

Love in Paris

What You Will Need:

- Approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 yard of regular fabric- depending on size and width of fabric
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard coordinating fabric
- light - medium weight fusible interfacing
- buttons
- basic sewing supplies
- Pattern pieces found [HERE](#) (for size 3T and 5T)

Cut out all pattern pieces.

Interface the wrong sides of fabric the pattern pieces that have interfacing.

Let's start with the collar.

First, I sewed a small decorative piece of fabric along the bottom edge of one of the collar pieces. That is optional. See Photo:



Now, take your two collar pieces and place right sides together, pin and sew around outer edges. See Photo:

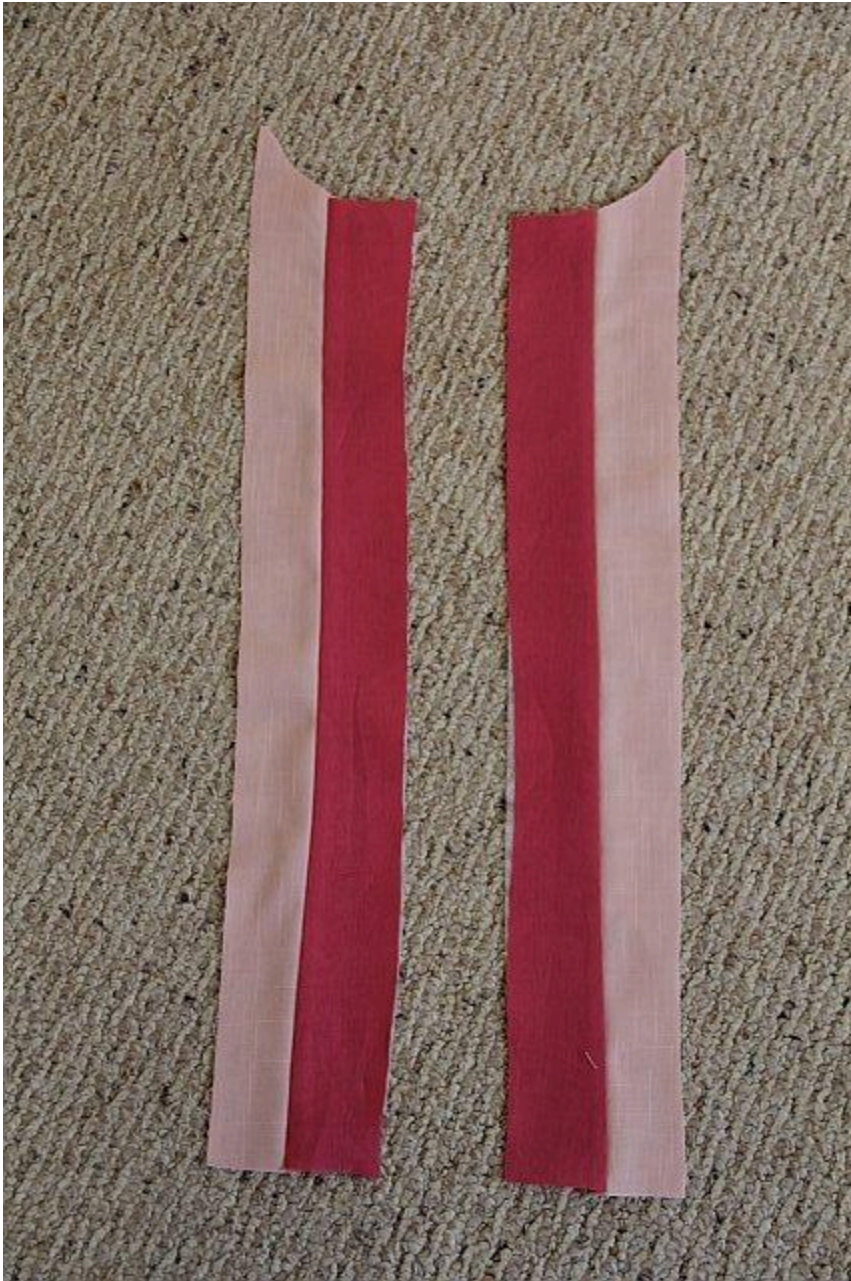


I use as little of a seam allowance as possible when doing this. Trim or clip seams as close to the sewn line as possible, turn and Press.

I like to edge stitch the collar for a more finished look, but this is completely optional.

