

Dita is a close-fitting dress with an accentuated waist. There are princess seams at the front and back of the dress. The front also features a double placket with a slit at the top that mimics a lingerie-inspired, metallic hook-and-eye closure. The dress closes with an invisible zipper in the center back seam. The top and bottom edges of the dress feature ruffles. At the bottom edge of the front and back of the dress, there are decorative straps attached to strap holders with metallic buckle rings. Dita is lined and above-knee length.

### GARMENT EASE

	Bust ease (estimated)	Waistline ease	Hipline ease
centimeters	0.2–1.3	1.1–2.1	2.6
inches	1/8–1/2	3/8–7/8	1

### GARMENT LENGTH

Height, cm	Back length from waist down including ruffle width, cm	Height, ft	Back length from waist down including ruffle width, in
162–169	40.9–41.8	5'4"–5'7"	16 1/8–16 1/2
172–179	42.9–43.8	5'8"–5'10"	16 7/8–17 1/4

## SHOPPING LIST

To sew this dress, choose dress-weight and suiting fabrics:

- medium- to heavyweight, structured, opaque, with very little stretch
- the fiber content can include natural fibers, artificial fibers, blends, and synthetics.

**Recommended fabrics:** stretch suiting, stretch cotton, stretch denim.

The garment in the photos is made of stretch cotton suiting. The fabric is medium-weight, with very little stretch. The fiber content is a blend of cotton (98%) and elastane (2%).

The lining is a blend of viscose and polyester.

Chiffon was used as an additional fabric.

## FABRICS AND NOTIONS

- Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, in meters/yards:

Height, cm	EU Size		
	34-36	38-42	44-52
162-169	0.8	1	1.25
172-179	0.8	1.05	1.3

Height, ft	US Size		
	2-4	6-10	12-20
5'4"-5'7"	7/8	11/8	13/8
5'8"-5'10"	7/8	11/8	13/8

- Additional fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, in meters/yards:

Height, cm	EU Size	
	34-38	40-52
162-169	0.7	0.75
172-179	0.75	0.75

Height, ft	US Size	
	2-6	8-20
5'4"-5'7"	3/4	7/8
5'8"-5'10"	7/8	7/8

- Lining fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, in meters/yards:

Height, cm	EU Size	
	34-40	42-52
162-169	0.65	0.7
172-179	0.7	0.75

Height, ft	US Size	
	2-8	10-20
5'4"-5'7"	3/4	3/4
5'8"-5'10"	3/4	7/8

- Interfacing, 140 cm (55") wide, in meters/yards:

Height, cm	EU Size		
	34-36	38-42	44-52
162-169	0.8	1	1.25
172-179	0.8	1.05	1.3

Height, ft	US Size		
	2-4	6-10	12-20
5'4"-5'7"	7/8	11/8	13/8
5'8"-5'10"	7/8	11/8	13/8

- One invisible zipper, 50 cm (19 5/8") long, for all sizes in all heights.
- Twenty sets of sew-on, 1.8 cm (3/4") wide hook-and-eye closure.
- Four metallic rectangle buckle rings with a 2.5 cm (1") inside diameter.
- Straight-grain fusible stay tape – 1.5 m (1 5/8 yd).
- Matching thread – 1 spool.

### STEPS 1-3

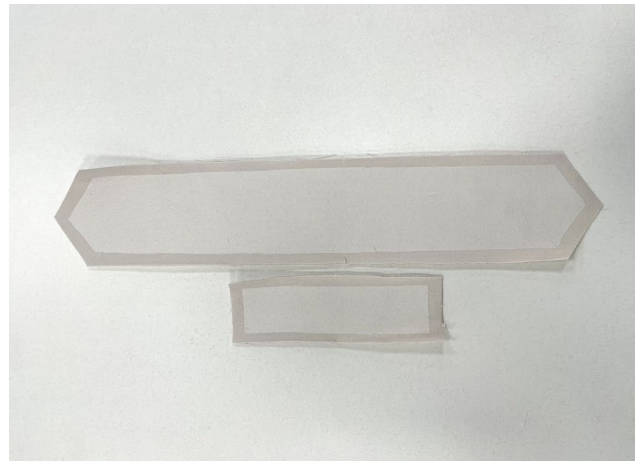


**Fully interface the following pieces:**

- placket – 2 pieces
- center front – 2 pieces
- side front – 2 pieces
- center back – 2 pieces
- side back – 2 pieces
- front facing – 2 pieces
- back facing – 2 pieces.

**Partially interface the following pieces:**

- strap holder (without the seam allowances) – 4 pieces
- decorative strap (without the seam allowances) – 4 pieces.



The interfacing pieces should be cut on the straight grain (parallel to the selvedge).

**Apply straight-grain fusible stay tape to the following:**

- top edge of the placket (1/2 the width)
- top edge of the center front piece
- top edge of the side front piece
- top edge of the side back piece
- top edge of the center back piece.

The stay tape should be 1 cm (3/8") wide and as long as the interfaced section.

Chalk-mark the hemline at the bottom of the front and back pieces, using the pattern as a guide.

Using tailor's chalk, transfer the darts placement from the pattern onto the wrong side of the side front piece.