

## **CUTTING 1 STATION**

NEED: Sharp scissors and measuring tool

1. Go through any donated fabric, and determine if it is suitable for dresses. Check weight to make sure that it is not too light (see-through) or too heavy.
2. Assess the size, as the donated fabric might be any length and width. Dresses should be cut with fabric 22-23" wide (doubled, so the fabric should be 44ish"), and cut in varying lengths according to the sizing chart. If a strip of fabric is too small, consider sewing it to a coordinating piece to create a two-tone look.

The finished lengths will then go to the TUBING STATION

**ANY QUESTIONS???** PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK!!

## **TUBING STATION**

NEED: Serger or regular sewing machine with zig-zag

Fabric has been cut into dress lengths and readied for this station. The responsibility is to make a "tube." Please serge this seam OR sew the seam straight-stitch and then zig zag in the seam for extra strength. (In the countries where the dresses are going, there is no way to repair a tear.)

Tubes then proceed back to the Cutting 2 Station

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## **CUTTING 2 STATION (Armholes)**

NEED: Sharp Scissors

Taking the seamed tube and using the pattern given, cut the armholes. If the tube has only one seam, that seam goes in the back, and the armholes cut accordingly. If there are two seams, the armholes are cut on the seamed sides. We have one standard size armhole pattern, but if you are cutting a small dress, you might make the armhole slightly smaller; and on a large dress, you might make it a bit larger--use your own judgment.

Consider saving the cutouts for other uses...dolls, yo-yos, etc.

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## **IRONING STATION**

NEED: Iron

At this station, the casing at the top of the garment should be ironed down. This will receive the elastic, so please iron down  $1/8$ - $1/4$ " , then an additional  $1/2$ " --please ask to be shown if you don't understand this.

In addition, check to see if there is already a hem. Unless it's been serged, turn about  $1/4$ " under, then an additional  $1/2$ " for the hem.

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## **KITTING STATION**

Need: Good color sense!

This station is really important, because we want the dresses to be color-coordinated and cute. We are not just slapping together any fabric with any pocket!

The ironed-tube should be folded neatly. Choose coordinating bias tape ties, TWO coordinating pockets, and two pieces of 7" elastic. Put all these items into a plastic ziplock bag and seal.

Of course, everyone has different taste! What one person thinks would match nicely for pockets and ties might not be the same for another person, so these items can be switched out by the person who gets the kit to sew if they so desire.

We can only work with the donated fabric we have, so sometimes you might think the colors of the ties and pockets will not work with the tubes, but be adventurous and creative, and you might be surprised. You might have to put print-on-print--but make sure they coordinate.

Please don't ask for a specific color, if we don't have it, it isn't available.

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## SEWING STATIONS

NEEDED: Sewing machine and a teeny bit of sewing experience!

Choose a Ziploc bag containing a complete dress kit. Check out the kit before hand and considering adding laces, buttons, yo-yos or whatever --all available at the trim table! Your job is to make an adorable, one of a kind dress! We have had some people say they pray over the dresses as they sew, and some who say they hug or kiss the dress when it is finished so the little girl might feel the care that goes into the effort.

POCKET TIP: Please always put TWO pockets on each dress. The pockets in each kit have been cut with the top on a fold, eliminating a seam there; and they have been cut with pinking shears, which eliminates the need to stitch-and-turn--YOU CAN SIMPLY STRAIGHT STITCH AROUND THE EDGE, AS IT WIL NOT FRAY! BIG TIMESAVER! (There are pocket placing tutorials on the website if you have difficulties.)

When a dress is complete, take to the Label station and ring the bell to show off your finished creation!

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## **LABELING STATION**

Needed: Iron, Labels (provided)

Each dress is to have a label ironed on the front, usually on a pocket. This is the Hope4Women International, who is the parent company of Dress A Girl Around the World. The purpose of the label is to show anyone who might have a predatory idea toward the little girl, that she is under the watchful eye of a group, so that she does not an object of kidnapping or trafficking.

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## **POCKET STATION**

Need Sharp Scissors, Pattern (provided)

We always need pockets, and you will be given scraps from the cutting table to do this station. Some definite requirements are in place for pockets.

1. Each pocket needs to be cut with the top of the pocket on the fold (that eliminates one seam so saves time).
2. Please cut TWO matching pockets cut, as each kit should have two pockets. If there is not a scrap large enough to cut 2 pockets, please discard the scrap OR put aside for dolls or yo-yos
3. Please use the pattern provided. (There IS a small pattern for tiny (size 2-6) dresses)
4. MOST IMPORTANT: Please cut with PINKING SHEARS ONLY! This allows them to be sew on with a straight stitch and they won't ravel...big timesaver!

**Please follow the pocket guidelines fully, as there is a reason for each!**

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## **LACE & TRIM STATION**

**NEED: Imagination!**

Add buttons, lace, eyelet, trim, buttons, yo-yo's or whatever your heart desires to make your dress as adorable as possible! THIS is where you can use the creative juices God gave you! Go for it and make the cutest dress possible for God's precious daughters!

Please make sure that all trims are SEWN on (not glued) and that any trims you use contain no synthetic materials (the ones here are all fine).

After you are finished, take your finished dress to the LABELING STATION and ring the bell so we can all applaud!

**ANY QUESTIONS??? PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK!!**