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The logo for Free Spirit Fabrics, featuring the brand name in a purple script font with a small blue and white geometric icon to the right.

Ballerina Tutu

Skill level – Beginner/Easy

Fabric by Verna Mosquera
Project by Shannon Dennis

Technique:	Straight Stich, Gathered Stitch
Brand:	FreeSpirit Fabrics
Crafting time:	An Evening

Project designed and sewn by Shannon Dennis, The fun and beauty of quilting and sewing is to take a project and make it your own with the fabric of your choice. While this collection may no longer be available we encourage you to find fabrics you like and make it your own!

Size:

One size fits all.

Fabric requirements:

Fabric from the Piourette collection.

1/2 yard (45.72cm) of 3 coordinating FreeSpirit Piourette by Verna Mosquera fabrics

1-1/2 yard (1.37m) of large hole (French) tulle

Cutting Requirements:

Layer 1: tear fabric 13" x 40" (33.02cmx1.02m)

PWVM087 Little Bouque, Ruby

Layer 2: tear fabric 11" x 40" (27.94cmx1.02m) and 4" x 40" (10.16cmx1.02m)

PWVM085 Swiss Dot, Moss

Layer 3: tear fabric 8" x 40" (20.32cmx1.02m)

PWVM081 Climbing Rose, Pink

From Tulle cut:

two 6" x 40" (15.24cmx1.02m)

one 9" (2.86cm)

one 12" (30.48cm)

one 13-1/2" (34.29cm)

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Additional Requirements:

1 yd. (91.44cm) of 2" (5.08cm) wide elastic
 Coordinating Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® all-purpose thread

Instructions:

Note: Seam allowance 1/2" (1.27cm) unless noted otherwise.

1. Along one torn edge of each of your layer fabrics stitch 3/8" (.95cm) from the raw edge. This will prevent them from unraveling while leaving the edge raw for a more shabby chic finish.



2. Pin each fabric layer right sides together to create a circle. Sew along the short edge. Press the seam and turn right side out. Sew each tulle layer together in the same manner.

3. On a flat surface layer the tutu in this order:

- 13 1/2" (34.29cm) tulle
- 13" (33.02cm) fabric
- 12" (30.48cm) tulle
- 11" (27.94cm) fabric
- 9" (2.86cm) tulle
- 8" (20.32cm) fabric

4. Baste these layers together along the top edge.

5. Sew the 4" x 40" (10.16cmx1.02m) strip right sides together along the short edge to create a circle for the elastic casing. Pin the casing to the top basted edge of the skirt right sides together. Sew in place.

6. Fold the remaining raw edge of the casing over 1/2" (1.27cm) and pin in place along the inside of the skirt at the stitching line. Topstitch in place leaving a 4" opening.



7. String the elastic through the casing using a safety pin and stitch the ends of the elastic securely together once you have made it completely through the casing. Close the opening in the casing by topstitching.



8. Gather the top edge of the 2 strips of 6" wide tulle. Pin in place on the right side of layer 2 approximately 7" (17.78cm) from the bottom of the layer. Stitch in place. This will give layer 1 a little more lift and allow the remaining two layers to not carry so much weight.

