

Wren ★ Feathers

Bleurette's 1933 Robe de Toile

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I assume you have basic sewing knowledge and the explanation should suffice, but if you need help please email me!

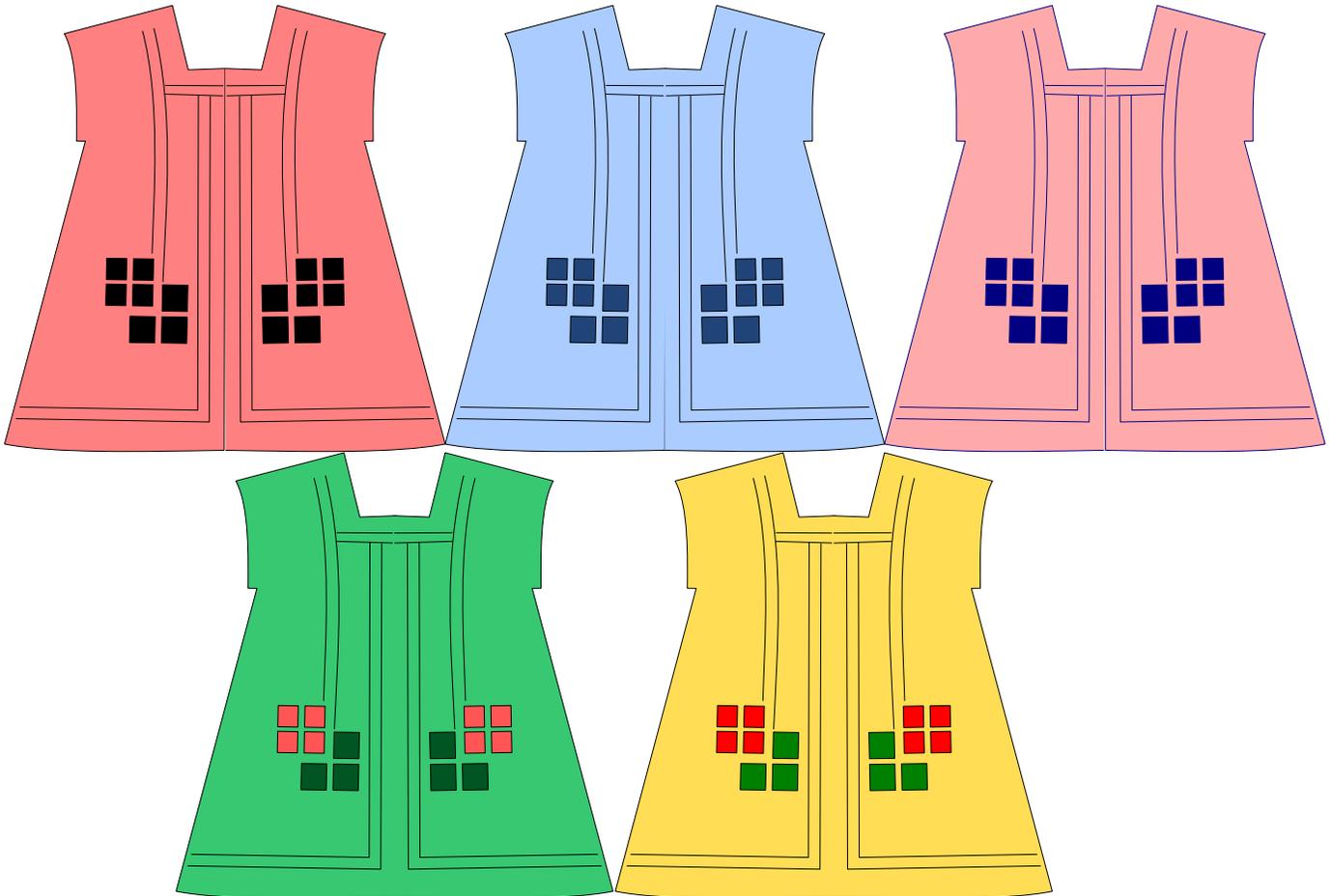
Quarter inch seams allowed unless otherwise specified.



Maplelea Friend doll

One reason I love Bleuette patterns, aside from their style, is that they often include not just fabric, but also color suggestions. For someone trying to re-create an authentic “period” look, you don’t need to do much more than follow the directions!

