

Description: The bandeau mini-ruffle dress is a stylish and form fitting dress that can be worn for a night on the town, or in a more intimate setting.

Difficulty level: Intermediate

Recommended gauge: .35mm or .50mm.

Required accessories: Non-separating zipper for rear, or full length separating zipper.

Cut out the pattern

Step 1: Cut out each pattern piece along the solid lines.

Step 2: Place your pattern pieces face up (the side with the print on it) on top of your material.

Step 3: Cut out your material.

Step 4: Mark the middle of the rear where you will place your zipper and cut.

Glue the ruffle/ trim sections to front

Step 5: Glue the straight trim pieces to the front top and hem at the desired location.

Step 6: Glue the shaded portions of the ruffle trim, then fold the shaded area in half, so that it is glued to itself. Repeat this for the entire length of the trim to create the ruffle.

Step 7: Glue the ruffle to the front at the desired location.

Glue the side front to front

Step 8: Glue the left side front to the left side of the middle. Repeat for the right side front.

** All seam widths should be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide. All seams use a flat fell seam (lay the pattern pieces side by side, and then overlay the seams by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.) **

Work your way down the seam, ensuring that you stretch both seams an equal amount as you go. You can mark the seams at every 4 inches with scotch tape to ensure you are stretching each side equally (remove the tape as you reach that point).

Glue the rear to the side front

Step: 9 Glue the left side front to the left side of the rear.

Rubberize / apply zipper

Step 10: Rubberize the zipper tape (the woven part of the zipper). Apply 3-4 thick coats of the solvent based adhesive to the top of the woven part of the zipper, or a couple thin coats of the ammonia based adhesive. Allow several minutes for the glue to dry and 'rubberize' the zipper.

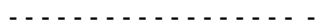
Step 11: Apply another coat of adhesive to the zipper and the rear seam and adhere the zipper to the rear. Work down the seam with the latex on the bottom side, and your hands working the zipper downward – pressing it onto the latex. This ensures the latex doesn't stretch, preventing the zipper from puckering.

Step 12: Wait 24 hours for your glue to cure. Enjoy!

Legend



Straight lines show where to cut



Dashed lines represent the space for the seam overlay



Slanted lines show where to apply glue for the mini ruffle.