

Dress For the Bleuettes and Rosette

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Translation :

You may execute this dress in fine woolen fabric, or better yet in silk, which will behave as shown in the sketch of the front of the dress, with its belt. For the back, place the pattern on doubled fabric, as the pattern given is for one half of the back. Do not forget that for Bleulette 58 you are obliged to add a half-centimeter to each side of the back.

Skirt: The skirt is sized as a rectangle of:

11 x 40 cm for Bleuettes;

13 x 40 cm for Rosette.

The belt is affixed to the front with buttons and buttonholes.

Sewing Suggestions:

In fine wool, corduroy, or velvet, this would make a nice fall or winter jumper, but for summer, besides silk, a lightweight cotton or rayon would be appropriate. For a dressier summer dress, use flowered chiffon or lace (with a lining, or a pretty slip underneath); both were popular at the time.

This pattern features darts to draw in the waist of the bodice—following the fashion of the time for nipped-in waistlines. The belt also focuses attention on the waist.

One easy way to make this sleeveless dress or jumper would be to line the bodice, which would finish the armholes and neckline handily, and allow the waist seam of the skirt to be enclosed inside the lining of the bodice.

Line the belt, also. The buttons could be sewn through the belt into the dress, securing the belt.

The dress opens down the back, so allow enough for overlapping the center back bodice, and make a short opening in the skirt's back seam, too. Fasten with hooks, buttons, or snaps.