This original dress pattern had the color suggestions shown in the top row:



The pink-with-black seemed like it would be my favorite. And then, after some experimenting, I realized the positions of the squares as I had put them (a bit different from the original) really reminded me of a stylized flower...so I tried that on a sunny yellow and loved it. But what about “30s green”? Perfect!

“Period correct” trim for this dress was hand-worked cross stitches for the lines and appliqué for the squares, but ribbon/rickrack/decorative machine stitching and fusible web make this a fast, easy project.

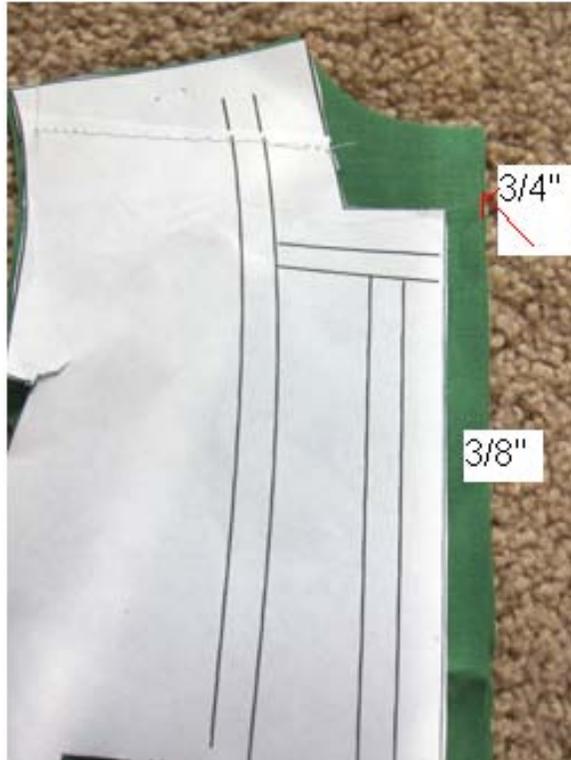
Modernize it!

- Make it in T-shirt fabric, iron on a glittery motif and wear with leggings.
- Find a fabulous print and take it to the next level with ruffles/ribbon/rickrack.
- Use it as a jumper over a long sleeved T
- Like heirloom sewing? Use the cross stitch guidelines as templates for lace insertion to make a sheer, delicate pinafore or summer nightgown.
- Make out of an all-over eyelet fabric, trim armholes and neckline with eyelet ruffles

I’d love to see your ideas! Send me pix/links to your pix at jenniebagrowski@gmail.com



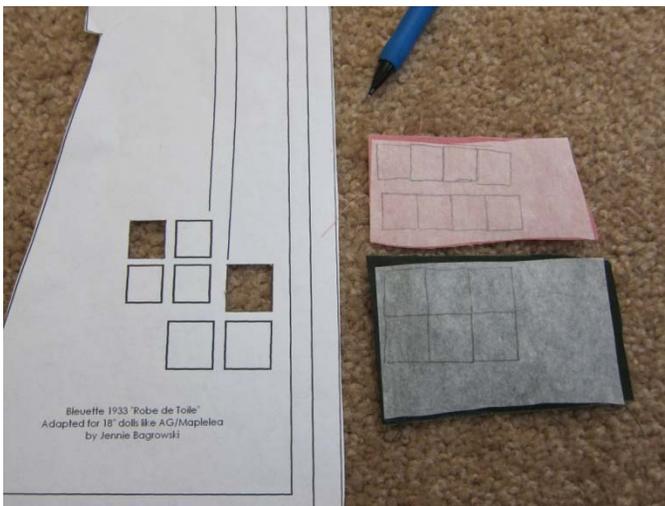
Who will this fit? [The blue version](#) fits AG and Maplelea and similar cloth-bodied 18" dolls. Lengthened about 1.5" it will work for Maru also. Closed with an overlap in back it will fit 1930s-style dolls like Patsy Ann, Daisy Kingdom, etc. Shorten for them if necessary.



