

Paris Spring Ette 1925

This elegant dress was made in orange or lime dotted velvet. The orange dress has a white collar cuffs and sleeve bands and is accented by 6 orange shanked buttons. The lime color dress has light blue trim with 8 brown buttons. Modern Versions of the type of velvet used are referred to as chenille. Since the chenille has stripes it is necessary to take out some of the stitching at intervals to achieve a squared look.

For the dress you will need a piece of fabric 16" by 8". For front band collar and sleeve bands you will need a piece of contrasting fabric 7" long by 4" wide. Cut two each of the front and back dress. The front panel is cut on the long edge of the fabric; you will cut 1 only; cut two sleeve bands. The collar is cut with one edge on the fold you will cut two collars. Notions: piece of bias tape 4" long for neck binding, 6-8 buttons for the front of the dress, 2 snaps for the back. Lace or hem tape for hem. Thread to match fabric.

1. Sew one front to each side of the front band. Press the seams toward the outside of the band.
2. Sew the shoulder seams of the fronts to the backs.
3. Fold the collars in half. Sew the back seam and the curve to the front of the collar on the bottom. Clip off the corners and clip the curve turn to the right side and press. Pin the collars to the front with the folded edges even with the front band on each side.
4. Fold out the bias for the neck facing and pin over the collar and neck. Sew the seam thru all layers. Clip the curves. Turn the bias to the wrong side and stitch in place by hand on the wrong side.
5. Fold under and press $\frac{1}{2}$ " hem on one long edge of the sleeve bands. Sew one edge of sleeve band to each sleeve edge. Sew the side seams of the dress including the sleeve band. Turn the band to the inside of the dress covering the seam slip stitch the band in place.
6. Sew hem tape to the bottom edge of the dress. Sew the back seam up to the * on the center back seam. Sew a snap at the top and bottom of the placket.
7. Fold up the hem tape and sew in place by hand.
8. The outfit came with a straw hat that had a pom pom made from the chenille from the dress.

