

LITTLE DRESSES & SHORTS FOR AFRICA

Service Project for 2013 State Fashion Revue



Children around the world need our help with the most basic items including clothing. If you can sew, then you can help!

What are we sewing? Dresses for girls of woven cotton with elastic tops and bias tape ties and shorts for boys made from purchased cotton t-shirts.

Skill level: intermediate

Supplies:

- For a dress - about 1 yard of cotton fabric or a new pillowcase, 1/2 yard of 1/4" elastic and 2 yards of 1/2" double fold bias tape. See instructions for specific amounts. Be creative and add fun trims or decorations.
- For the shorts: a purchased adult-size t-shirt and 1 yard waistband elastic or drawstring. This is a good serger project. The t-shirt can have a logo as long as it is appropriate for children.

Where do we deliver the dresses & shorts we have made?

- You can bring the dresses and shorts to State Fashion Revue on May 25, 2013 at Olson Hall, U.C. Davis.
- You can also mail them yourself to Little Dresses for Africa at 24614 Curtis Drive Brownstown, MI 48134 . If you mail yours, please let us know how many so we can add them to our count. We would love to have a photo of your contribution too!
- Please note the size of the dresses (S, M, L, XL). One suggestion is to roll a group of dresses that are the same size into a 2 gallon ziplok bag and label the bag (Ex: 6 size Small dresses)

For instructions:

- To make the dresses from pillowcases: <http://www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/pillow-case-pattern/> .
- To make the dresses from fabric: http://www.nancysnotions.com/text/pdf/LittleDressesforAfrica_pattern.pdf
- To make the shorts: <http://www.nancyzieman.com/blog/nancys-corner/britches-for-boys-in-africa/>
- The Little Dresses for Africa website is <http://www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/>

The links are also on the State Fashion Revue website: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>
For more information, contact Alanna at merriven@aol.com

Thank you for helping us help other children, one little dress at a time!



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