

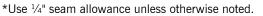
In our last issue, we promised you a petticoat pattern. The girls on our chatroom have been all a-twitter about our "prairie princess" look, modeled by my daughter on the following page. We really had a bit of a challenge designing this particular pattern. We wanted it to size up or down easily—farmgirls come in all stripes and sizes. We wanted the bottoms to have a slimming waistline without the bunched-up look of elastic or gathers, but we didn't want a zipper or buttons; we wanted it to be a simple quick-do project. We came up with a combo gaucho/wrap-around bottom—the front and the back are the same, kind of like putting on a diaper! You decide whether you want it to tie in the front or in the back. But the end result is TOTAL comfort. It's like wearing PJs! If you want your cami and petticoat gauchos slightly see-through and delicate so they can be worn as underoos, buy a pima-type cotton; if not, use an old bed sheet and wear them to town as a girly outergarment.

PRAIRIE PRINCESS Cami

YOU'LL NEED:

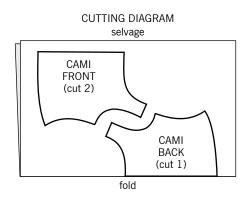
- 5/8 yard (s, m) or 1 yard (I, xI) 45"-wide fabric
- $1\frac{1}{3}$ yard beading lace (lace with openwork holes for weaving ribbon through)
- 1³/₄ yards ¹/₄"-wide ribbon
- 1½ yards 3/8"-wide twill tape
- 2 yards ½"-wide twill tape
- 3/8" buttons

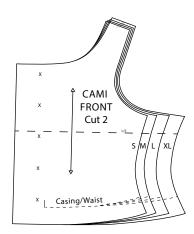
basic sewing supplies

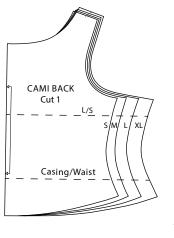


(To lengthen your cami, use the lengthen/shorten line and adjust buttonholes

- 1. Turn under 1/4" along long, straight edges of cami front pieces, press, turn under again $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", press, and stitch.
- 2. With wrong sides together, pin back to fronts at shoulders and sides. Make French seams for sides and shoulders.
- 3. For neck, armhole, and lower edges, sew a line of stitching 1/8" from edges. Turn under 1/8" along stitching line, then 1/8" again, press, and stitch.
- 4. Stitch buttonholes as marked on pattern; attach buttons.
- 5. For drawstring casing, use 3/8" twill tape and turn under 1/4" at one end. Pin the lower edge of the tape along the line indicated on pattern, starting at the right front vertical stitching line and going all around to the left front vertical stitching line. Turn under 1/4" at opposite end. Stitch close to edges along both long sides of tape. Feed 1/4" twill tape through casing for tie.
- 6. Starting at underarm seam line, hand stitch lace trim along armhole edge; weave ribbon through lace and tie ends in bows at shoulders to finish.



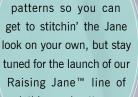






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