I. PATTERN ADJUSTMENTS

To construct bib, you will use the “BODICE CENTER SECTION” pattern piece from the original pattern. When tracing the desired size of this pattern piece, the following adjustments need to be made:

The front bottom edge should be extended (approx. 1”), so bib will cover front bodice seams of dress. The 2 bodice pattern pieces are positioned in pattern so this can be accomplished easily. When tracing BODICE CENTER SECTION for bib pattern, simply extend bottom edge to edge of BODICE SIDE SECTION pattern piece (which is approx. 1” beyond normal cutting line) & trace along edge of bodice side pattern piece.

The final pattern adjustment is the curve toward the center back. Across bottom edge, measuring from the center back...measure 1 1/2” & make a mark. Next, measuring from outside corner up side edge...measure 2” & make a mark. Draw a straight line connecting these marks. Where this straight line touches first tracing (at marks), you may prefer to curve the edges slightly, especially if trim is to me attached. (This newly drawn line will become the new back edge cutting line--basically creating an edge that is more angled toward center than original pattern.)

Using the newly drawn pattern piece, cut a bib & a bib lining. (Cut 3 if interfacing is desired--bib & interfacing piece should be basted together & treated as one piece throughout construction.)

II. BASIC CONSTRUCTION

Complete any desired embellishments (applique, embroidery, etc.) on bib before proceeding. For smocked bib, refer to III. SMOCKED VARIATION (on back of this sheet) before proceeding.

Also, after completing embellishments (or smocking), machine baste any trim (piping, rick-rack, etc.) around outside edges (but not neck & center back edges). Trim should be positioned along seam line with raw edge of trim toward outside & with ends of trim angled toward outside at least 1/2” from back edges. Tip: With covered piping, as you approach an angled area, stop a couple of inches before the angle & clip fabric on outside edges of piping. It will easier to round the corners if piping fabric is trimmed in this manner.

1. With right sides together, stitch bib to lining along all edges, leaving an opening at bottom of front for turning. Trim seams & clip corners. Turn & press. Slipstitch opening closed.
2. Sew buttons on dress front where bodice front seams intersects with waistline.
3. Position bib over dress & mark positions for buttonholes. Lap both center back edges over top back button of dress & mark buttonholes on both sides of center back. (Both sides of bib will button onto dress button.) Work buttonholes.

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