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Sew Today's Fashions For 18-Inch Dolls: Full-Size Patterns For Clothing And Accessories



Synopsis

Play Dress Up Create today's styles, including low-rise flared jeans, sports uniforms, fleece jackets, special occasion dresses, and accessories. Enjoy using new techniques to embellish clothing and accessories, including bleaching, embroidery, applique, and iron-on jewels. Now your 18-inch dolls can have as much style as girls today. This book makes it easy with step-by-step instructions, clear illustrations, and full-size pattern sheets.

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Customer Reviews

As the mom of a child newly into the American Girl dolls, and as someone with a reasonable amount of experience in general sewing and following patterns, I thought I would give this book a try. The book itself is quite good at a general level - the pictures are good and the directions are easy to understand. If you are primarily buying this book as a source of patterns, however, I can't recommend it. To start with, the pattern sheets are absolutely enormous and completely overwhelming for younger girls who might be hoping to help with the sewing. We also got completely frustrated trying to find pieces. Perhaps we happened upon the only item with problems as our first attempt, but here are the issues we ran into when trying to cut the pieces for the Asian Style dress:1) The piece for the collar of the dress overlaps with a piece from another project (the front of the dress coat), so in cutting it out, we had to damage the pattern for the other item. Not earth shattering, but it's a tiny piece - surely there was somewhere else it could have been fit in without that problem.2) The sleeves are in a separate area - not just a separate area, but on another sheet entirely because they double as the sleeves for the pajama sets. This isn't uncommon in

standard patterns, but in those cases, the pieces are normally labeled with large letters and the instructions give the letter in addition to the name of the piece (so for example, a piece will be labeled "Facing for versions 1 and 3", but it will also have a huge "A" on it and the A will be listed as the reference for cutting out the piece in the directions for both versions).

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