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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 54" Style in an Instant rayon Shirred fabric (determine yardage needed based off of body measurement. See direction - step 1)
- 1 yard Simplicity^{®/MD} 3/4" rhinestone elastic trim
- 1 yard Simplicity^{®/MD} textured elastic trim
- 2 yards each Simplicity^{®/MD} 2" elastic ruffle mesh trim in two colors
- Sewing machine and matching thread
- Basic sewing supplies

DIRECTIONS FOR DRESS:

1. Measure the bust or chest, measuring all around the body. Subtract 2" from this measurement. This is the amount of fabric needed. Note: When purchasing fabric be sure to measure from the SHIRRED side of fabric to purchase the correct yardage
2. Cut fabric 24" from bottom edge of Shirring and finish raw edge with a 1 1/4" hem.
3. With the RIGHT sides of the fabric facing each other, match and pin the cut edges together, forming a tube.
4. Using a straight machine stitch, stitch the pinned edge in a 1/2" seam. Press seam to blend stitching, and then press the seam open.
5. Cut rhinestone elastic trim in half, so you have two pieces of equal length. While wearing dress, place trim on shoulders as desired, with trim ends on WRONG side of bodice front and back. Pin in place.
6. With hand sewing needle, stitch trim in place securely in front and back to form shoulder straps.
7. Pin ruffle mesh trim to dress hem by aligning edge of elastic in trim with the hem of the dress. Stitch as close to edge as possible, so that half of the trim is sticking out the bottom of the dress.

DIRECTIONS FOR SKIRT:

1. Determine desired length of skirt and hem leftover fabric from dress using a 1 1/4" hem. Note: In order to preserve border print, cut length from top of fabric.

Skill Level: Some Experience Necessary

Crafting Time: 1 - 2 Hours

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2. With the RIGHT sides of the fabric facing each other, match and pin the cut edges together, forming a tube.
3. Using a straight machine stitch, stitch the pinned edge in a 1/2" seam. Press seam to blend stitching, and then press the seam open.
4. Cut a piece of textured elastic trim to the length of the waist measurement minus 1" .
5. Stitch two rows of gathering stitches (increase stitch length to longest length option) at the top of the fabric tube. Gather tube to 4" longer than the length of the elastic.
6. With the RIGHT sides of the elastic facing each other, match and pin the cut edges together, forming a tube.
7. Using a straight machine stitch, stitch the pinned edge in a 1/2" seam. Press seam open using a low temperature setting.
8. Divide the gathered skirt top into four equal sections using a pin to mark each section. Do the same with the elastic tube.
9. Pin the WRONG side of elastic to the RIGHT side of skirt, having lower edge of elastic 1/2" below gathering lines, matching centers. Make sure to place pins on OUTSIDE of fabric. You will notice that the elastic is smaller than the skirt fabric.
10. On the OUTSIDE with the needle 1/2" above lower edge of elastic, stitch elastic to skirt, carefully stretching elastic as you sew between each pin parking, removing each pin as you go. Stretch the elastic in front of the needle as well as behind it to avoid needle breakage.
11. Pin ruffle mesh trim to skirt hem by aligning edge of elastic in trim with the hem of the skirt. Stitch as close to edge as possible, so that half of the trim is sticking out the bottom of the skirt.

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