

## *Bleurette's Wardrobe*

### 1913 *Robe de Printemps* Spring Dress

This is a sleeveless dress with a loose bolero jacket worn over it. The bodice of the dress is not meant to be seen—it just provides something to hang the skirt from. The skirt can be flowered silk or chiffon or striped silk, while the bolero can match the skirt or contrast with the skirt even as much as to be made of lightweight silk (or rayon) velvet, or panne velvet. The skirt and bolero must be made of a drapeable fabric—nothing stiff. The bodice can be anything that will be easy to work with—light cotton, silk, or faux silk, or rayon, linen, or a blend. The bolero has an added ruffled lace or organdy collar and cuff set for which no pattern was provided. The bolero is also decorated with a ribbon bow at the center front of the neckline.

**Hem and seam allowances are 3/8ths of an inch, except for the bodice, which has 1/8ths inch seam allowances and turn-unders. All allowances are as shown on the original pattern. Check this pattern against the doll and alter to fit.**

#### **Dress:**

Sew the bodice together along all the side seams. Hem the CB opening. Hem or bind with bias strips the armholes and neckline of the bodice. Sew the shoulder seams using a finished seam (flat fell or French seam). Turn up (toward the wrong side) the waistline allowance of the bodice and press; baste or pin the allowance as pressed. Set aside the bodice, and make the skirt.

Sew the side seams of the skirt. Sew the CB seam of the skirt and hem the seam allowance of the CB opening. Gather the skirt top to fit the bodice. Pin the right side of the gathered skirt to the wrong side of the bodice with its edge turned up. Top stitch or sew by hand with a decorative running stitch the bodice to the skirt. Add snap closures, lapping the right back over the left. [Snaps are specified by the original instructions.] Hem the skirt.

#### **Jacket:**

Hem the neckline and the CB opening. Sew the side seams and underarm seam of the jacket. Hem the sleeves and the bottom of the jacket. Add snap closures to the CB, lapping the right over the left. [Snaps are specified by the original instructions.]

Cut lace or organdy collar and cuff to fit the jacket. Hem the edges of the collar. Seam the sides of the cuffs. Tack the collar and cuffs to the jacket neckline and sleeves. Stitch a small bow of ribbon to the center front of the jacket at the neckline.

