

## Princess Cape

Little girls love to play dress-up, and having the clothes of a royal highness can give her endless hours of playtime fun. Sew a simple, yet elegant, satin cape for your little princess in an afternoon and let her pretend to rule over her kingdom like her favorite cartoon heroines to her heart's content.

### FINISHED SIZE:

Following pattern instructions, this cape fits sizes 3T to 12.

### SUPPLIES:

- 2 yd. 60" wide Fabric A (outer fabric)
- 2 yd. 60" wide Fabric B (lining fabric)
- Coordinating all-purpose thread

### HELPFUL NOTIONS:

- Yard Stick Compass
- Seam Stick
- Seam Sock
- Water-Erasable Marking Pen, such as Clover Trace 'n Mark
- Micro-serrated Scissors, such as Gingher Micro-serrated Scissors
- 1" Bias Tape Maker



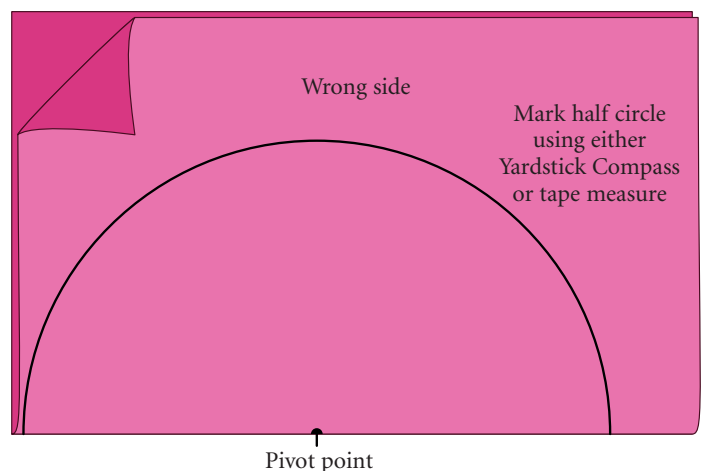
### INSTRUCTIONS:

*Note: All seam allowances are 1/2".*

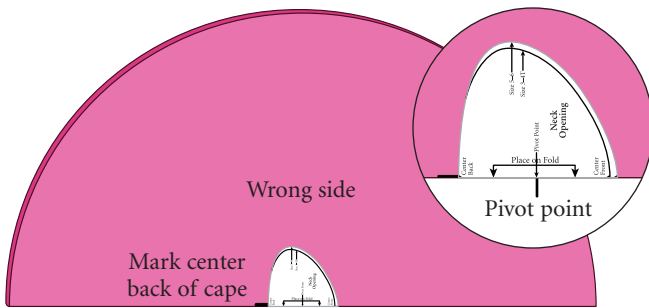
- Determine pattern size and trace pattern pieces.
  - Measure the back length measurement of the child starting just below the neck, and continue to the knee/mid-calf. The maximum cut length of the cape is 30".
  - Select the pattern size that corresponds with the child's normal clothing size, and transfer the pattern markings for that size to the fabric, including the pivot point of neckline opening.
- Lay out and cut cape fabrics.
  - Fold outer cape fabric right sides together, aligning selvage edges.
  - Attach the metal point end and lead point holder of the Yardstick Compass to a yardstick. Align and tighten the metal point holder at the 1" marking of the yardstick. Adjust the lead point holder to 1" longer than the desired finished length of the cape. Place the metal point on the fold of fabric at the proper pivot point, and use the lead point holder to mark a half circle.

#### Optional: Tape measure technique

*Align the starting end of a fabric or plastic tape measure with the pivot point on the fabric. Place a mark 1" longer than the desired finished length of the cape. Continue marking in a half circle.*



- Cut out the marked circle with scissors. If making the cape from a slippery fabric such as satin, crepe, or other light-weight fabrics, use a micro-serrated scissors to help prevent slipping which can result in uneven cuts. Align the neck opening pattern piece at the same pivot point used to create the half circle, and pin in place. Cut out the neck opening, and mark the center back of the cape.



