

## **Quilted Bolero Jacket and Dress**



Create the perfect Easter or special occasion dress for any child while using your favorite quilting techniques! This simple dress and bolero can be made in a favorite color or fabric, and you could make one for every holiday. Let your imagination run wild!

## Skill Level: Confident Beginner

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## Supplies:

Baby Lock® Jazz or Jazz II sewing machine Simplicity Pattern 8064 or similar style Follow yardage and notions as listed on guide sheet for the dress For the Bolero:

½ Yard of contrasting fabric
½ Yard of white cotton for backing
Baby Lock Cut Away Ultra Soft Stabilizer (BLC204). Cut one section 20" x 24"

2 Yards of ribbon for bow and sash for dress Madeira® Cotona thread for sewing Frixion marking pen Straight edge ruler Walking foot (BLG-WF) Basic sewing supplies

## Instructions:

- 1) Cut out the pattern pieces for View A for the dress. Disregard reference to the lace overlay for this dress it will not be used in this project.
- 2) To create quilted fabric for the bolero, follow the next set of directions:
  - a) Make a sandwich by laying the white cotton backing fabric, 20" x 24" section from the Baby Lock Cut Away Ultra Soft Stabilizer and the contrasting fabric for the bolero on a flat surface.
  - b) Place the ruler on a 45° angle on the fabric sandwich and draw a straight line from top to bottom (as shown below). Draw additional lines on the diagonal to cover the entire section 1" apart for each other.
  - c) Reverse the piece and draw straight lines 1" apart from each other in the opposite direction to create a diamond shape on the fabric.



- 3) Set up the machine for quilting with the walking foot:
  - a) Wind a bobbin using the same thread that will be used on the top for sewing. In the sample, white thread was used.
  - b) Thread the machine.
  - c) Attach the walking foot.
  - d) Select straight stitch #1.
  - e) Set the Stitch Length to 3.
  - f) Set the Stitch Width to the black dot between the 4 and 3. Refer to the instruction book page 15. The needle will be placed in the center of the presser foot.
  - g) Place the sandwich section under the presser foot with one of the center drawn lines so that the line is centered under the presser foot. Sew over the line being careful that the line remains centered under the needle. Stitch the other lines going in the same direction. Stitch back and forth over each of the lines.



- h) Rotate the section and stitch over the other diagonal lines. Always start in the center and work your way outward.
- i) Press the section to remove the drawn lines and to flatten the section.
- 4) Fold the section and cut out pattern pieces 13 and 14.
- 5) Assemble the bolero while following the pattern guide sheet.
- 6) Cut out two 2 ¼" wide bias strips from the dress fabric. One of the lengths will be used for the binding around the arms and the other will be used to bind around the front and neck edge on the bolero. If the lengths are not long enough, you may need to piece the bias sections together. With wrong sides together, fold the lengths together and press. Place the bias strips with right sides together along the sleeve opening and stitch using ¼" seam allowance. Press the bias binding outward and fold to the back. Top stitch along the front (*as shown in the following illustration*). Sew together the side seams. Repeat for the binding around the outer edge of the bolero.



- 7) Use the seam allowance as stated on the pattern guide sheet.
- 8) Follow the guide sheet to assemble the dress.
- 9) Stitch a decorative stitch on the ribbon to finish the dress by following the next set of steps:
  - a) Cut out the length of the ribbon that is needed.
  - b) Turn the pattern selection dial to stitch #27.
  - c) Thread the machine with a contrasting thread color to match the fabric.
  - d) Stitch the decorative stitch down the center length of the ribbon.
- 10) Finish the dress by following Step 33 on the pattern guide sheet.

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