

Tutorial for T-shirt ("Basic Favourites – 11.5 inch fashion dolls") @merete_syr

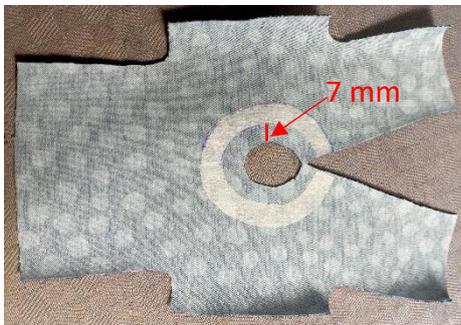
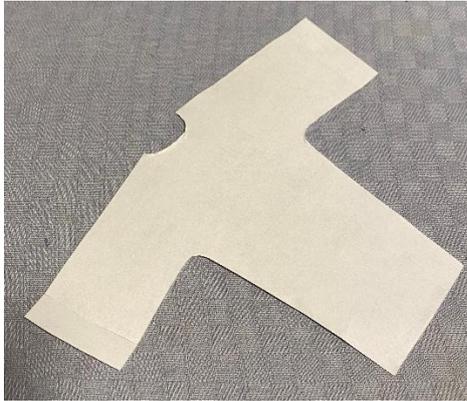
Choose a stretchy fabric that does not fray, for example cotton jersey.

You also need 6 mm (1/4 inch) wide velcro (or small sew on snaps) and a small piece of iron-on interfacing.

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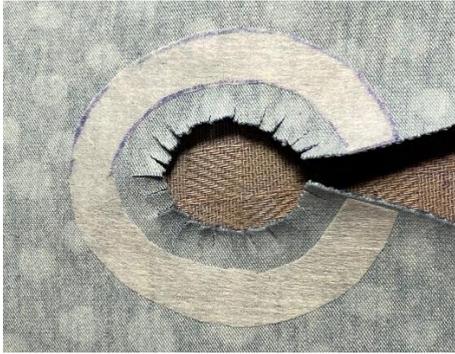
1. You need this pattern piece labeled "T-shirt". It comes in two sizes, choose the one that fits your doll. You can also choose between long and short sleeve.

There is also a similar pattern piece labeled "Crop Top", it is shorter and wider but is sewn in the same way.

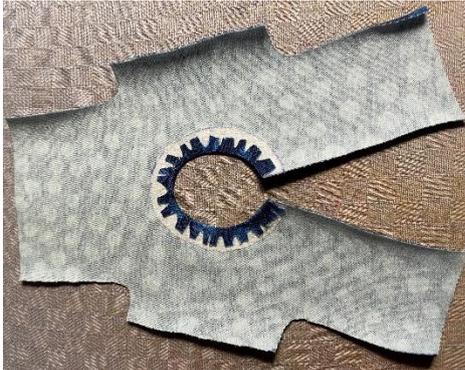
2. When you have cut the fabric, the piece should look like this.

3. To make it easier to sew the neck line it is recommended to also cut a piece of iron-on interfacing. Pattern piece is on the left, cut-out part to the right.

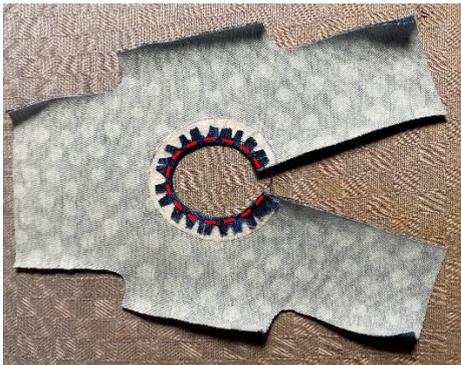
4. Iron on the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric. There should be approximately 7 mm (1/4 inch) from the edge of the fabric to the interfacing (see picture).



5. Make a lot of approximately 3 millimeter (1/8 inch) long cuts, see picture.



6. Fold the hem with all the cuts around the inner part of the interfacing. Attach with glue pen. Press. (This is a special glue pen for sewing that does not hurt the sewing machine. The glue dries quickly and becomes almost invisible, and it washes away.) You can use pins instead of a glue pen, but it is easier to use the glue pen.



7. Sew close to the edge all around the neck line. (There is interfacing here, so this seam does not have to be elastic, a regular straight stitch is fine.) Some sewing machines may have difficulties sewing this part, at the end of this tutorial there are a couple of tricks to make it work. Another alternative is to sew this particular seam by hand.



8. Cut away some of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain.



10. Fold the 7 mm (approx 1/4 inch) hem for the sleeves. Attach with glue pen. Press. Sew close to the edge with an elastic stitch, for example a reinforced straight stitch. Press. Use a matching thread colour (I use a different colour so that it will show well on the photos).



11. Cut away some of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain.



12. Fold the garment, right side in, and attach arm/side with glue pen.



13. Sew with an elastic seam, for example a reinforced straight stitch. The seam allowance is 7 mm (approx 1/4 inch).



14. Cut away some of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain.



15. Pry the seam allowances apart and attach them with the glue pen. Press.



16. Fold the 7 mm (approx 1/4 inch) hem. Attach with glue pen. Press. Sew close to the edge with an elastic stitch, for example a reinforced straight stitch. Press. Cut away some of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain.



If you are using sew on snaps:

17. Cut 14 mm (1/2 inch) wide strips of iron-on interfacing. Press them onto the wrong side of the fabric as shown in the photo. Then fold the interfacing so that the hem is 7 mm (1/4 inch). Sew. Attach the sew on snaps.

NB: Skip this point if you are using velcro.



If you are using velcro:

18. Fold the 7 mm (approx 1/4 inch) hems on both sides. Attach with glue pen. Press. (You dont need interfacing.)



19. Cut a piece of the 6 mm (1/4 inch) wide velcro and attach with glue pen as shown in the picture. Its also possible to use a regular (wider and thicker) piece of velcro that you cut to the correct size



20. Sew around the velcro as close to the edge as possible.



21. Finished!



NB: More sewing tips on next page.

Things to try if your sewing machine does not like to sew close to the fabric edge:

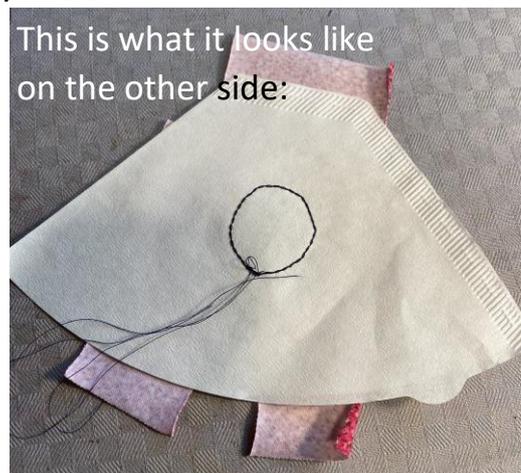
A. Avoid starting to sew at the beginning of fabric edge.

Start sewing a small distance from the edge. Sew in reverse back to the edge, sew forward.

OR

B. "The coffee filter trick"

Place a coffee filter underneath what you are sewing. Here I used the whole coffee filter (two layers) but one layer is better. Attach it using a glue pen so that it stays in place while you sew.



Tear away the coffee filter.

