

Every lady needs a nice pair of seamed stockings before she can consider herself well dressed, and our fashion dolls are no different! Fashion doll legs are very shapely, so of course their stockings are too. This easy and quick project will take only minutes of your time and you will end up with a pair (or a whole wardrobe of different colors) of perfect little thigh high stockings that stay up all by themselves.

**Materials:**

Sheer swimwear, glissinette, fishnet, or stretch lace (your old panty-hose work great too)

White tissue paper for tracing

A pencil to do your tracing

A sewing machine (or you could sew by hand if you like)

Thread to match your fabric color

Let's make it easy! You won't cut out the stockings until AFTER they are sewn! If you tried out the glove-making project in the last issue of Doll Reader, you will already be familiar with the method.

First you need a simple pattern of course, so choose a size from among the four offered here that would fit your doll. Keep in mind that the fabric will be very stretchy and you don't want your stockings to fit loosely.

**(STOCKING PATTERNS)**

The lines shown on the pattern are the sewing lines, not the cutting lines! Do not cut out the pattern after tracing it on to your tissue paper. The paper will tear off the fabric after sewing.

To make one pair, cut a piece of fabric with the stretch on the width:

Tiny Kitty or Barbie – 6" x 8"

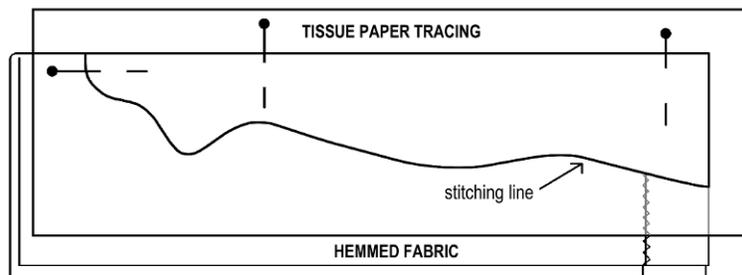
Tyler, Gene, Alex, etc. – 8" x 9"

Kitty – 9" x 11"

Cissy – 11" x 12"

Trace the stocking outline on to two small sheets of tissue paper.

1. Fold and press  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (1/2" for Tiny Kitty) stocking top along the top edge (stretch edge).
2. Using a small zigzag stitch, hem the stocking top.
3. Cut the hemmed fabric in half so you have a hemmed stocking top on each half.
4. Right sides together, fold the fabric in half with the hemmed edge at the top.
5. Pin the tissue pattern to the fabric with the straight edge along the fold and the top line of the pattern even with the top of the hemmed edge of the fabric.



6. Starting at the top, straight stitch the entire curved seam of the stocking from top to bottom.
7. Tear off the tissue paper.
8. Trim the seam down to 1/16".
9. Using a small zigzag, finish the raw edge of the seam.
10. Turn the stocking right side out.

Voila! Perfect Stockings in minutes!