

## **Tips and advice when sewing for fashion dolls.**

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1. Read the tutorial thoroughly.
2. Use a glue pen (for sewing) instead of pins.
3. Press with iron between each step. This makes it easier to sew and stops the garment from becoming too stretched out during sewing.
4. It's important to be very accurate. One millimeter can be a lot for a small doll.
5. Use thread with matching colour. This will make small inaccuracies show less.
6. Hold on to the the threads when you start sewing to avoid "birds nests" under your fabric.
7. Today's Barbie and Ken come in different body shapes. They can not wear the same clothes size. Choose the size that fits your doll. See separate document "Tips and advice for choosing the correct clothes size for your fashion doll".

**If your sewing machine does not like sewing close to the fabric edge, see more tips and tricks on next page:**

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

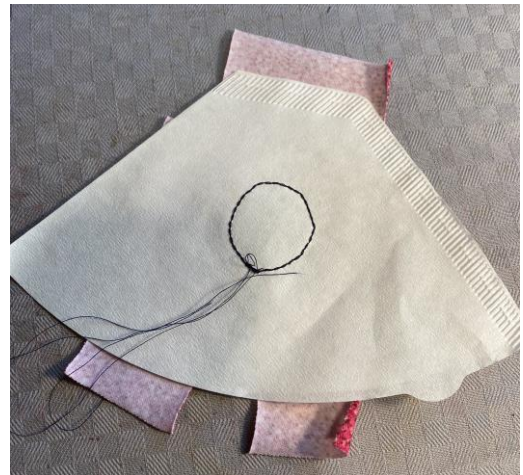
**A. Avoid starting to sew at the beginning of fabric edge.**

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.