- Cut down the center front of the cape to create the center front opening.

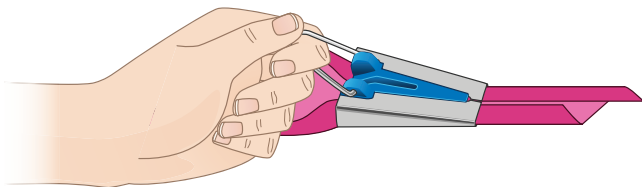


- Cut out the hood following the correct pattern size to match the cape.
- Cut two 2" x 18" strips for the ties.
- Repeat all of the above steps for cutting the lining fabric, EXCEPT for the ties. The ties are made only from the outer fabric.

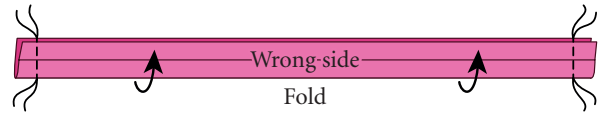
*Optional: Clean finish all edges with a zigzag stitch or serger.*

### 3. Create and attach the ties.

- Cut a 45-degree angle at one end of each of the 2" x 18" fabric strips.
- Thread the tapered end through the Bias Tape Maker, wrong side up, pressing with a warm iron as you pull the fabric strip through the opposite end.



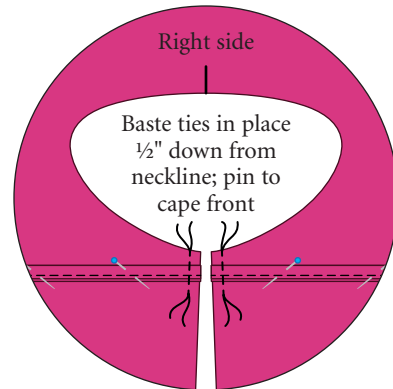
- Trim the tapered end straight across.
- Open the pressed tie, matching right sides together, and sew the two short ends.



- Refold the tie, matching folds together. Pin, then edge stitch closed.

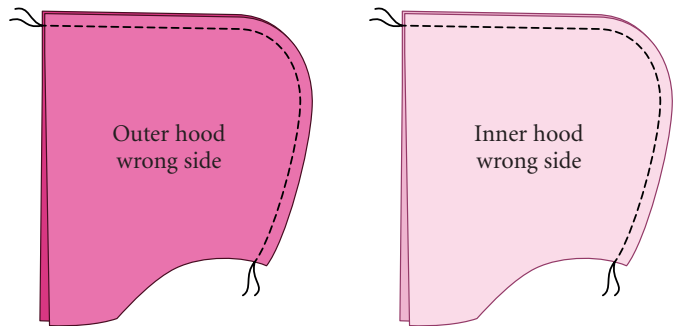


- Align raw edges of ties 1/2" down from the top center front edges of cape on both sides.
- Baste ties in place, then pin the loose end of each tie to the cape front to prevent them being caught a seam later in the construction process.