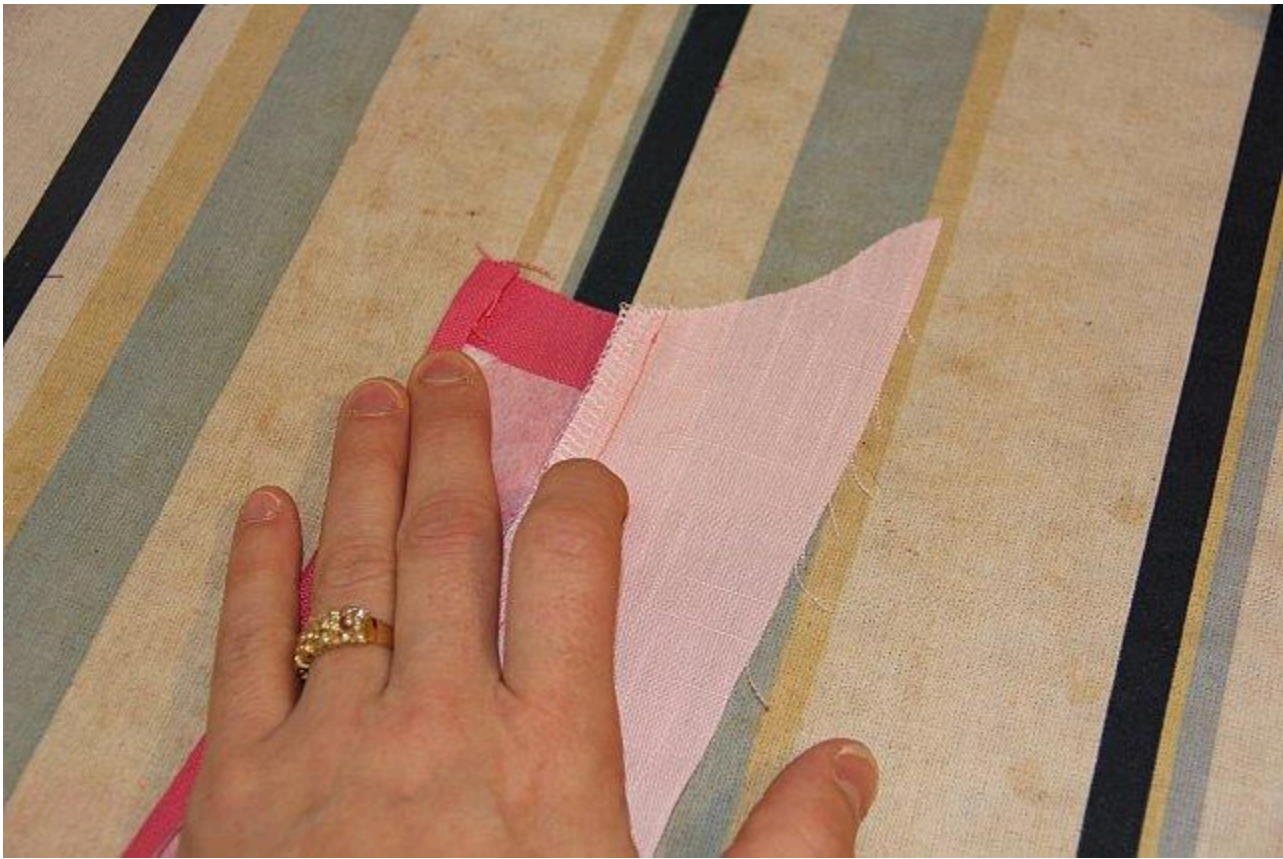
Set aside collar for now.

