

# Sense and Sensibility Girls' 1780s Portrait Dress Pattern

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Size	1	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	Ins./Cm.
Chest	20/51	21/53	22/56	23/58	25/64	27/69	28.5/73	30/76.2	32/81.3	
Waist	19.5/50	20/51	20.5/52	21.5/55	22/56	23.5/60	24.5/62	25.5/64.8	26.5/67.3	"
Hip	22/56	23/58	23/58	24/61	26/66	28/71	30/76	32/81.3	34/86.4	"

## Yardage required for either dress option with elbow-length sleeves:

45"/115cm	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 2/3	2	2 1/8	2 1/2	2 5/8	2 7/8	3 1/8
60"/150cm	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 5/8	1 5/8	1 7/8	2	2 1/4	2 3/8

## Yardage required for either dress option with long sleeves:

45"/115cm	1 5/8	1 3/4	1 7/8	2 1/4	2 1/2	2 7/8	3 1/8	3 1/2	3 3/4
60"/150cm	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 1/2	1 3/4	1 7/8	2 1/4	2 3/8	2 3/4	2 7/8

## Yardage required for bodice lining on smooth dress option or interlining on gathered dress:

45"-60"/150cm	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	3/8	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
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## Yardage required for skirt lining and/or petticoat for either dress option:

45"-60"/150cm	1/2	1/2	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 2/3	2	2 1/8	2 1/3
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## Yardage required for sash for either dress option:\*

45"-60"/150cm	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
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## 1/8" elastic required for gathered dress neckline:

Ins/Cm	20"/51cm	20"/51cm	21"/53cm	22"/56cm	23"/59cm	24"/61cm	25"/63.5cm	25 3/4"/65.6cm	27"/68.5cm
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## 1/4" elastic required for gathered dress waistline:

Ins/Cm	11"/28cm	11"/28cm	12"/30.5cm	12"/30.5cm	14"/35.5cm	15"/38cm	15"/38cm	16"/40.5cm	16.5"/42cm
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## Yardage required for optional packaged 1/2" double-fold bias binding:\*\*

	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/3	1 5/8	1 5/8	1 3/4	1 3/4	1 3/4	1.625***
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**Fabric suggestions:** Pima cotton, cotton prints, lightweight linen, voile, organdy, English muslin, silk taffeta. **IMPORTANT:** If you choose a fabric with an obvious directional pattern that must be carefully matched, please add 1/2 yard for all sizes.  
Sashes can be made of taffeta, dupioni silk, or eggshell satin.  
Petticoats can be made of 100% cotton--batiste, pima, and unbleached muslin are all good choices.  
Make sure you wash and dry washable fabric before starting to avoid shrinkage later.

**Notions:** **For smooth bodice dress:** Thread; four hooks and bars for sizes 1-4; six for sizes 6-10; eight for 12-14.

**For gathered dress:** Thread; 1/8" and 1/4" elastic (see guide above).

**Note:** If you opt to make a drawstring dress for older girls, you'll need 1/8" and 1/4" ribbon instead of elastic. Just add 18" to the lengths given in the elastic guides above to allow for tying.

**Notes:** \* If you opt to use ribbon instead of sewing a sash, you need to measure the child's waist, then add 24" for tying length.

\*\* Packaged binding is only required if you do not create binding from your fashion fabric as directed.

\*\*\* Also note that the binding yardage indicates how much finished binding you'll need for each size if you make your own binding from your fashion fabric.

**5/8" seam allowance on all seams except where noted.**

**See <http://sensibility.com/tips> for sewing hints and helps!**

Please note that this pattern is intended for girls who have not yet hit puberty. The gathered dress option will fit a developing figure, but the smooth bodice option will not. For girls who have hit puberty, you will need to make stays (I recommend the Mantua Maker's Georgian Stays Pattern -- [mantua-maker.com](http://mantua-maker.com).)