



BLOSSOM & FRIDAY

PLAYTIME CLOTHING COLLECTION

CLOTHING FOR YOUR BLOSSOM & FRIDAY DOLL

INCLUDING:

Patch-pocket Pinafore Dress

Patch-pocket Romper Suit

Shorts & Braces



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GETTING STARTED

This clothing bundle can be used for any of the Blossom and Friday Doll patterns in my [Etsy Store](#)

You will find everything you need in this guide to make the 'Playtime Clothing Collection' for your doll. I highly recommend you follow along with the video tutorial guide to make it even easier. Click the link below to access the online tutorials:

Access the Playtime Clothing Collection Video Tutorials [HERE](#)

MATERIALS & TOOLS REQUIRED

Fabric for the clothes item and patch pockets if required. - sizings vary but only small amounts are needed. A piece of fabric sized at around 30 x 30 cm is more than enough for the romper suit and patch pocket dress and 20 x 20 for the shorts. You can make the tie for the romper and dress and the braces with fabric but if you prefer an easier option then ribbon or chord is ideal too.

If making the shorts you will need a piece of elastic approximately 25cm long and between 2-5mm thick.

You will also need -

Thread

*Sewing Machine

Fabric scissors

**Pinking Sheers

**Turning tool

**Fabric glue stick

Pins

*It is possible to hand sew all of these patterns but patience and some experience is required. I recommend machine sewing where possible.

**These items are useful but not essential. Please refer to the vidoe tutorials for help and alternatives.



CLOTHES FABRIC

Once your doll is made you can make one outfit for him or her or dozens! I recomment a lightweight cotton. Lawn or poplin work well. Fabric from old cotton clothes is perfect too, vintage cottons, scrappy remnants etc etc. Liberty of London's range of Tana Lawn fabrics are some of my favourites but you can also find me hunting in the bargain bin at a local charity shop for damaged cotton garments. Old, worn cotton has a wonderful soft texture. There's something so beautiful and sentimental about repurposing fabric from a loved ones old clothes. I still have pieces of fabric from a beautiful dress my daughter had from Boden. The dress got a big, unremovable stain on the front but there was still so much usable fabric on it. Every time I see it now it takes me back to when she was little.

Don't throw tiny pieces of fabric away! They are ideal for making little patch pockets.

I have made these patterns as simple as possible. I highly recommend watching the video tutorials as you go (link at the top of the page) to make the process even easier!

PRINTING

The pattern sheets included are in both A4 and Letter sizes. Please open and print the correct one for your paper/ printer requirement and at the same size as you did when you made your doll template.

MAKE A PINAFORE DRESS

This is a very simple dress design for your Blossom & Friday Doll. You can mix and match fabrics, create various versions, make them with or without patch pockets etc.



1. PRINT & CUT PATTERN

Print out the pinafore dress pattern page from the Blossom and Friday bundle. Cut out the relevant pattern pieces dress, pocket and tie (if you wish to make a fabric tie and if not use a ribbon/ cord). For the Dress cut on the appropriate hemline... NOT the romper line unless you want a much longer dress.

2. PIN PIECES AND MARK

Pin your pattern pieces onto the wrong side of your chosen fabrics. Please pay attention to where the pattern indicates a fold. This means that you are going to be marking one half of main dress piece but cutting through two layers of fabric, the fold being the centre of the piece, as shown here.

Please refer to the video tutorial if uncertain. Mark the remaining pieces.



3. CUT THE FABRIC

Cut the pieces making sure to add approx 5-10 mm of seam allowance evenly on all sides of all pieces.

4. SEW

Fold and press the seams down on the diagonal sides. Sew along both of these folds.

Fold the top (neck) edge back, allowing a 1cm hem. The aim here is to be able to thread the tie through and gather the top of the dress. Sew at the bottom of this fold leaving room for the tie/ ribbon.

Place your patch pocket pieces right sides facing and sew around the curved line. DO NOT sew the dotted line. Turn the pockets right-side out and press flat. Fold the top of the pocket back on it's self and sew across the top line. Pin the pocket in place on the dress and carefully sew into place around the curved edge (not across the top). repeat with the second pocket. Re-fold the dress in half and sew the back seam of the dress together (d). Press the seam flat from the inside.



