

# STYLE ARC Lacey Dress

## Construction Notes by LOOM FABRICS

To accompany video tutorial

1. Select the pattern according to the finished measurements around the biggest part of your body. Choose a garment that you like the fit of and measure that to find out what finished garment size you should cut
2. Make sure you cut the pattern out on the solid line, not the stitching line. You do not want to cut the seam allowance off.
3. Be aware of stripe direction, or fabric print direction, the folded pattern pieces and updating or modifying the skirt length at this time.
4. If there is a stripe, remember to make it straight on any hem edges if you can. This is where you will notice if you cut the stripe edge crooked.
5. Remember to cut fusing for the neck, if you choose to add it. It's not compulsory, but a good idea to use an iron-on fusing on a more flimsy fabric, to stop the facing rolling out when you are wearing the dress.
6. Remember to cut the notches, just a tiny little snip, definitely not deeper than the seam allowance, or you will have a hole in your garment.
7. When you iron on the fuse, be sure to put the glue sides of the fusing to the wrong side of the fabric. The glue side of the fusing is usually shinier. If you're not sure, test a piece on your ironing board using scrap fabric both under and over, so you do not put glue on your ironing board cover or your iron.
8. Set up your machine with the thread colour of your choice - it doesn't have to match! But if it is contrast and you are sewing wonky, it will be much more obvious 😬
9. I use a number three size stitch on my machine, because if I have to unpick, it is easy enough to unpick that size stitch. It is still tight enough to hold the garment together.
10. Join the front and back shoulder seams of both the body and the facing.
11. Follow the guide on your sewing machine for the seam width – 1cm
12. Trim your threads straight away as you work to keep your work neat.
13. Finish the seam allowance edge with pinking shears, Zig Zag or Overlock.
14. Press the shoulder seams open
15. Trim or finish the edge of your facing – pinking shears, Zig Zag, overlock or even bias bind 😊

16. Add a sew in label on the back neck facing if you want to
17. Line up the shoulder seams and the front and back neck facing. Pin in place with right sides together and stitch with a 1 cm or smaller seam allowance.
18. Snip the facing curves making sure not to cut through the stitch lines.
19. Press the seam allowance towards the neck facing, away from the body
20. Now press the facing flat into place
21. Understitch on the facing catching the seam allowance
22. Ditch stitch the facing to the shoulder seam

Add sleeve panels.

1. Match front and back notches on the side panel and the centre front and back pieces we just joined, right sides together. Stitch, seam finish and press
2. Join underarm and side seams, seam finish and press
3. Use a iron, ruler or tape measure to fold your sleeve hem, generally approximately a 1 cm fold, and then a 2.5 cm fold, but you can really do whatever suits your design. Press first, then stitch with the fold side up, but following your machine seam guides so that the stitching is perfectly even from the edge on the right side of the Garment.
4. Press again

Skirt. 24 minutes

1. Stitch pockets if you are inserting them (not in the tutorial)
2. Stitch the side seams together, seam finish and press
3. Gathers: stitch 2 rows at largest stitch possible 5 or 6 whatever your machine can do?
4. Leave long threads at both ends
5. Sew a row a foot width from the raw edge
6. Sew a second row a foot width from the first row.
7. Sew two rows on front and two rows on back
8. Pull gathers into the correct size front and then back
9. Once correct size anchor the gather threads using the pin to hold the gather
10. Even out the gathers.
11. Right sides together and join skirt and bodice. Start by matching side seams, pin, then match centre front and centre back and pin. Remember

to change your stitch size back to number 3. Stitch, seam finish and press

Hem 38 minutes

1. Try on and check your length
2. Double press - 1x 1cm + 1 x 2.5 or your preference
3. Stitch as sleeve hem
4. Press
5. Put on and twirl 😊😊

YOU ARE FINISHED!!!

Well Done 🥳🥳

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