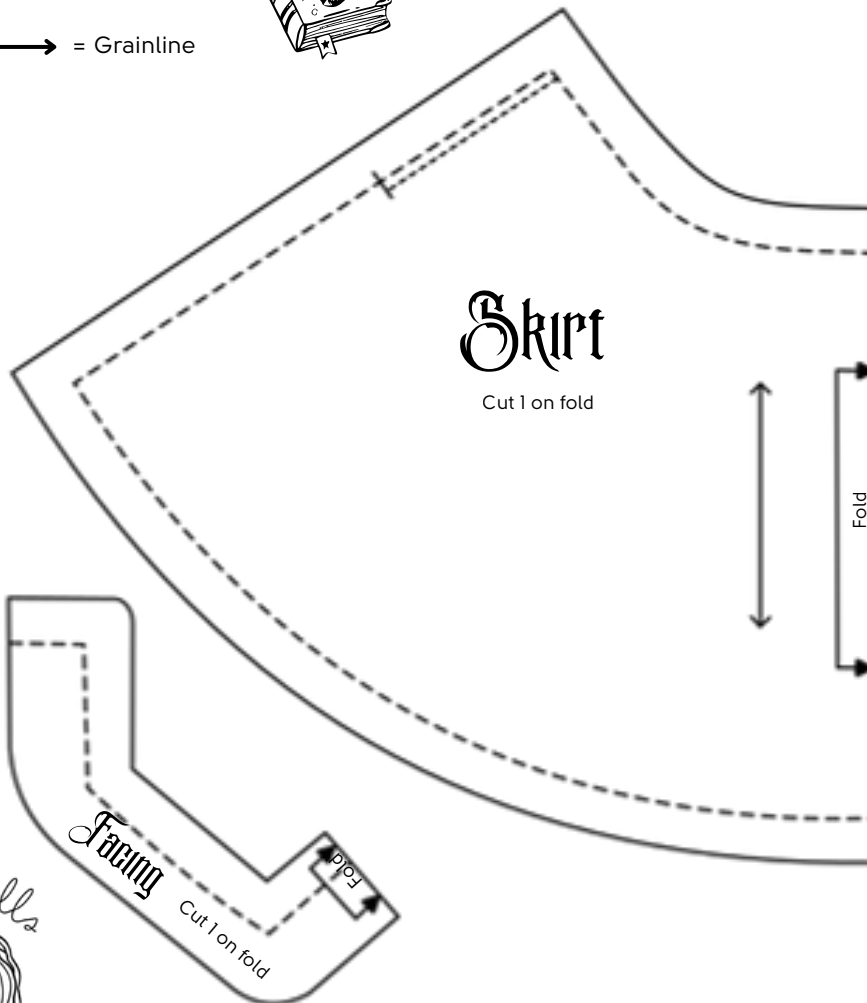


Barbie Witch Dress Pattern

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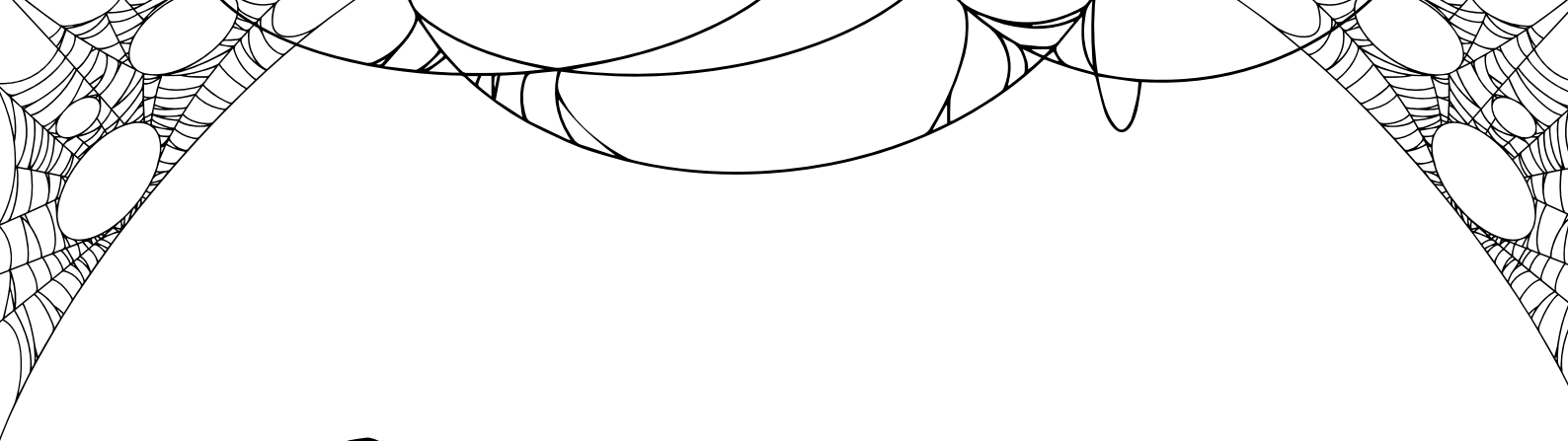


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- = Topstitching
- ↔ = Grainline



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