

Shaker Cape For Seven-Inch Dolls Such As Hitty, Riley, or Tiny Betsy

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INSTRUCTIONS

Read all the instructions before beginning because the construction is clever making it easy to produce a quality garment quickly.

The cape is copied from an actual child's cape owned by Ann Perkins and made by Shakers a Canterbury Village in the first part of the 20th century. The stitching on the child's cape was done by machine.

In April, 1986, *Doll Reader*, page 172, Pam and Polly Judd describe a doll cape of the same style made by Maine Shakers on which the stitching is completely done by hand.

All the capes of this type I have seen are red wool flannel.

Only the hood is lined.



DIRECTIONS

1. For Hitty or Riley cut a piece of flannel 12 ¼" by 5 ¼" for the body of the cape. Cut two collar pieces. Cut one hood of flannel and one of a thin lining fabric such as China silk. Cut two pieces of ribbon 5" long.
2. Sew center back seam of the collar.
3. Pink side and lower edges of collar and cape body. Turn them under and stitch them down.
4. Make an inverted box pleat at the center back of cape body and pleat the top of the cape to fit the neckline edge of the collar.
5. Place collar on cape wrong side of collar to right side of cape.
6. Stitch together center back seam of hood. Repeat for lining.
7. Press under front and back (where it says 'gather' on the pattern) edges of hood.
8. Make tucks in neckline edge of hood. (Lining can be eased in and does not need tucks.) (In child's cape these were little darts.)
9. Place hood on outside of cape collar right sides together. When hood is placed on collar about ¼" of collar will extend on either side of hood. Place hood lining on inside of cape right side against wrong side of cape exactly opposite hood.
10. Place an end of a narrow ribbon between the cape and the collar ¼" from each side of the front.
11. Stitch all the way around neck edge of cape and collar, catching in ribbon ends, hood and lining.
12. Clip seam allowances at ends of hood.
13. Fold the hood and lining up enclosing the neck seam allowances. You may have to significantly trim these seam allowances to remove bulk. Treat with fabric glue to prevent ravelling.
14. Stitch the front edge of hood and lining together.
15. Stitch the back of hood to lining by hand.
16. Gather the back of hood tightly.
17. Turn up collar. Turn down the seam allowances of collar and cape which are not covered by hood.
18. On cape topstitch 1/8" from first seam stitching down seam allowance, ribbon, and pleats.
19. Stitch all the way around the neckline. 🧵

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