

HITTY'S CAMISOLE

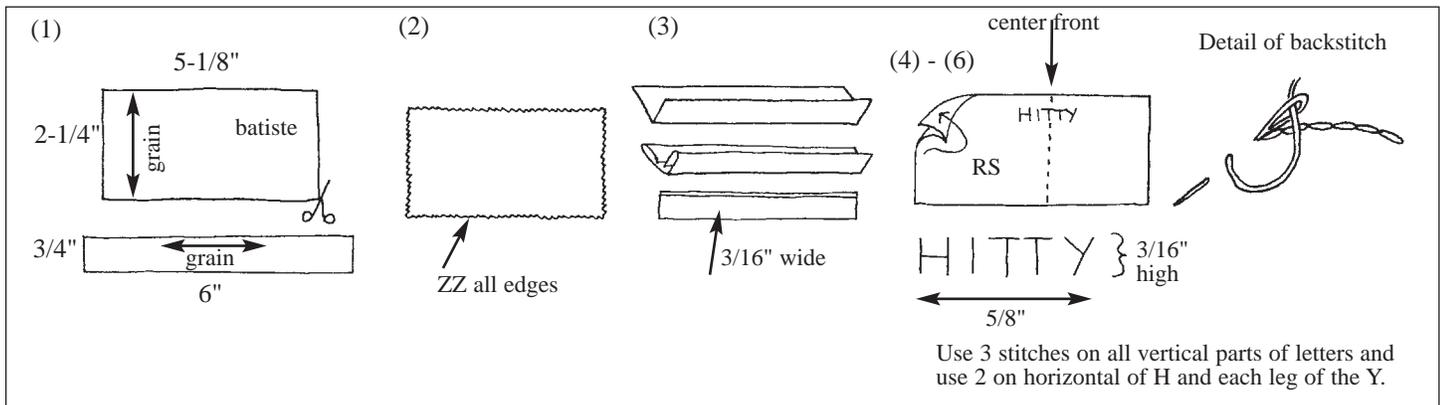
(a free PDF pattern with instructions)

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Since I do like Hitty (and most dolls) in just underthings, this was a good reason to give her one along with her story in which Mrs. Preble embroiders "Hitty" on her chemise. I do not advise trying to dress this Hitty in both camisole and dress due to the bulk the layers create.

You will need a little fine weight cloth (I suggest the batiste that I sell and that is used for her other undies), about 6" of narrow lace - or make your own from my simple lace making instructions**, a tiny white button and one strand of floss in the color you would like for "Hitty" to be embroidered in.

** All of these supplies are available on my website, including how to make simple lace.



(1) Cut a rectangle 5-1/4" across by 2-1/4" up and down. Cut another strip for straps that is 3/4" across by 6" up and down. Decide whether you are adding commercial lace or making handmade lace (which is what I recommend - see Lesson 3-A).

(2) Optionally ZZ all around the camisole rectangle.

(3) Iron the strip for the straps in half longways. Then finger fold in the two raw edges so it is folded in quarters and will measure only 3/16" wide. Once you have finger folded, iron well. If you finger fold first, you are less likely to scorch your fingers while ironing. This strip will make two straps with extra.

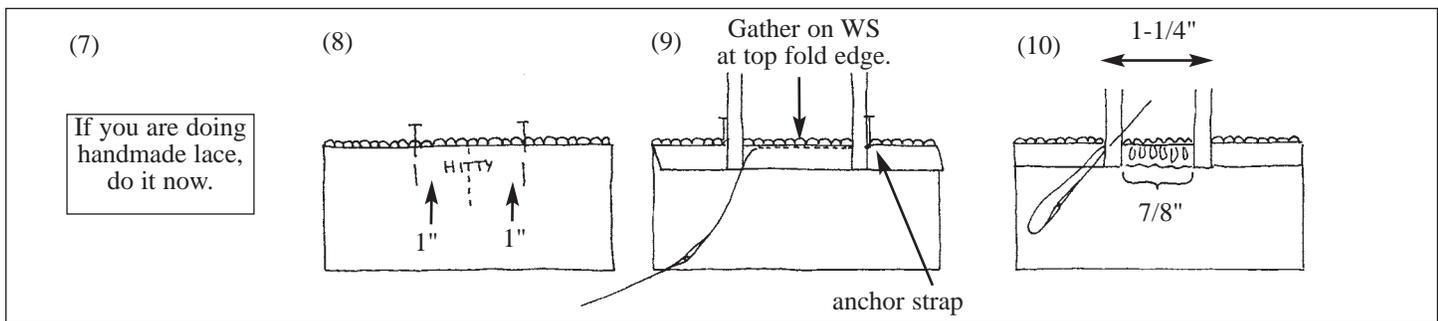
(4) Iron over 1/2" along one 5-1/4" edge. This will be the edge you add lace to and is folded to the WS of the camisole. If you are using commercial lace, add it now sewing the lace on the fold. If you are doing the handmade lace just go on to the next step.