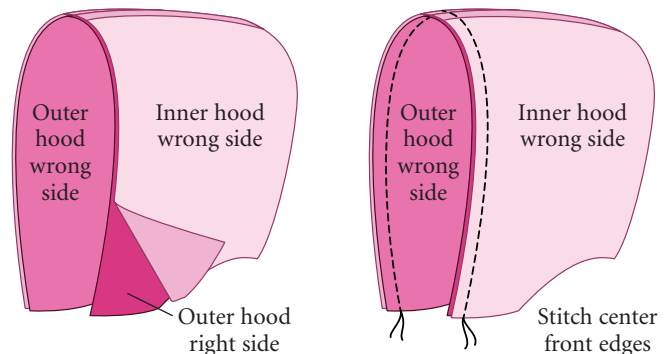


### 4. Sew the hoods.

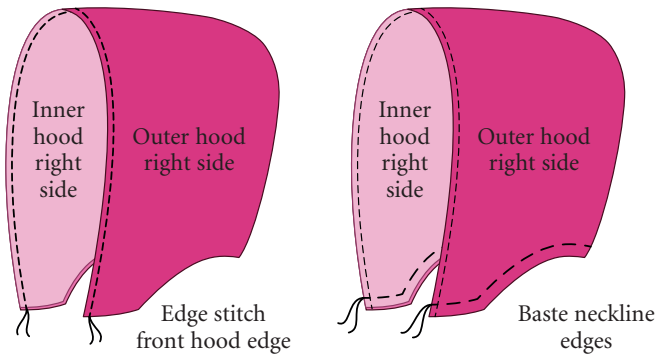
- With right sides together, sew the top/center back notched edges of both the outer and lining hood sections. Press seam flat, then open.



- Turn one hood right side out so right sides are together, and insert into the other hood. Align center front edges and sew together. Press seam flat, then open.

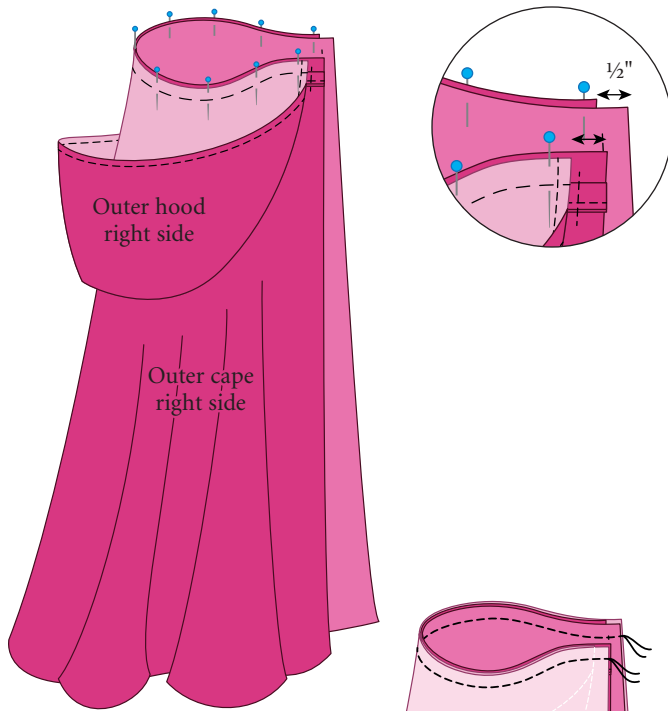


- Turn right side out and edge stitch front hood edge.
- Baste the neckline edges of both hoods together.



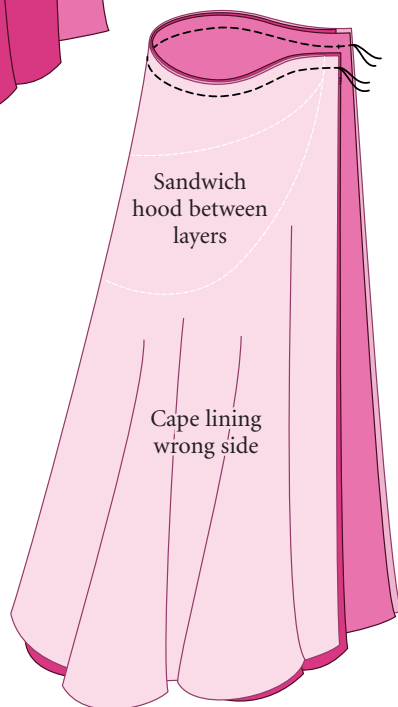
5. Attach hood unit to cape.

- With right sides together, match center back of hood neckline and center back of outer cape neckline.
- Pin the front hood edges  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the center front edges. Ease and pin the hood to the cape.



*Optional: Baste the hood to the outer cape fabric.*

- Sandwich the hood between the outer cape and lining fabric, aligning raw neckline edges. Sew all neckline edges together. Press seam flat, then open.

