



### Katie's Bleuette Bib Overalls—INSTRUCTIONS

Katie's overalls are made of actual blue jean weight denim (repurposed Maman jeans), Malaika's are sewn from baby wale corduroy (see photos, Katie on the left, Malaika on the right). As you can see, these trousers can be dressed up or down and embellished as you see fit. Katie has an extra pouch on the bib for holding her tablet, pencil and other helpful tools and a loop at her hip to hold her hammer. Malaika's overalls boast a much cleaner and simpler line.

You'll need:

- a piece of fabric at least 15 inches by 7 inches
- complementary ribbon (3/8" wide or more), approximately 10 inches
- 2-4 buttons
- 3 sets of snaps
- thread

All seams (unless otherwise noted) are 3/8 inches. You'll want to try this on your doll at several points in order to gauge the fit (for hemming, fitting the back closure, as well as measuring and attaching the ribbon straps).

Place pant leg pattern on fold with the straight of the grain. Cut. Repeat so that you end up with two legs. Cut one bib top. I find it useful to fray check the edges of the bib top at least. I also find it helpful to fray check the bottom of the legs before hemming.

Sew the arch of each pant leg, right sides together. Do not sew them to each other, you will end up with two separate pieces after this step. (Though these can be made on the machine, I hand sew my doll's clothes. Disregard any hand sewing finishes if you are machine sewing.) After completing the running stitch, I like to finish with a blanket stitch to better contain the seams. This also helps them withstand the wear and tear of many clothing changes.

If using a heavy fabric, like normal weight denim, it is most convenient to hem each leg at this time since turning such thick fabric isn't something you want to do more than once. Simply slip the pant leg onto your doll while still inside out, then pin and hem. (This pattern is cut for the 21cm body. If your doll has a 23cm body, you may want to cut the fabric longer.) Turning up the hem 1/4" twice and whipstitching will work for most Bleuettas.

Keeping right sides in, pin the two pant leg pieces together along raw edges. Keep one side open above the dot on the pattern, this will be your opening in the back. Sew seam, finish with blanket stitch. Turn right side out.

Now you have a choice. You can finish the back opening one of two ways: so that it meets with a slight overlap or so that it crosses over for a more complete covering. You'll want to try the pants on at this point to test your preference. You need to fold the opening edges under as you prefer then sew. Then turn down the top edge of the pants, like you did the hem and finish the trouser piece of the overalls. We'll get to the snap closure after assembling the overalls. Set aside.

To complete the bib portion, turn each of the sides under twice until you have a squarish rectangle. Whipstitch. Decide which way you want the bib to attach (Katie's bib is taller than wide, Malaika's is wider than tall). Find the middle of the bottom of the bib, line it up with the center seam of the front of the pants. Pin in place so the bib overlaps the pants. Sew along the front sides and bottom of the front and along the inside to the pants. This will make them extra strong to keep up with our active dolls.

Cut two pieces of ribbon about 5" long, fray check ends. Turn under the edge of one piece of ribbon about 1/4" and sew onto the top corner of the bib. If you like, you can sew on a button at the same time. Repeat with the other ribbon and corner of the top of the bib. Sew snap to closure of the pants. Bring ribbon straps to the back and position crossed over each other. Sew snaps on ribbon ends and pants for attaching. This is where you can add two more buttons on the ends of the ribbon in the back as well if you like. If you prefer, you can have the straps attach on the inside of the pants. You can also attach the straps in the back and have snaps in the front. However, I prefer the cleaner look with the snaps in the back.

Extras:

If you want a loop on the side for your doll's tools, simply measure the size loop you will need from a piece of ribbon (1/4" width works well) and attach where you wish.

For a pocket on the bib, cut a piece of fabric the size of the *finished* bib rectangle. Fray check, then turn under once on each side and whipstitch. Center and attach to the bib, topstitch in any way you desire. An embroidered "B" for Bleuette would look darling here.

To make a pencil: Use a rounded toothpick. Cut to desired size. Sand cut end and paint as desired.

The legal pad was created with actual legal pad paper, lined with pen and glued with an overlay of cardboard paper along the top edge.

We made our screwdrivers with an old favorite, ApoxieSculpt®, for the handles. The Phillips screwdriver is a small finishing nail. The flat screwdriver is a piece of baling wire with a flattened and clipped end.

Our hammer is a dowel (shaped by saw and Dremel then sanded and wood-burned) with a painted ApoxieSculpt® head.

We hope you have a lot of fun playing with this pattern. It makes up quickly and can be created for work, play, or general frolicking. Send us a photo of your completed outfit and we'll add it to our website!

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