Instructions for Making
Reversible Wrap-Around Dress
For 18” Dolls

Helpful Information:
This dress has 3 armholes. It doesn’t matter which direction the dress wraps.
1/4” seam allowance is included in the pattern, and there’s only one pattern piece!
These instructions assume the user has basic sewing skills.
This pattern was inspired by a Butterick wrap around pattern from the 1960s.
This dress will fit American Girl, My Life, Our Generation, etc.
I am not affiliated with any doll company or pattern manufacturer.

You will need:
Two coordinating fabrics - 12” x 22” of the same weight and fiber content
2 buttons
1 ½” piece of 1/8” elastic for button loop

1. Lay the two fabrics right sides together, and pin on the pattern.
2. Cut out the dress, through both layers.
3. Remove the pattern, but leave the two pieces of fabric together, put in pins to hold it together.
4. Pin the elastic loop at the top of the rounded shoulder, on the inside of your fabric sandwich, so it will be on the outside of the dress. That will be the button loop. You can work a buttonhole after item 8 instead of the loop, if you prefer.
5. I leave the two shoulder seams open while stitching around the edges on the two shoulders that won’t be buttoned; then, later join those shoulder seams by hand. With the shoulder seams not joined, you will be sewing two flat pieces of fabric together.
6. Using a ¼” seam allowance, stitch almost all the way around all raw edges with these exceptions: leave a 6” opening at the bottom for turning, and don’t stitch across the 4 shoulder openings that will form the shoulder seams that won’t be buttoned. You will stitch around the shoulder seam that will be buttoned. The buttoning shoulder is shaped a bit different than the other shoulder seams.
7. Clip curves and turn the dress right side out.
8. Press the seams.
9. Whip stitch the opening at the bottom of the dress closed (where you turned the dress right side out).
10. At this point, I usually topstitch all the way around, but it isn’t necessary.
11. Attach a button on each side so the shoulder will close. I found it easier to machine stitch a flat button first, then hand stitch a shank button on the other side.
12. Stitch the remaining two shoulder seams, using a whip stitch or small ladder stitch.
13. Done!

I usually make matching panties for my doll dresses. I’ll be offering my own FREE panty pattern soon. Watch for it at www.GrandmasHousePatterns.com

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