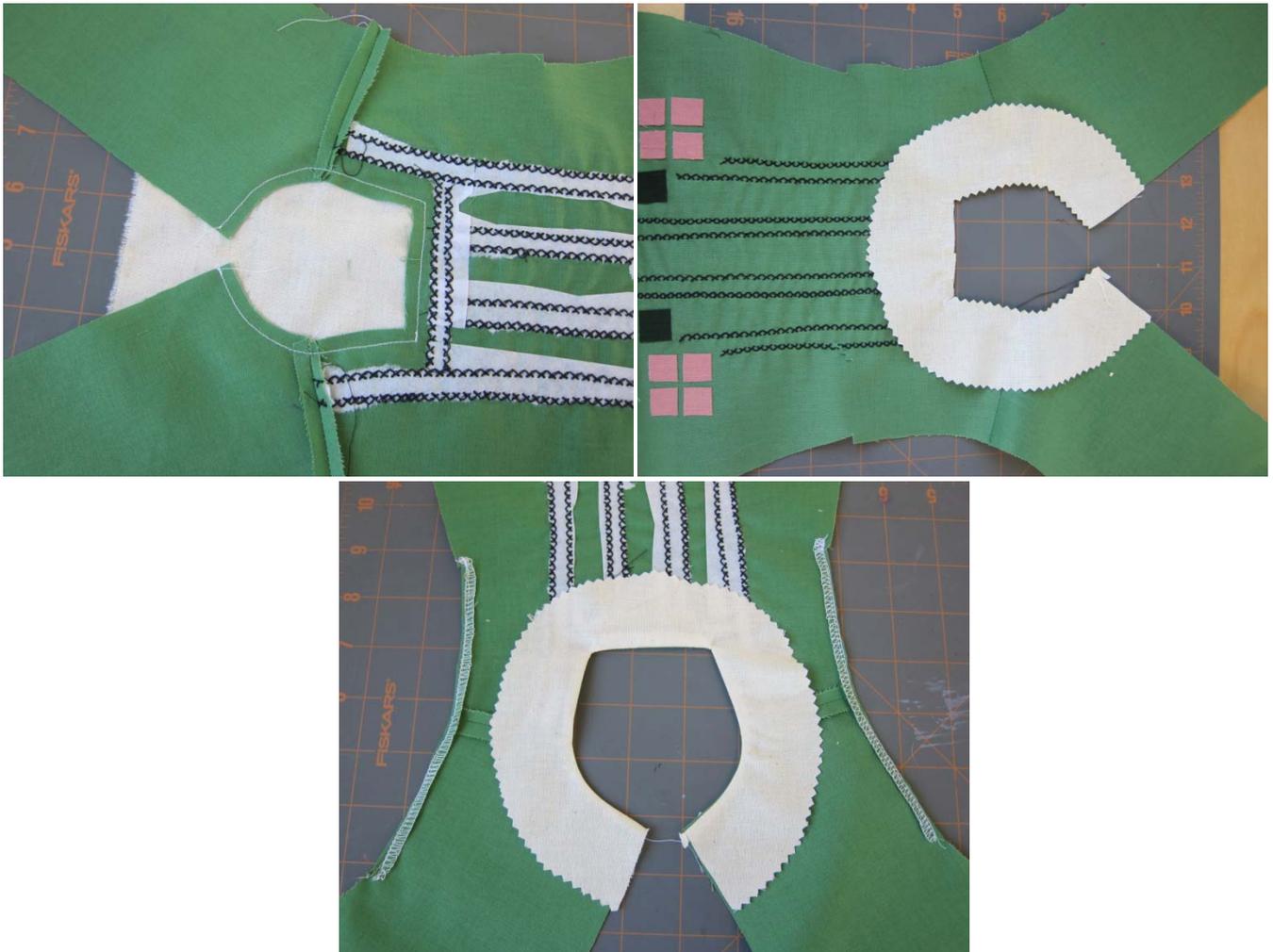
Cutting out the back: The original had the same pieces for back and front. You can do that, or cut out a wider back with a higher neckline as shown.