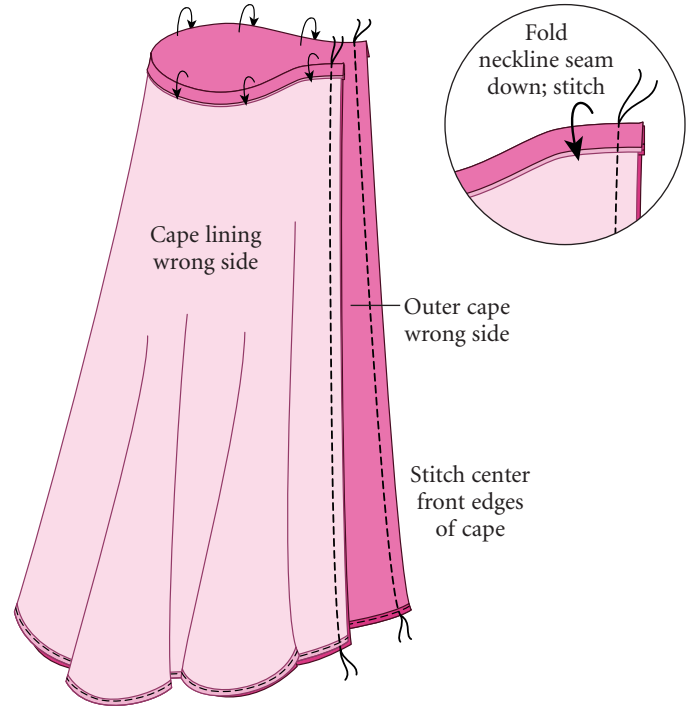


6. Finish cape with hem edges.

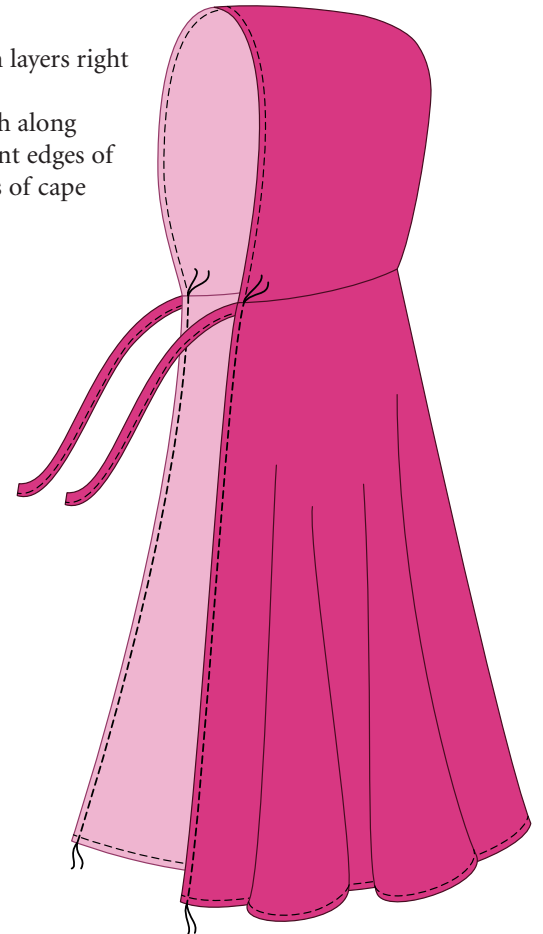
- Press hem under  $\frac{1}{4}$ " all the way around the outer fabric and lining fabric, then edge stitch.

7. Complete the center front edge.

- Fold the neckline seam down toward the lining and pin in place. Continue pinning the center front edges of the outer cape fabric and lining fabric together.
- Sew center front edges of cape. Press seam flat, then open.



- Turn both layers right side out.
- Edge stitch along center front edges of both sides of cape opening.



*Note: Hood pattern piece is tiled. Copy pattern pieces and tape pattern together, matching tile marks to obtain a full size pattern.*

A A

## Hood Part 1

*(Combine Hood Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 before cutting fabric)*

Cut 2 of main fabric  
Cut 2 of lining fabric

Place on straight of grain

Front hood edge

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B B