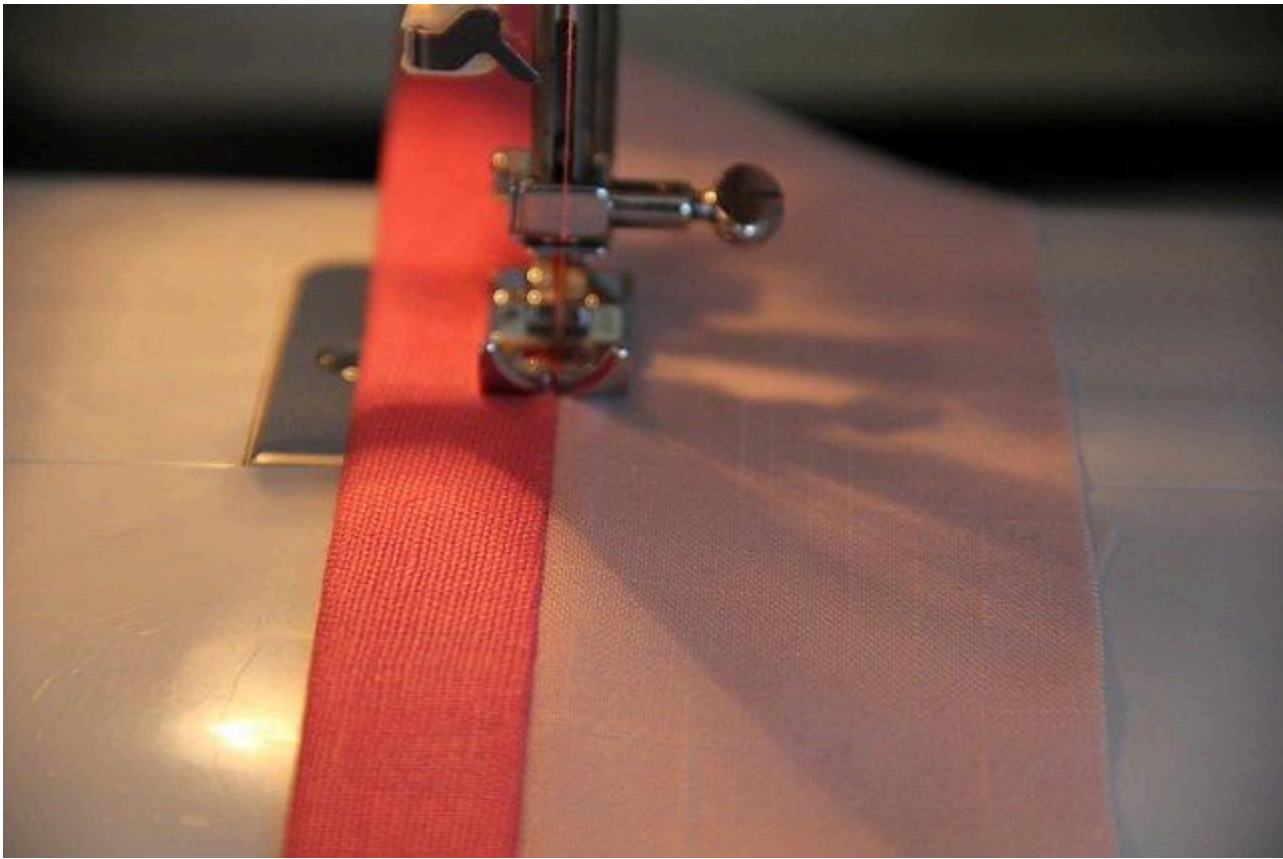
Take your front button placket and your front center piece and sew along the center edge right sides together. Open and Press seam towards button placket. Repeat for other button placket and front center piece. You should now have this:



Skip this next button placket step and leave towards the end if you want to be a tad more professional and add facing onto your dress. I am skipping the facing this time around. Fold over the outer edge of the button placket $\frac{1}{4}$ " towards the wrong side and Press.

Now fold button placket in half towards the wrong side, therefore enclosing the raw pressed edge on the back. Edge stitch down the seam to secure. See Photo:





You should now have something that looks like this:



Set aside for now.

Take your Back Bodice, and front side Bodice pieces and pin right sides together at the shoulder seams. Sew, and finish edges with either a zig zag stitch or serger. See Photo:



Set aside for a moment.

