Bubble Tube Dress

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Some people have asked me to make a “How To” for my “Belted Bubble Dress” creation…it’s really simple and I hope you guys have fun making it… If you make improvements, please let me know!! I’m still a sewing novice, so any tips you have, I’d love to hear them!!

Materials

1. 2 yds. of 29" wide knit jersey 2. 24.5" of 1.5" wide elastic (bust) 3. 22.5" of 1.5" wide elastic (bottom) 4. thread 5. pins and safety pins *elastic measurements will vary depending on your particular size.

Step 1

Lay the fabric out as flat and smooth as possible.

Step 2

To create an encasing for the elastic on both the top and the bottom, fold about 1.5" along the length of the fabric on both sides.

Step 3

Then, pin at 3/4" along the length on both sides.

Step 4

Your fabric should look like this – pinned 3/4" along both sides.

Then, straight stitch where the pins are – all along the length on both sides.

Step 5

Once both sides are sewn, take a pair of pinking shears and cut the excess material to where there is about 1/4" left on each side.

Step 6

Take a safety pin and hook it onto one end of one of your elastic strips and insert it into the encasing.

Step 7

Once you get the other end of the elastic at the encasing's opening, pin it down.

Step 8

To get all that material onto the elastic strip, scrunch as much material as you can onto the safety pin (which is now in the encasing), and then pull that fabric towards the other end of the elastic – you'll notice a scrunching effect as more and more fabric is pulled onto the elastic.

Once all the fabric is crunched onto the elastic, pin the other side, so that both sides of the elastic are secured at the openings on

either end.

Step 9

Repeat steps 6-8 on the other side, so that the fabric looks like this picture.

Step 10

Stitch the encasing closed (where you have pinned the elastic at the openings of the encasing) on all 4 corners, but be sure to sew THROUGH the elastic so that the elastic is held in place.

Step 11

With the fabric inside out, pin the two sides together. Then straight stitch along the pins, removing them as you go.

Step 12

Cut the excess material – about 1/4" away from the stitch you just sewed. Then, overcast along the raw edge.

Step 13

Turn the tube inside out and wear it! Add a fun belt for a different look :)!