Retro Polka Dot Fashion Doll Dress Sewing Tutorial

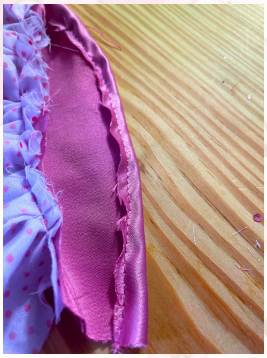
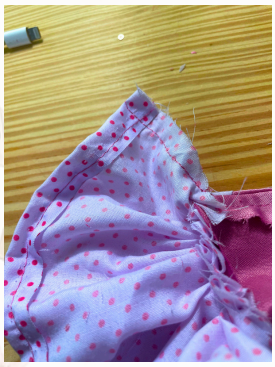
1.Gather the waist of the skirt.
Sew temporary running stitches along the waist edge of the skirt. Gently pull the thread to gather the fabric until the skirt waist matches the width of the bodice waistline. Spread the gathers evenly across the waist.

2.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 two pieces.

3.Remove the temporary gathering stitches.
Once the waist seam is securely stitched, carefully remove the temporary running stitches used to create the gathers. Take care not to pull or cut the permanent waist stitches.

4.Hem the bottom of the skirt.
Fold the bottom edge of the skirt towards the wrong side of the fabric to create a neat hem. Pin or press the fold in place, then stitch along the folded edge.

5.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.

6.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.**

7.Close the back of the skirt.
With the right sides of the skirt facing each other, line up the two back edges below the Velcro opening. Stitch them together from just below the Velcro down to the bottom of the skirt to close the dress..