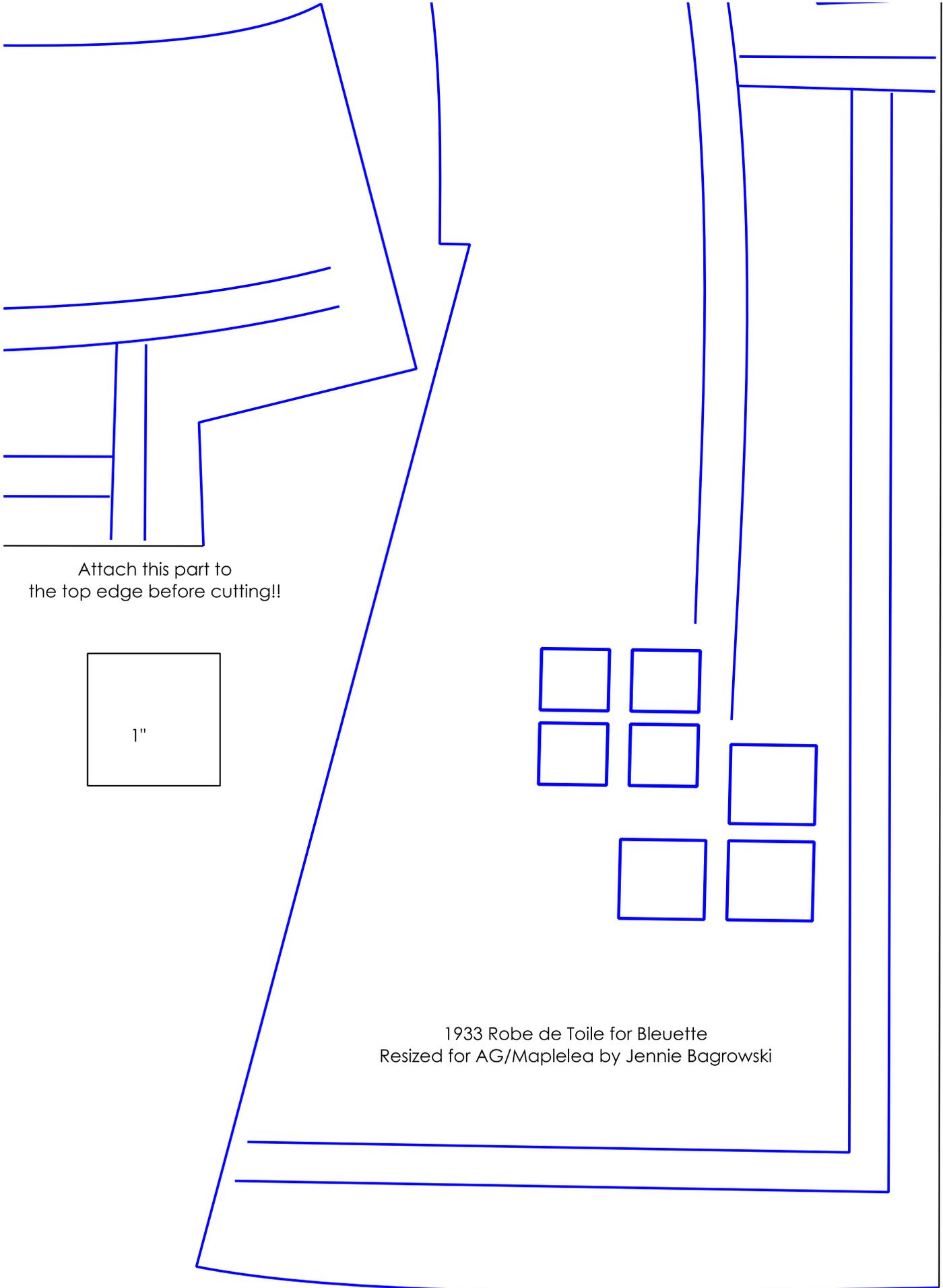
Use tear-away stabilizer under dress if stitching motifs by machine



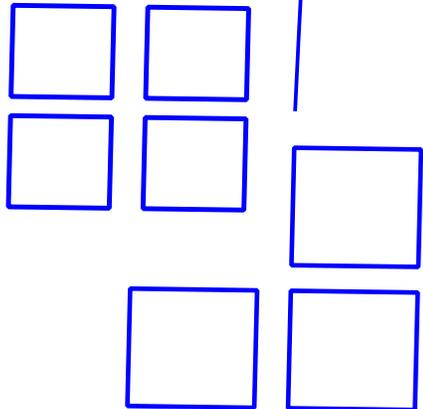
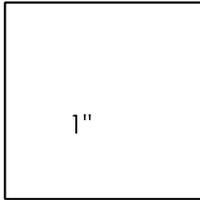
Follow manufacturer's directions for applying squares with fusible web. Other options would be felt or paint motifs on with a stencil made from freezer paper (directions here: <https://jenwrenne.files.wordpress.com/2013/06/t-shirt-project1.pdf>)



Make your own facing as shown, or hem neckline. Serge/zigzag armholes and hem. Sew side seams, hem and attach closures in back.



Attach this part to the top edge before cutting!!



1933 Robe de Toile for Bleuette
Resized for AG/Maplelea by Jennie Bagrowski