Pearl Embellished & Embroidered Lace Fashion Doll Gown Tutorial

1.Layer the skirt fabrics.
Place the sheer or transparent embellished skirt fabric over the solid skirt fabric, carefully matching the edges. Pin the two layers together so they can be handled as one skirt piece.

2.Gather the waist of the skirt.
Sew temporary running stitches along the waist edge through both layers of the skirt. Gently pull the thread to gather the fabric until the skirt waist matches the width of the bodice waistline. Spread the gathers evenly.

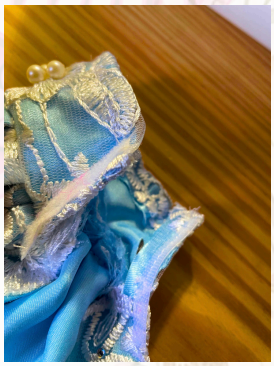
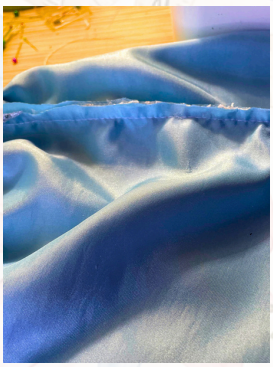
3.Layer and stitch the bodice fabrics.
Place the sheer or transparent embellished bodice fabric over the solid bodice fabric, matching the edges. Pin the layers together, then stitch around the edges to secure them as one bodice piece. *** **Skip this step if your bodice is made from only one layer of fabric.**

4.Attach the skirt to the bodice.
Place the gathered skirt and bodice with the right sides facing each other. Line up the waist edges, pin or clip them in place, then stitch across the waist to securely join the pieces.

5.Remove the temporary gathering stitches.
Once the waist seam is securely stitched, carefully remove the temporary running stitches from the skirt without disturbing the permanent waist stitches.

6.Hem the bottom of the skirt if necessary.
Fold the bottom edges of the skirt layers towards the wrong side to create a neat hem. Pin or press them in place, then carefully stitch along the folded edge. ***** Skip this next if your fabric does not require hemming for the skirting.**

7.Hem the bodice.
Fold the top edge of the bodice towards the wrong side to create a small, neat hem. Pin or clip it in place, then stitch along the folded edge, keeping both layers smooth.

8.Add the Velcro closure.
Position one piece of Velcro along each side of the back opening. Start at the top of the bodice and extend the Velcro slightly below the waistline onto the beginning of the skirt. Stitch securely around the edges of each piece. *****Always fit the project onto your doll before permanently attaching the Velcro. Fold and pin the fabric at both sides of the back opening until you achieve the fit you want, then stitch the Velcro securely in place.**

9.Close the back of the skirt.
With the right sides of the skirt facing each other, line up the back edges below the Velcro opening, keeping both fabric layers aligned. Stitch from just below the Velcro down to the bottom of the skirt to close the dress.