The Flirty Fifties 18" Doll Poodle Skirt

A Pearl Louise Design

Materials Needed: 18" X 22" Felt 6" Black Felt 6" Square Steam A Seam Coordinating Thread & Accent Thread 12" Black Pearl Cotton 1/2" Hook & Loop Tiny Button if desired. Basic Sewing Supplies

General Instructions:

- 1. Cut all fabrics as stated.
- 2. 1/4" seams are allowed.



Building the Poodle Skirt

- 1. Fold the 18" X 22" Felt Rectangle diagonally.
- 2. Cut off the extra felt from the bottom leaving a 18" square of felt.
- 3. Fold the remaining 18" Square of Felt again to form a triangle.
- 4. Place and pin the skirt pattern in place with the folds on the folded felt.
- 5. Cut out the circle by trimming away the felt on the bottom curve.
- 6. Cut off the top of the felt to make the waist of the skirt. The size shown will fit a doll with a 12" waist.
- 7. Fold the skirt in half and cut open on one fold to create the back opening.
- 8. Place the skirt around the doll waist and make sure the back opening slightly over laps. (Trim off another 1/4" to fit a larger doll waist if needed.)
- 9. Decide which decorative stitch to add to the bottom of the skirt. Size the decorative stitch to a medium to large length and width.
- 10. Fill the bobbin and thread the machine with a contrasting color of thread.
- 11. Place the open toed foot on the machine. Align the machine foot edge on the bottom edge of the felt circle.
- 12. Sew a line of decorative stitches around the bottom of the skirt. To add more decorative stitches, use the first line of stitches as the guide. Simply line the open toed foot on the first stitch line and stitch another set of decorative stitches as desired.
- 13. Set the iron heat setting to the desired temperature. This will be based on the content of the felt being used for the skirt and appliqué.
- 14. Trace the Poodle Appliqué onto the grid side of the Steam A Seam 2 fusible web. Peel off the paper backing.
- 15. Place the peeled off fusible web Poodle Appliqué onto the Black Felt. Press in place using a steam iron and steam.
- 16. Place the end of the 12" Pearl Cotton onto the neck of the poodle. Set the machine to stitch a Ladder Stitch or other decorative stitch to "Couch Stitch" the Poodle Leash in place. Test the size of the stitch before starting to stitch. Couch Stitch the Poodle Leash in place starting at the Poodle neck and finishing at the waist. Set the machine to stitch small Blanket Stitches. Place and stitch the collar onto the neck of the Poodle.
- 17. From the left over Felt, Cut: One 1 1/2" X 14" Rectangle.
- 18. Change the thread color to match the felt skirt.
- 19. Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise. Sew a 1/4" seam on one end. Trim the seam to 1/8"
- 20. Pin the waist of the skirt onto the Skirt Band right sides together. Sew in place. Trim off the remaining end of the band leaving a 1/2" excess. Fold and sew a 1/4" seam at the end. Trim leaving a 1/8" excess.
- 21. Fold the back of the band over the seam. Pin in place. Stitch in place.
- 22. Fold the skirt right sides together, matching the seam. Sew together from the bottom up about 3".
- 23. Turn right side out.
- 24. Sew a 1/2" length of hook and loop to make the closure on the waist band. Enjoy!

