



La Charlotte

Fun and flirtatious our La Charlotte DIY costume is a fresh take on eighteenth century fashion. Glue or sew fabric embellishments.

See our Eat Cake Party Wigs for Large Round Pouf Wig

What's Needed:

Party Dress

Iridescent Silk Taffeta 1 yd- Mood Fabrics

Ankle Boots

Sunglasses-Forever21

Ostrich Feathers (white, champagne) – Amazon

White Craft Feathers- (eye brows)

Silk Saree Ribbon-East Coast Trim

White Felt Square- (needed only if gluing trim to lace)

Needle & Thread- (Coordinate colour with taffeta)

8" Fabric Scissors- Fiskars

Hot Glue Gun

Hot Glue Sticks- Gorilla

Eye Lash Glue

Sticker Gems (optional)

Shopping:



To create this modern Marie costume, a white swiss dot lace and ruffled mini party dress with nude slip was chosen.

The criteria for selecting a dress was *price* followed by *design elements*. Hints of the traditional Marie Antoinette style were important. The lace and more so the rows of flirty ruffles were the perfect choice.

We purchased this dress at FOREVER21 from the clearance section for \$12.00.

Love crafting with clearance pieces!

The Bits & Pieces:

DIY
Round Pouf Wig
See our,
EAT CAKE
Party Wig PDF
for instructions.



Orange transparent sunglasses look great. This pair came from Forver21 and cost \$7.99 on sale.



Add 18th century charm to a modern party dress by adding ruffles, sashes and bows. Fabric embellishment can be attached a few ways. Hot glue is quick, easy and temporary. Fabric glue, hand or machine stitching will be permanent.

Iridescent Silk Taffeta is an interference fabric that appears to change colour.



Champagne
Ostrich Feathers

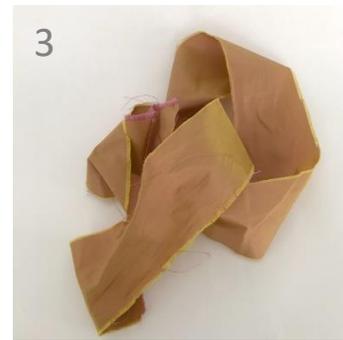


Silk Cabbage Roses



Embellished boots features taffeta wraps w/ rose knots and ostrich feathers
No Sew, No Glue

How To Make It: Dress

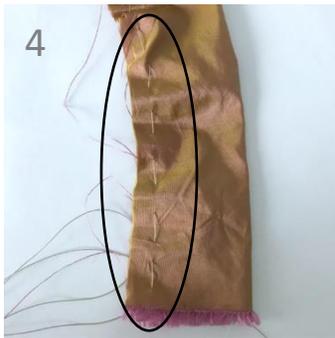


1- Determine what areas of the dress to embellish. We added an inner ruffle to the neckline, pouf ruffles on each sleeve and a sash around the waist.

2- Fabric will need to be ripped into strips. We tore 4 strips 4" wide x 47" long.

3- Ripping the strips over cutting them will yield a nice frayed edge. After each strip has been ripped pull the loose threads to create a finished fray in each side of the strips.

Note: Strip sizes should be altered to fit the dress design if needed.



4- To make the collar ruffle, fold one 4" wide strip in half (2" wide). Run a straight stitch the length of the strip slightly above the folded side of the fabric.

5- Secure one end of the thread and pull the other to create a ruffle

6- Set the ruffle inside the collar for sizing. Adjust the gathered ruffle to fit within the space. Hot glue, fabric glue or sew the ruffle in place. If needed cut any excess ruffle off.



7- To make the side ruffles, take one 4" x 47" strip. Pull side threads to create frayed edges.

8- Stitch a straight stitch through the center of the strip, full length.

9- Holding one end of the thread, pull the other to create a gathered ruffle. Fluff ruffle. Repeat process for remaining side sleeve ruffles.



10- Size and fluff ruffle around sleeve.

11- Attach the ruffles to the sleeves. If using glue on a lace sleeve, place a strip of felt behind the lace. Glue or sew ruffle in place.

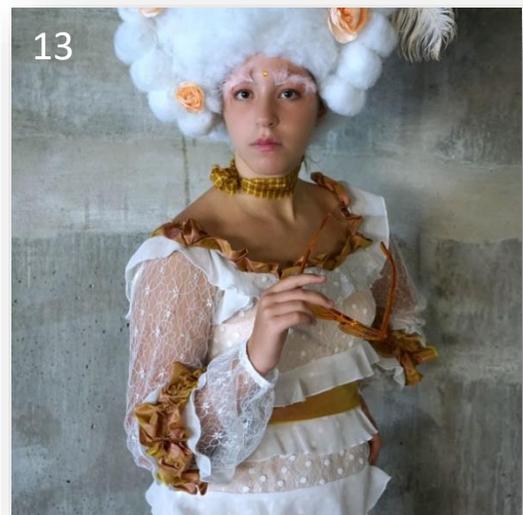
12- Repeat the above steps for the second sleeve. Additional ruffles can be added to the sleeves or around the bottom of the dress. Measure areas for correct stipe sizes.



13- To finish the look, create a simple tie sash using the fourth ripped strip.

For a larger or more intriguing sash, use a few strips to create a rose knot closure (see boot instructions). Add sparkle with sticker gems.

Choker is made by loosely tying a piece of piece of silk saree ribbon around the neck.



How To Make It: Feather Eyebrows

Whimsical Brows

Quick, Easy and Inexpensive



Select 2 small white craft feathers that are similar in size and shape.

Apply a bead of eye lash glue to the back vein of the feather.

Place feather on eye brow. Hold until glue sets. Cover any visible brow with concealer.

Tint white feathers with powder eye shadow to colour. Add adhesive gems.

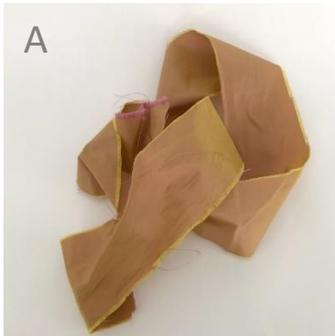
How To Make It: Boots



Select a boot or shoe.

This wrapping technique is temporary. It can be applied, worn and removed without damaging the boot.

We choose this boot (colour and style) because it was in our closet. Other footwear options can be used. Simply adjust the below embellishment instructions to accommodate style.



A- Rip two strips (4" x 47") of iridescent silk taffeta. Follow above steps 2 & 3.

B- Place boot on a flat surface. Center one strip under the arch of the boot.

C- Wrap the right end of the strip around the boot. Lightly pull so both ends are even.

D- Tie an over hand knot to secure the two ends on the front of the boot.



E- If a bow is desired, tie ends together.

F- To make a rose knot, twist the two ends together. Twist the entire length.

G- Create a circle by looping the twisted ends counter clock-wise.

H- Tuck the twisted ends under the circle and slightly through the center.



I- Cut excess fabric ends off if they are too long. Insert a champagne feather under the wrapped fabric. Repeat the wrap for the second boot.

Add sticker gems for a sparkly pair of boots.