Drawstring Jumper Dress- no pattern required

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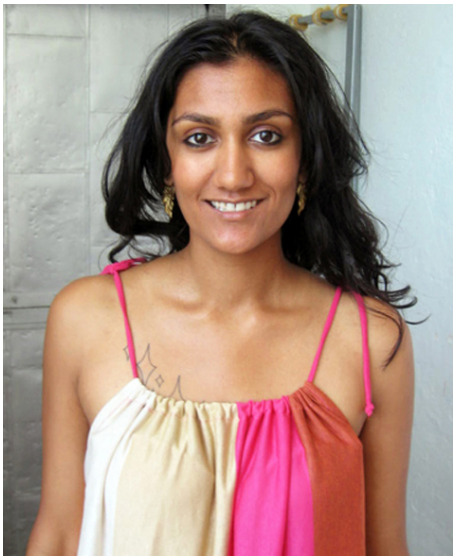


This easy jumper dress takes no time at all to make- and does not require any pattern! Its an adaptation of a little girl's jumper. Follow these easy instructions and make one for yourself!

Materials

2 yards (1.82 meters) of 60" (152 cm) wide fabric (Recommended fabrics: jersey, knitslight weight cottons, gauze Optional- Cord for straps, otherwise follow instructions here for making your own straps. Ruler Scissors Pins Small Safety Pin

Step 1

I am a Burda size 38, or a 6 ready-to-wear. This is an easy fit and should work for sizes 34-42, but you may add or subtract a 1/4" (6mm) on each side seam if you want to change the size.

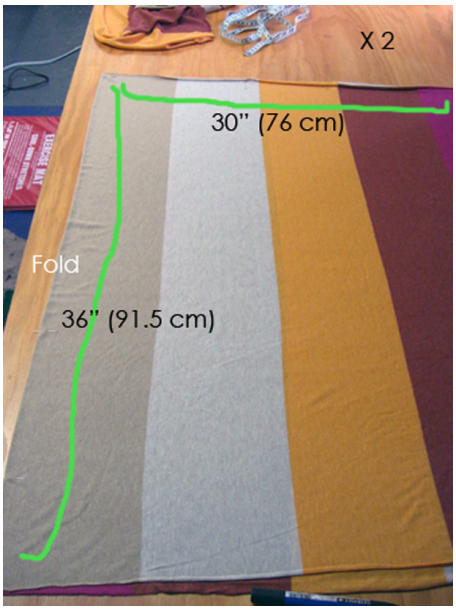
Step 2

I was inspired by an old picture of myself wearing a dress my mother made for me in the same style. (I was CUTE!)

Step 3

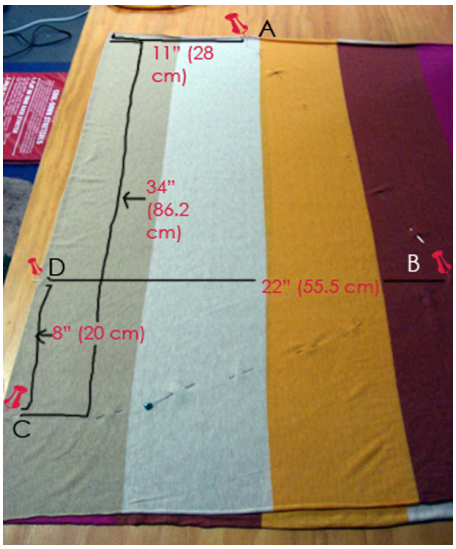
You will need the following:
2 yards (1.82 meters) of 60" (152 cm) wide fabric (Recommended fabrics: jersey, knits, light weight cottons, gauze) Optional- Cord for straps, otherwise follow instructions here for making your own straps.
Ruler
Scissors
Pins
Small Safety Pin
All measurements for the body of the dress include a 5/8" (1.5 cm) seam allowance. The straps have a 1/4" (6 mm) seam allowance.

Step 4



Cut your fabric into two separate pieces, both 1 yard (91.5 cm) in length. Fold in the middle.