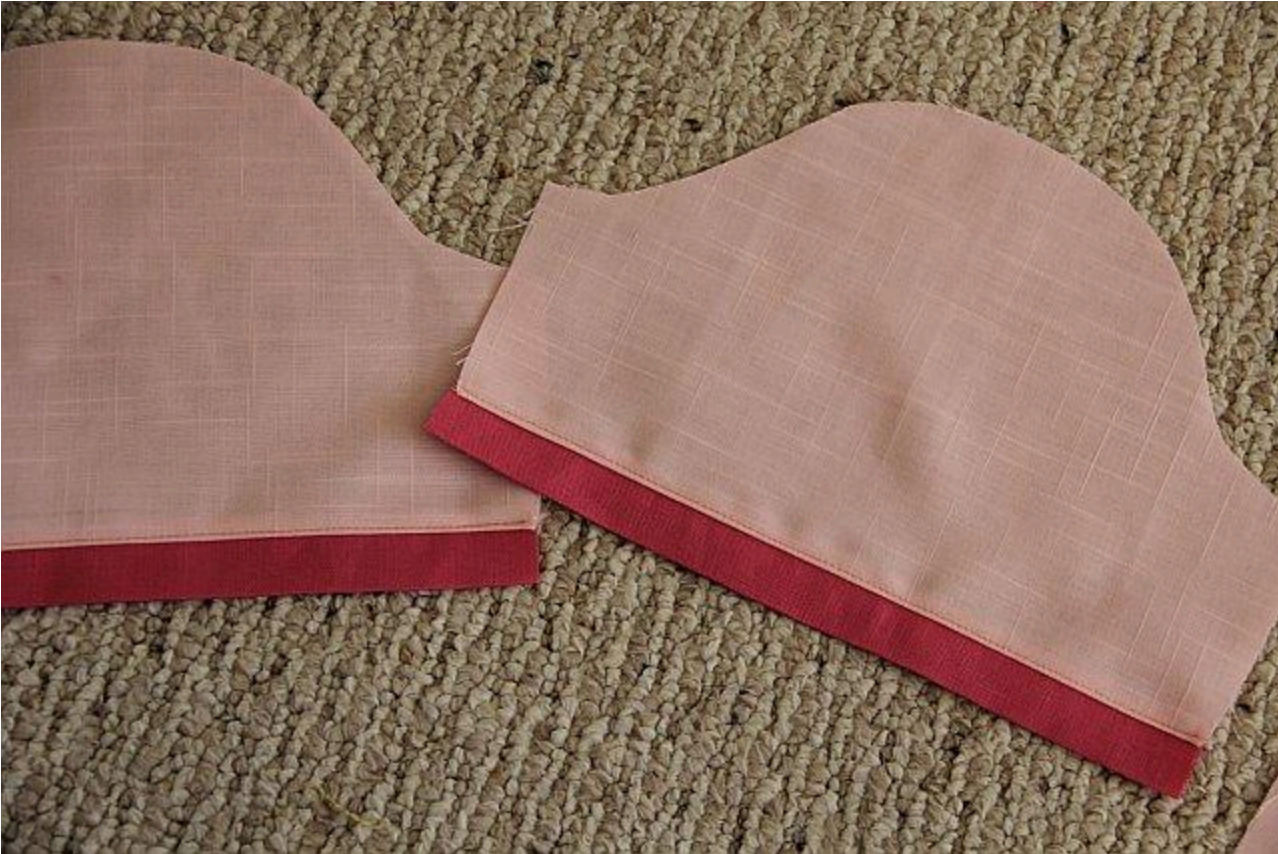
Take the bottom sleeve band and fold in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and Press.

Take the raw folded edges of the sleeve band, and match with the bottom hem of the sleeve. Pin together, and sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. See Photo:



Finish seam edge, Press seam up and edge stitch to secure.

Repeat for other sleeve, and you should now have this:



Now, taking your bodice, pin the upper sleeve arc right sides together to the armhole curve of the bodice. Sew, and repeat for other sleeve. See Photo:



As always, finish seams.

Fold bodice right sides together, pin and sew under arm and side seams. Finish seams. See Photo:



You should now have this:



Now, take up your long skirt rectangle piece, and sew a long of gather stitches along the top edge - but WAIT! We are going to be sewing TWO lines, one on the left side, and one on the right side of the top of the skirt...each 16 inches long. See Photo:



Gather threads until the skirt is the same width as the bodice. Pin the top raw gathered edge right sides together to the bottom of the bodice. Sew and finish edges. See Photo:



Press seam up.

Now we are going to add a strip of coordinating fabric onto the middle of the dress, covering the waist seam. To do this, first take a 2"W strip of fabric that is the same length as the waist of your dress.

Fold over 1 edge $\frac{1}{4}$ " towards the wrong side and Press.

Now, take the other edge and place right sides together just above the waist seam on the dress and pin into place. See Photo:



Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from edge. Fold over and Press. You should now have this (with the bottom pressed edge in towards the dress).



Pin the bottom of the band to the dress, and stitch on.

Now, take your center front dress piece, and pin the raw edge right sides together to the front raw edge of the dress sides and skirt. See Photo:



Sew and finish seam edge. Repeat for other side. You will now have this:



Press seam and edge stitch if so desired.

***Facing step - Now, if you are going to add facing to the top of your dress - that is up to you. I am not going to explain how to here, as I decided it is getting to be a rather lengthy tutorial. But for those of you who know how to do it, you will want to add it after the collar attachment, as you know I am sure.

So, let's add the collar - assuming you did not add facing and followed the instructions as I did before with the button placket.

First, finish the raw edges inner collar seams with a zig zag stitch or serge, as well as the top of the neckline of your dress.

Starting at the end of the button placket, attach the raw edge of the inner collar to the top of your dress neckline. Pin in place and sew. See Photo:



Now, press the seam in towards the dress, pin and sew down to secure. (here is where it is good to have a ham for pressing!) See Photo:



If you decided to add facing, here is where you will want to sew it on, as well as finish the button placket.

Hem the bottom of your dress (turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press, turn under again and press. Sew around.

And lastly, add your buttonholes and buttons to the front button placket pieces - and you are finished!!!