

Elna/Janome Spring Fling Children's Wear

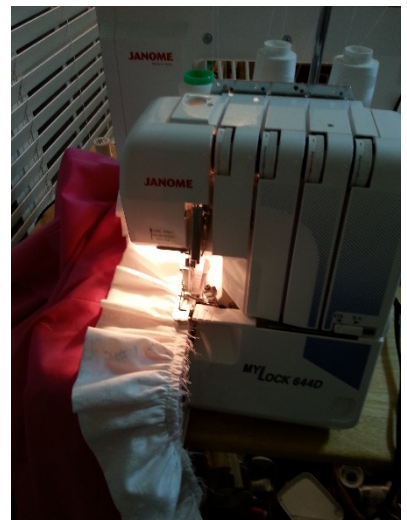
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Ruffles, Buttons and Bows

Construction steps

1. Select 5 coordinating woven cotton prints and solid fabrics suitable for a child's spring outfit. Notions needed are 6 ½' buttons, ½ yd. lace trim, ½ yd. ric-rac braid and 5/8 yd. ½" elastic braid.
2. Using McCall's M6497 pattern, layout and cut all pattern pieces.
3. Pin and stitch bodice and bodice lining. Assemble, turn right side out and press.
4. Gather skirt ruffle and pant ruffles with 2 rows of basting stitches using less bobbin tension for ease in gathering.
5. Stitch skirt front and back together, press seams open. Pin and stitch gathered skirt ruffle to lower skirt edge. Overcast seam with serger and press.



Step 5

6. Using buttonhole foot with memory feature, mark and stitch 4 identical buttonholes on right back bodice. Mark placement and hand stitch 4 ½" shank buttons on left back bodice.



Step 6

7. Stitch lace and ric-rac braid trims from CB along right back and right front bodice neckline edge.



Step 7

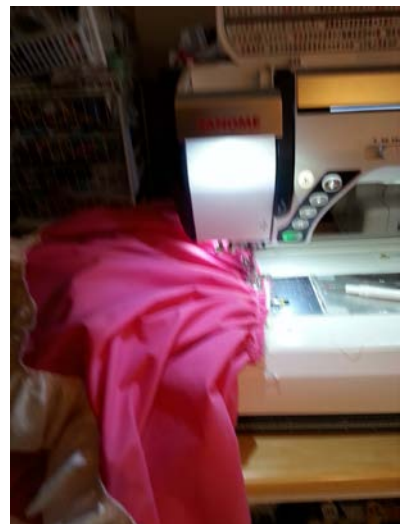
8. Gather upper edge of skirt with 2 rows of basting stitches using less bobbin tension for ease in gathering.

9. Pin bodice to skirt with gathers uniformly arranged. Stitch seam, then overcast with serger.

10. Stitch belt, turn and press. Pin and stitch belt to front waistline seam.

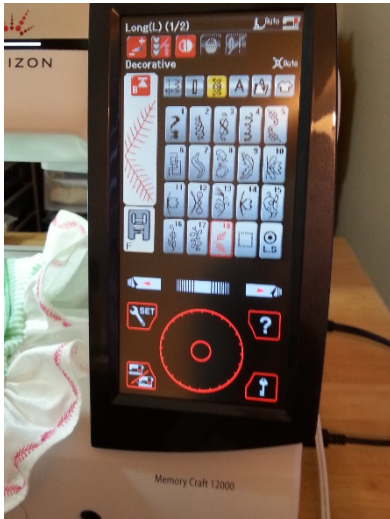
11. Pin and stitch pant inseams and crotch seam. Overcast seams open and press.

12. Using rolled hem foot, stitch lower edge of pant ruffles.



Step 9

13. Select a decorative stitch from the stitch library and use a contrast embroidery thread to embroider along ruffle hem.



Step 13



Step 14

14. Pin, gather and stitch ruffles to pant legs using the free arm. Overcast seams with serger.

15. Fold waistline under 1" and press. Turn edge under 1/4" and press. Create elastic casing by stitching 1/8" from folded edge and 1/8" from lower fold, leaving opening in the seam to insert elastic. Cut elastic 1" longer than waist measurement and insert into casing with a safety pin. Adjust length, if needed, overlap edges and secure with a zigzag stitch.

16. Cut 2 bows 12" x 1" from print fabric. Fold lengthwise, stitch close to edges, turn and press. Tie into bows and hand stitch to lower pant legs above ruffles. Add contrasting 1/2" buttons



Step 16