Step 5



The front and back of this dress are the same. You can lay both layers and cut everything at once, or if your fabric is slippery, you can cut each piece separately.
Mark the 4 points illustrated above.
A- 11" (28 cm) in from fold at top (neckline)
C- 34" (86.2 cm) down fold (center front/center back)
C to D- 8" (20cm)
D to B- 22" (55.5 cm) (hem)

Step 6

Using a fabric marker or pins, connect point B to C with a curved line. This will be the hem. Connect B to A with a straight line- this will be the side seam.

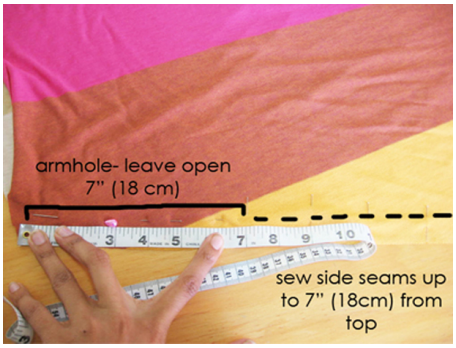
Step 7

Cut out the shape..

Step 8

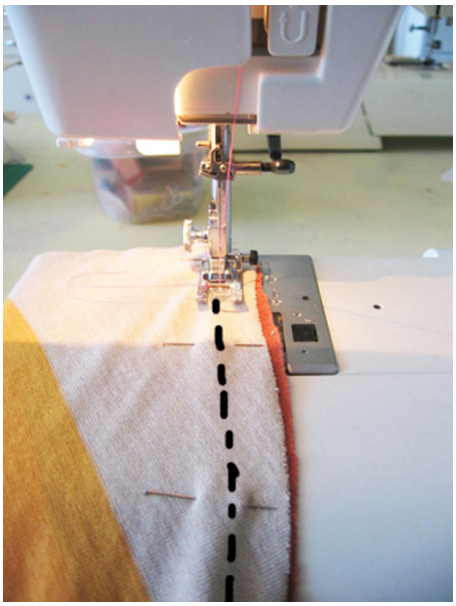
You will have two pieces that look like this when unfolded.

Step 9



Lay the front onto the back, with right sides facing. Pin the side seams in place, leaving 7" (18 c) from the top open. This section will become the armhole.

Step 10



Sew!

Step 11

Press the side seams flat. Fold and press the armhole seam allowances inwards and sew along the edge to create the armhole.

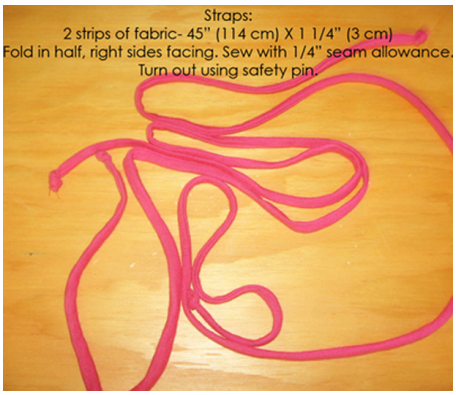
Step 12

This is the finished armhole.

Step 13

Serge or zigzag the top front and back of dress. To create the strap casing, fold the top inwards 3/4" (1.8 cm) and sew along the edge. Do this for both the front and back.

Step 14



To make your own drawstring straps from a jersey or stretch fabric, cut two strips of fabric along the grain, 45" (114 cm) in length and 1 1/4" (3 cm) in width. If your fabric does not stretch, cut these straps on the bias. Fold and sew at a 1/4". Turn inside out with a safety pin (see related techniques).

Step 15

Pull straps through the casing- 1 strap through the front and the other through the back.

Step 16

Finally, hem the skirt to a length you desire. Shirr casing along the drawstring straps and tie knots. Try on the dress and adjust the straps to a length that is good for you.

Step 17

Yay! Just like that, you've got a new, comfortable, and cute jumper to frolick in! Post your creations (and maybe some baby pictures, too!).

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