

Projects

“Red, White & Blue Ruffle Dress”



Ruffles are big for little girl designs this year, so let your little one wear this red, white and blue party dress to the next summertime barbeque. Add you own personal touch to any basic pattern for a one of a kind creation.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Serger

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

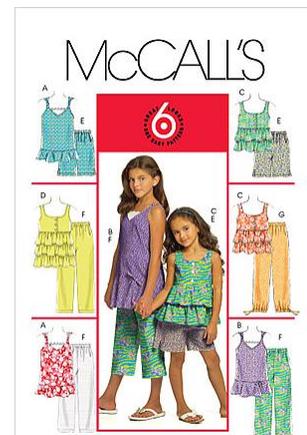
McCall's pattern M5573 (or similar pattern)

See pattern envelope for yardage and notions for sewing view D top

Also purchase 1-1/4 yard of contrasting fabric for additional ruffles

3 star buttons

5 spools of red Madeira Aerolock serger thread (or select color to match fabric)



Madeira Aerofil all-purpose red thread (or a shade to match fabric)
2 cones of wooly nylon thread
1 spool of thread matching the wooly nylon

Instructions:

Cutting instructions:

Red fabric

- Cut bodice pieces 10 and 11 (To turn the view D ruffled top into a dress by increasing the length of bodice pieces 10 and 11 by 2".)
- Cut ruffle pieces 12, 14 and 15.
- Cut stay piece 13.



Blue fabric

- Cut ruffle pieces 12, 14, and 15 (shorten each ruffle by 1-3/4")

Interfacing

- Cut pattern piece 9 out of lightweight fusible interfacing (Increase length by 2")

Sewing instructions:

To sew the bodice:

1. Thread your sewing machine with the red all-purpose thread.
2. Follow pattern instructions for bodice view D.
3. Sew buttonholes and attach buttons.

To sew the ruffles:

1. Thread your serger for a 4-thread stitch and use a 5/8" seam allowance.
2. Stitch the ruffle sections together (according to pattern instructions) with the 4-thread stitch on your serger to give the inside of the ruffles a clean finish.
3. Hem the ruffles with wooly nylon for a color contrast instead of the narrow hem suggested in the pattern instructions.
 - Rethread your serger with wooly nylon in both upper and lower loopers and the matching thread in the right overlock needle.
 - Set up your serger for a 3-thread Overlock Narrow with the length on 1.
 - Hem all ruffles pieces.
4. Layer the two middle ruffles and attach to the stay according to the pattern instructions.
5. Layer the two lower ruffles and attach to the stay according to the pattern instructions.
6. Layer the two upper ruffles and attach when the pattern instructs.



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