If not using ribbon and you wish to make the tie for the dress from fabric, cut the piece for the tie and fold in half lengthways, right side of fabric facing in. Press flat. Sew the length of the piece and one end. Turn this long piece right-side out and press flat (this can be very tricky without a turning tool so if in doubt use ribbon or cotton cord).

Mark the central point along the length of the tie/ ribbon/ cord. Using the marks on the 'Tie for pinafore dress' paper pattern piece... line up that central mark with the central guide mark (the largest of the three) on the tie/ ribbon mark corresponding small lines.

Insert a safety pin into one end of the tie/ribbon and thread through the tube. as the first mark lines up with the exit end of the 'tube', pin and sew a little verticle line to secure the tie. Thengather the fabric across the top until the second mark lines up with the other end of the 'tube'. Then sew that into place, as before. Fold the open end of the tie slightly in on itself (I use tweezers for this) and sew a couple of stiches to close the end.

Voila! You have made a mini pinafore dress. (If you need any further clarification please watch the video guide).



MAKE A PAIR OF SHORTS

This is a very simple garment for your Blossom and Friday doll but it's a classic. A cute little pair of shorts and braces...



1. PRINT & CUT PATTERN

Print out the clothes pattern page from the Blossom and Friday bundle. Cut out the relevant pattern pieces for the shorts and braces.

2. PIN PIECES AND MARK

Pin your pattern pieces onto the wrong side of your chosen fabrics and mark.

3. CUT THE FABRIC

Cut the pieces making sure to add approx 5-10mm of seam allowance evenly on all sides of all pieces.

4. SEW

To make the braces, fold and press the fabric pieces you have cut in half lengthways. Sew along the outer edge and across one end then turn these pieces right side out and press flat.

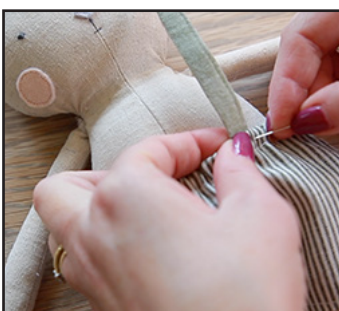
Place the two main shorts pieces right sides facing together and sew along the two outer sides of the shorts..

Turn the shorts right side out and press flat again. Fold down the waist band and press flat. Starting at the centre back of the shorts sew the waistband down, (leaving enough room to thread elastic all the way around the waist band) sew all the way around but make sure you leave a gap of 1cm as you get back around to the centre back.

Measure a piece of elastic around the Teddy/ Bunny's waist. Mark a line on each end of elastic where they meet and the elastic has just a tiny bit of stretch. When you trim the elastic, leave 1-2cm at each end after these marks just to make it easier to work with. Insert a safety pin into one end of the elastic and thread through the waist band. Once the two marks are visible and aligned, very securely sew those lines together (use several stitches with strong thread), snip the excess elastic and add a few stitches to the waist band gap to close it up.

Fold, press and sew a small hem into the bottom of the shorts. Turn the shorts wrong side out and press flat. Sew neatly all the way around this hem. Ensure the lower hem is perfectly aligned front and back. Make a mark with your temporary fabric pen at the centre point of the hem. Freehand draw a little arch over this as shown at the bottom centre. Machine sew around this arch (back stitch at the edges of the hem) and then carefully snip (with fabric scissors or pinking shears).

Press the shorts flat, right side out, and place onto doll. Pin braces into place and sew. A little embroidery thread cross looks sweet and hold the braces securely.



MAKE A ROMPER SUIT

Make a pinafore dress but ensure you cut the template and fabric on 'Romper' line (see previous page). Follow the instructions for the pinafore dress, add pockets if required. Once complete, iron your long pinafore dress flat and inside out. Place the "romper leg" piece from your paper template centrally over the back seam and aligned with the hem. Mark and sew around this piece and then trim inside. Turn garment right-side-out and press this new seam flat.