

Little Dresses for Africa

Lillian's Dress

Designed by Geraldine Lowery

Lillian's dress is named for Lillian Weber, one of the many volunteers for Little Dresses for Africa, who has dedicated the biggest part of every day to making a little dress that will be a prized possession for a grateful little girl in Africa. Lillian turned 100 in May 2015, and reached her personal goal of sewing over 1000 little dresses!

If you would like to be involved, simply follow the instructions below to make little dresses for Africa. Mail the completed dresses to Little Dresses for Africa, c/o Nancy's Notions®, 333 Beichl Ave., Beaver Dam WI 53916-0683, and we'll ship the dresses to their destination. If you would like confirmation that your dresses have been received at Nancy's Notions, please enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard. For additional information go to littledressesforafrica.org/blog/



SUPPLIES (FOR ONE DRESS):

These supplies will make one size 6 dress—the size most often requested.

- 1¼ yd. 40" cotton fabric
- OR (contrasting fabric as shown) use ¾ yd. cotton fabric for dress body and ¾ yd. cotton fabric for sleeves and ruffle
- 1 pkg. ½" ready made single fold coordinating bias tape
- 17" of ¼" elastic
- Coordinating all-purpose thread
- Optional: Fuse 'n Gather tape

INSTRUCTIONS:

Note: Use ¼" seams unless otherwise stated.

1. Prepare pattern.

- Dress Body (front and back):
 - Draw one 10" x 19" rectangle.
 - Mark the left (19") long edge "Place on fold."
 - Mark neck opening 5¼" from fold at top short edge.
 - Mark side seam 14" from bottom edge.
 - Connect markings, and add a ¼" seam allowance to the diagonal sleeve line.
 - Mark "Cut two on fold" on the Dress Body pattern. (1)
- Sleeve:
 - Draw an 8¼" x 9" rectangle.
 - Mark left 9" edge "Place on fold."
 - Mark top edge and side edge (opposite fold) 4¼" from the corner.
 - Connect markings, and add a ¼" seam allowance to the diagonal line.
 - Mark "Cut two on fold" on the Sleeve pattern. (2)