(5) Find the mid-way point of the camisole by folding in half lengthwise. About 1/4" below the fold and centered on the fold, pencil in block letters H I T T Y that are about 3/16" tall and take up about 5/8" across.

(6) Using a backstitch and a single strand of floss (about 18" long is good), embroider H I T T Y. (See PHOTO 2 next page)

Photo 1 at left ~ "Hitty" Camisole.

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(7) If you are doing handmade lace (you will need my simple instructions which are included in the Hitty Kit), do it now on the top fold.

(8) Using the same center mark (the crease you made), measure a scant $7/8$ " to either side for strap placement.

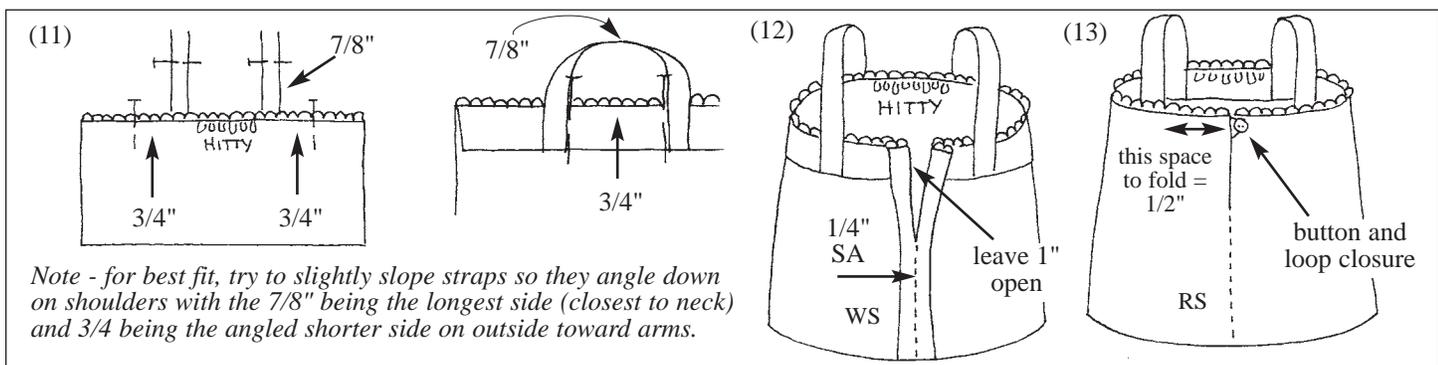
(9) Cut two straps 2" long each. You do not need to stitch the folded edges closed, but you may if you would like to. Once they are attached, the raw edges will stay tucked in place. Pin about $1/2$ " of one end of each strap so its single fold is up to the the strap marks you just made.

(10) Thread a needle with matching thread and start on one strap, anchor it to the fold. Continue across the center front on the fold taking tiny gathering stitches (trying not to have them show on the front) until you come to the mark for the next strap. Pull up the gathers so the space *between* the straps is pulled up to $7/8$ ", anchor and then tack on the next strap with the same thread. For nicer gathers, head back across on the back-side of the humps of the gathers sewing a second line of stitches that help hold the gathers "vertical".



Photo 2 Embroider "Hitty" on Center Front.

NOTE: Just in case you are observant, the lace used here is not the handmade kind with a needle I recommend. This happens to be hand crocheted (pattern is on my website) separately and sewn on like commercial lace and I have yards of it to use on my dolls as needed. It has the appearance of the needle lace.



(11) Place pins on the strap ends $7/8$ " from the front fold (not lace). This will be where you line up the back side of the straps along the top camisole fold. Place pins at $5/8$ " from the sides of each strap on the top fold of the camisole. This is where the back of the straps will be anchored. Do this by hand.

(12) Sew up a $1/4$ " center back seam for about 1" from bottom (ZZ) edge. Leave the top open for getting on and off Hitty with ease. Fold back the seam allowance on both sides and hand tack in place.

(13) Sew a button and loop closure at the top.