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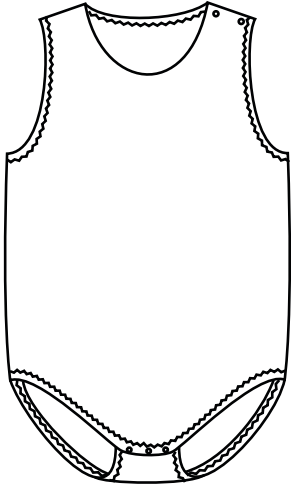
French Sewing Patterns for Kids

MALAGA

Swimsuit bonus
Tank top version

1, 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months, 3 and 4 years

Skill level: intermediate



FABRICS & TRIMS

- Lycra (swimwear fabric) dull or shiny
- Swimwear lining
- Rubber elastic 6mm wide
- 5 jersey snaps

[See Paulette's video for the choice of materials \(02:36\)](#)

Cut all the pieces in the swimsuit fabric and in the swimsuit lining. For the swimsuit lining it is necessary to remove 3 to 5mm of margin all around because the fabric is very stretchy and tends to quickly enlarge.

STEPS

R/R: with right sides together
W/W: with wrong sides together

[See Paulette's video for sewing rubber elastic at neckline \(29:48\)](#)

- 1** Fuse the shoulder placket (optional) and overcast the edge of the plackets.
- 2** Fold the shoulder placket of the outer fabric R/R and stitch in the neckline seam allowance to hold in place. Repeat for the lining.
- 3** Place R/R the front and back in outer fabric and stitch at 7mm the shoulder without button placket. Repeat for the lining.
- 4** Place R/R the bodies in outer fabric and lining and align the neckline. Stitch at 7mm the neckline, then stitch the rubber elastic in the seam allowance on the lining side.
- 5** Lay the seam allowance towards the body in lining (the bodies in outer fabric and lining are no longer one on the other but one next to the other). Stitch on the right side the seam allowance to the lining at the zigzag stitch. Place the two bodies W/W and turn well the shoulder placket.

The pieces in outer fabric and lining are now considered as a single piece: they are therefore W/W and if necessary baste the edges together.

- 6** Place R/R the front and back and stitch at 7mm the two sides. Overcast or overlock the edges together.
- 7** Finish the armholes with the rubber elastic: stitch in the zigzag stitch (or overlock) the rubber elastic all around the armholes aligning the edges. The rubber elastic is stitched on the right side of the lining. To join the rubber elastic on the armhole without shoulder placket, overlap it over a few millimeters. Fold the rubber elastic against the lining and stitch in a zigzag stitch all along the armholes.
- 8** Finish the thighs and crotch with the rubber elastic: stitch in the zigzag stitch (or overlock) the rubber elastic all around the thighs and crotch aligning the edges. The rubber elastic is stitched on the right side of the lining. To join the rubber elastic, overlap it over a few millimeters (at a side seam). Fold the rubber elastic against the lining and stitch in a zigzag stitch all along the thighs and crotch.

[See Paulette's video for sewing rubber elastic at thighs \(39:32\)](#)

- 9** Put the three snaps at the crotch, the front is positioned above the back. You can otherwise simply superimpose the front above the back and stitch the crotch instead of snaps. The swimsuit will no longer open at the crotch. Also put snaps on the shoulder.