

Wren ★ Feathers

Summer Sew Along 2017: Week 3

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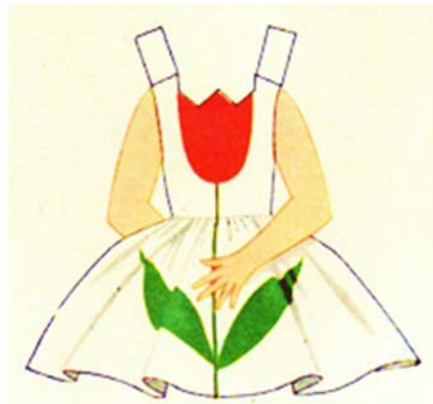
Quarter inch seams allowed on all pieces unless otherwise specified.

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



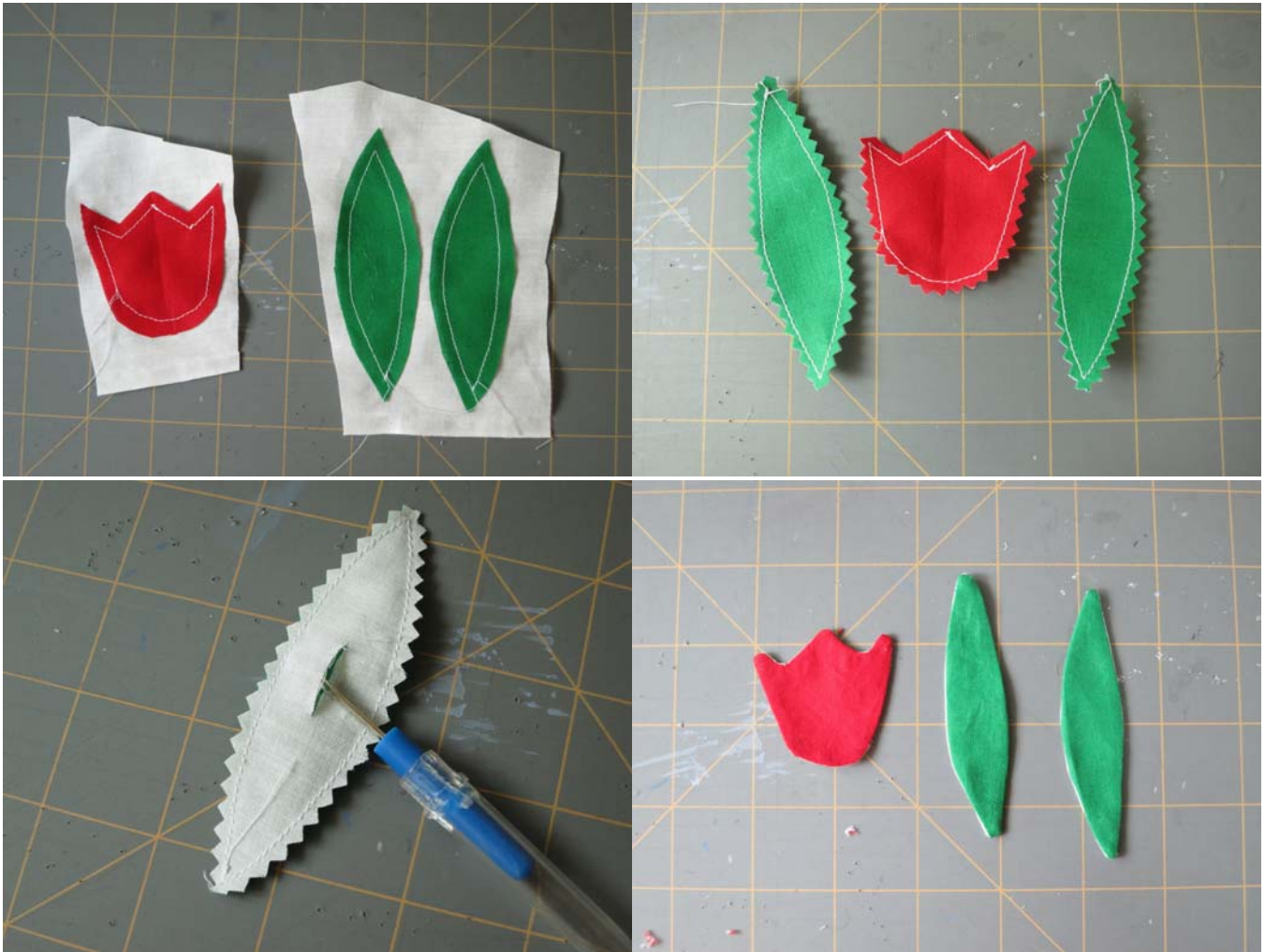
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This dress for Betsy is from May, 1959 . Two interesting techniques that may be new to you are needed here. The first is applique without hand stitching, and the second is lining a bodice when the shoulders are too narrow to turn properly.

These were the two paperdoll variations, but you could get really creative with this idea. What about a whole garden of flowers on the skirt?



To give this a look of hand applique, sew to batiste or non-fusible interfacing. Turn by cutting a slit in the lining and press. Too much work? Use felt or fusible applique instead!



When you sew to the dress, use a stitch that does a few running stitches, then one on the side, experimenting on scraps to get the look you want. The running stitches should fall on your main fabric, and the sideways ones on your applique.



Lining for bodice can be self fabric if it's thin enough or use batiste



A ribbon or strip of trim would have worked better as a stem, but lacking any in the right color, you can use a 1" wide piece of leaf fabric turned under to about ¼" wide



When everything else is done, slipstitch shoulders together by hand.



