

## *Wrapped in God's Love*

Wrap a little girl in God's love by sewing a little dress for her. This helps to give her dignity and hope. Also in some countries it helps to prevent sexual abuse if a little girl looks like she is being well taken care of by her family.

Almost 2,000 dresses have been sent by Holy Angels to Appalachia, Honduras, Haiti, Tanzania, Chile, Ghana, Guatemala and the Philippines most often by people traveling to the country and personally handing out the dresses.

Directions:

1. The width of the dress should measure between 20-24 inches. Length varies.
2. Side seams - With right sides together sew  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch seams up to about 7 inches from the top. Backstitch to reinforce. The top 7 inches will be armholes.
3. Armholes – Press under  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on the 7 inches of seam and then another  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch. Then stitch close to the edge and across bottom and up the other side of the armholes.
4. Casing – Press under  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch across top on front and back. Then press another width a little wider than ribbon provided. Stitch reinforcing ends.
5. Thread ribbon through the casing in the front and back. Even out ends to find center and stitch a perpendicular line through casing and ribbon in middle to hold ribbon in place.
6. Hem – Press under  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and the another inch. Stitch hem.
7. If desired add lace or other decorations.

Questions?? Call Judy Put finished dress in red bin. Thank you.