

### Baptismal Robe (LSDS 1921 #11)

A very lovely christening dress is what we have here, which will certainly bring some happiness to Bleurette's little mamans, giving them an idea to organize a happy baptism for their little girl, and giving them an occasion to eat sugared almonds. Double pleasure!

This dress, very elegant, is not complicated, but does demand lots of attention to detail for putting it together.

Start this way.

On a piece of paper, draw the pattern, double it so you have the front and back the same. The whole model is shown in figure 2.

Place the entre-deux (actually looks like beading lace) on the hatched lines the way you would like. Use point de russe stitch in embroidery thread, catching only the lace. Figure III shows how to do this stitch. Starting from the left, catch only the header of the lace coming from underneath, and pass the needle from right to left to catch the bottom piece of lace.

Join all the entre-deux (lace beading) in this way, and note how you have little pieces that will form the underarm seams.

The piecing is finished with a base of entredeux that will be used to join the skirt.

The skirt is composed of a piece of 15 cm high by 35 cm long.

Gather the skirt and join it to the entredeux at the waist..

The bottom is composed of 5 or 6 pieces of lace, put together with point russe, in an analogous fashion to the bodice, and finished with gathered Valenciennes, as are the sleeve edges and the neck opening.

It's very difficult to give exact numbers of pieces of entredeux, as it depends on their size, and they come in all sizes; it's best, as much as possible, to use what one has on hand.

It's better not to use very big entredeux, as this overwhelms the dress. The point russe perhaps can be placed a little more or a little less apart, but not too much, as it might pull, rather than keeping everything in place.

Use for this dress linen, voile, muslin or a little piece of tulle. In the last case, you will need to make a slip.

It is preferable to use imitation valenciennes lace for this dress. It gives a very pretty effect for a dress of this sort.

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