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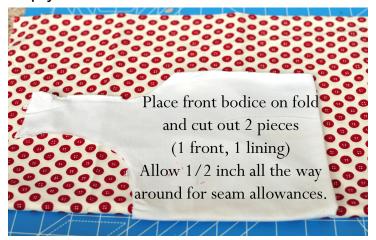
Sew Along Vintage School Girl Jumper Day 1

1. Find a t-shirt that fits well. Cut it open on all the seams. You should have something that now looks like this.

You will also see in this picture how I made the neckline lower, more of a scoopneck like the original vintage jumper.



2. Now you need to figure out how long to make your bodice. I made mine end about 9 inches from the shoulder seam. So, get out your tape measure and figure out how long you want your bodice to be. Then, fold up your shirt to that same measurement.



3. Fold up the back to the same measurement. (Measure this one again under the arms so you are sure to get the same length measurement on both the front and back pieces--it's better to measure twice here and have them the same than after you cut it out :)



4. Now to cut out your skirt portions. First, measure from where the bodice

ends to where you want your skirt length. I have a tall 6 year-old so I settled on 13 inches. Add 3 inches to this measurement.....as most vintage dress patterns had at least a 3 inch hem. First, I like the look but I am also assuming it was also to be able to wear the dress longer by letting down the hem as needed-a good thrifty principle.

So, I cut 2 pieces of fabric 16 inches by width of fabric (a good standard length.)

On a smaller size you will have almost a Shirley Temple super full skirt (darling!) and on an older size you will still have a nice full skirt. (If you are doing a tween size you might want to cut 3 full pieces.)

On one of these long rectangle skirt pieces you will need to cut it in half, so as not to have a glaring seam in the front of your skirt after you have gathered it.

You should now have one long rectangle for the front of your skirt, and two smaller ones to add to each side of the front piece. Like this picture shown.....



All right, you are all cut out! Be back on Wednesday to start the bodice and then on Friday to finish your dress!