

Diary Of A Novice Sewist: Patchwork Dress

Description



Patchwork Dress Made with IL020 CORAL Softened / IL019 IRIS Softened / IL020 SILVER LILAC Softened and striped cotton fabric. Photo: Karoline Frank

Just in time before the summer is over I made my new absolutely favorite summer dress. A few weeks ago I managed to have a whole weekend off. No work, no baby, nothing. Just me â?? getting up whenever I want, staying up late, watching trash TV and sewing until my machine starts to smoke â?? metaphorically speaking. All of that with ordered food and voilÃ â?? thatâ??s my perfect me- time.
So â?? my fabric was washed, the pattern printed and cut out â?? I even had some new blades for my roll cutter (who am I??)!



Patchwork Dress Made with IL020 CORAL Softened / IL019 IRIS Softened / IL020 SILVER LILAC Softened and striped cotton fabric. Photo: Karoline Frank

I started with the stars. I remembered which size I made them the last time for my blouse (which I wrote about here) and knew that I wanted them to be bigger this time. So I cut the fabric (like butter â?? I always forget how extremely nice it is to cut with fresh and sharp blades) and sewed the first pieces together. Turns out â?? adding 5 cm to every quarter doesnâ??t make the stars â??a bitâ?• bigger. To be a bit more clear â?? those were some big a** stars. Not exactly what I was planning to end up with, but I looooooved them! I ended up changing the whole plan for the dress again. And to be completely honest â?? I love when my projects develop and grow. To start something and allow yourself to change direction isnâ??t always easy but always feels so liberating to me.



Patchwork Dress Made with IL020 CORAL Softened / IL019 IRIS Softened / IL020 SILVER LILAC Softened and striped cotton fabric. Photo: Karoline Frank

So letâ??s talk about the process:

My original plan was to sew that extremely gorgeous new pattern by Flora Child. Itâ??s her first pattern for adults but she is one of the best go-to for kids pattern wear. The dress is short and has long flowy sleeves with a loose neckline. You can also use the pattern for a blouse. Super cute. (There is even a version for children as well, so HELLO cute Mini-Me outfits!)



Patchwork Dress Made with IL020 CORAL Softened / IL019 IRIS Softened / IL020 SILVER LILAC Softened and striped cotton fabric. Photo: Karoline Frank

The stars should be unevenly spread across the dress with an uni-colored background. And now you can probably see the problem. How could I spread these stars if one star alone took up nearly the same length as the whole dress? â?¦yeahâ?¦ that was not going to work.
So I thought Iâ??ll just sew the whole dress out of these big stars. BUT â?? not so fast. One star wouldnâ??t have been big enough for the whole front/back, two would have been too big and wouldnâ??t have had enough fabric for the sleeves. So I ended up on Pinterest â?? and thatâ??s where I came across a dress I saved last year. Itâ??s a dress by La Reunion and it looks completely different from the dress I ended up sewing. But itâ??s the same vibe and it just inspired me to sew my dress the way I did.



Patchwork Dress Made with IL020 CORAL Softened / IL019 IRIS Softened / IL020 SILVER LILAC Softened and striped cotton fabric. Photo: Karoline Frank

In the end, I used the top part of the Chloe Maxi Dress by Makyla Creates and added 4 stars gathered as the skirt. And Iâ??m so proud of how it turned out. I really enjoyed this whole journey and I LOVE the way the dress looks and flows.

So as cheesy as it might sound â?? donâ??t forget to just go with the flow from time to time!

Bussi Sophie

PS: I used IL020 CORAL Softened / IL019 IRIS Softened / IL020 SILVER LILAC Softened. The striped fabric is deadstock and from my stash. Itâ??s 100% cotton and not from fabrics-store â?? but it fit so perfectly with the other colors so I used it.

PPS: All photos are analog by my talented â??littleâ?• sister Karoline Frank

CATEGORY

1. COMMUNITY

Category

1. COMMUNITY

Date Created
September 4, 2022
Author
sophie-frank