

American Indian Dress

(for 18" play dolls such as Springfield Collection or American Girl)

Supplies:

- 1/2 to 1-yard of felt or vinyl or suede-like fabric or any other fabric that doesn't ravel.
- Matching Thread
- Rick Rack or Braid or Other Trim
- Buttons, Beads, Shells etc.

Directions:

1. There are two pieces to this pattern, the overlay, and the dress itself. The full dress pattern wouldn't fit on the page, so the bottom part of it was cut away and added to the side of the page. You must cut this piece out and tape it to the hem of the dress to complete the pattern. The overlay is drawn over top of the dress pattern. You'll have to trace around it and cut it separately.
2. Cut both the dress pattern and the overlay pattern on a double fold of fabric. This means you take a piece of fabric and fold it in half and then fold it in half again (like folding a wash cloth). Essentially you are folding it in quarters. Place the dress pattern on the double fold of fabric. Cut it out. Make a second double fold of fabric and cut out the overlay too. Cut up the center back of both the overlay and dress so that the dress will have an opening in back.
3. Lay the right side of the overlay over the wrong side of the dress matching neckline and center back. Stick around the back and the neckline. Trim the edges and turn the overlay to the right side. Press.
4. Turn the dress inside out. Stitch the side seams from the sleeve to the underarm and down to the hem. Trim the edges. Turn right side out and press.
5. Add velcro to the back or hand sew snaps to the back opening. Cut fringe around the overlay, the hem and the sleeves. Decorate with rick rack, braid, buttons, shells and beads as desired.

For more ideas visit my doll blog <http://springfielddolls.blogspot.com/>

corner of Fold

Cut On Double Fold

Cut for fringe

Cutting line for bodice overlay

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Cut for fringe

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Tape to Hem of Dress

Tape extra piece here

