



Bold, Bright and Beautiful: Fabric That Will Get You A Date

## Description



## Self Drafted Dress in Faille Artemina Lilac Snow

When I first laid eyes on [this fabric](#) my heart beat faster. It's rare to find large scale print fabrics. To see the scale of this print combined with this gorgeous floral, it was the fulfillment of my fabric daydream.

Since sewing this dress, some evidence would suggest I'm not the only one taken with this floral daydream either. I whipped up some puffy sleeves and wore the dress to photograph a wedding. It didn't take long for the great aunt of the bride to start talking about sewing after she saw my dress. She regaled me with her (extensive) sewing and millinery accomplishments. At the reception she excitedly waved me over and asked me to write my number on a piece of scrap paper. She invited me to visit New York and asked twice where to buy this fabric. A little later, to my surprise, the collecting of numbers wasn't over. The most handsome of groomsmen gently pulled me aside and said, "I don't want to be unprofessional, but would it be okay with you if I asked for your number?" I was chuffed.





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But if you aren't convinced yet, I have more evidence! Later that week I found myself listening to a firefighter give a fire safety talk to a group of 20 sunburned children at summer camp. I was there filming an advertisement video for the camp organization. It wasn't the ideal situation to be wearing this dress. But the camp is situated along a beautiful river. I wanted to capture some shots of the dress in the sand after filming. So, there I was, puffed sleeved. At the end of the day, I ran into Mr. Firefighter as he was returning children's lost backpacks. We talked for a few minutes. Maybe more than a few minutes. He told me how fulfilling it was to serve people and the community through his profession. I ran out of time to take photos of my dress as we talked, but it was worth it because as we said goodbye, he neatly printed his name and number on a pink post-it note and handed it to me. As I said, this fabric is a big hit!





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Aside from being an excellent number magnet, this fabric is fun to wear. It has a firmness to it that lends great structure to features like puffy sleeves. It is deliciously thick while being soft and flexible. The print is non-directional which makes it easier to squeeze in as many pattern pieces as possible along the grainline.





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This dress pattern is self-drafted and modeled after a dress my friend let me wear for an NYE party last winter. I enjoyed wearing it so much I wanted to have a similar dress in my wardrobe for future parties. If you'd like to make one, the [free Mona trapeze dress pattern](#) would be a good base pattern. Narrow the lower portion of the dress so it's more of a rectangle than a trapeze, add some puff puff puff sleeves, and sew on a gathered collar. That should get you pretty close to the lines of this dress. And the great thing about puffy sleeves is they are forgiving. They don't have to be perfect. But they are fun to sew, fun to try on, very fun to wear.



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If this fabric makes your heart beat faster, either because you like the print and make a brilliant piece of clothing or because people old and young are asking for your number while wearing it, please share your story in the comments below!

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