

Entry #13

I am 12 and in the 6th grade. I entered the contest last year and had a great time. This year I wanted to make an outfit for spring since our winter had been so long and dreary. I chose Simplicity 2284 and another pattern for a matching dress. I knew I wanted a border print for the dress and found a perfect one in Portland. The other fabrics were easy to choose after I chose a focus print.

I modified the pattern in many ways. I shortened the jacket so more of the dress would be visible. I changed the front to make it an asymmetric overlapping front. I thought it made it look modern and stylish. I used large snaps to close it. I can wear the jacket with the front completely overlapped or with the top of the flap folded down to show the lining inside. I put a Kanzashi flower as an accent. I made my first covered button as its center. I added a contrasting ruffle to the entire border of the jacket and to the sleeve ends. The ruffle is higher at the back of the neck and tapers to the front. Ruffles are on the front pockets too. I had fun with the lining. I made it in a bright hot pink material. I put a machine embroidered flower above the inside pleat for a decorative touch. I added hot pink piping to my dress to match the lining of my jacket. I moved the zipper from size to back.

I learned about modifying patterns and tailoring during this project. I found hot pink earrings and sandals to pull it together. When I wear this outfit I feel ready for a garden party!