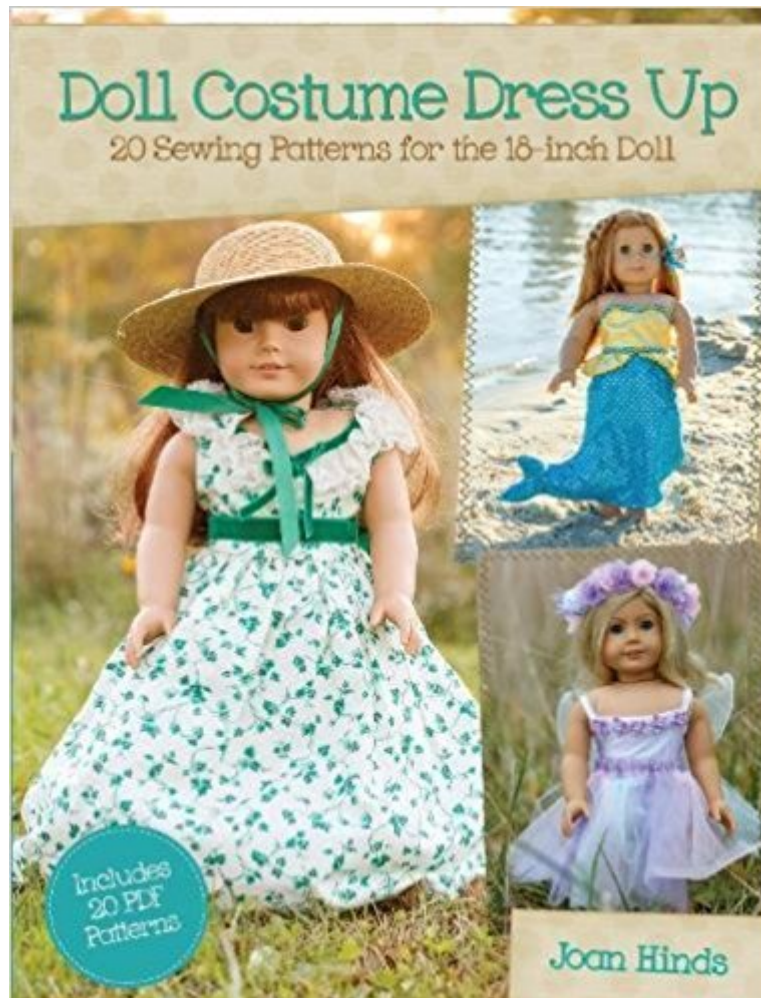




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# Doll Costume Dress Up: 20 Sewing Patterns For The 18-inch Doll



## Synopsis

Dress up your doll! From super hero to princess, pumpkin to mermaid, these adorable doll costumes for the 18-inch doll will ignite your child's imagination. Beloved author Joan Hinds brings together a collection of twenty fun and creative costumes, letting children enjoy the magic of dress-up with their dolls year round. 20 costumes plus accessories for the 18-inch doll. Clearly illustrated instructions for simple sewing. Bonus child-sized mask pattern to make with your daughter. Includes a CD-rom with full-size PDF patterns.

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## Customer Reviews

Joan Hinds, owner of Fancywork and Fashion, co-authored seven doll costume pattern books with her former partner Jean Becker, and is the author *All Dolled Up* and *Doll Fashion Studio*. Joan continues to design costumes for dolls, and she also teaches needlework and sewing around the country for shops and guilds. She appeared on the PBS series *America Sews with Sue Hausmann*. Joan also is an avid collector of embroidery and textile folk art from around the world. She attends 3-4 major industry shows a year.

I bought this book because I wanted to make the witch costume. However the finished dress does NOT look like the photos in the book! The dress in the photos used the skirt pattern TWICE for a fuller skirt though the instructions have you cut each skirt piece only once. The skirt from the book shows 3 points in the orange dotted fabric showing at the front while the pattern piece itself only has

3 total, distributed between front and back. I have uploaded photos to demonstrate the drastic difference from the example photo as a result of following the pattern. It is also obvious that the skirt and cuffs were further trimmed after the dress was finished and are shorter than the pattern. The front and back are not the same length in their photo though they are the same length in the patterns. This is such a disappointment. I'll have to rip the seam, cut additional fabric, and re-do the skirt. The photo MUST illustrate the finished garment - it's what's expected. It's enough to test and alter patterns for fit, but to have to double check to see if they even followed their own pattern is asking too much.

Designs are 5-star, but gave it a four because though I love the patterns, they are not printed out in books like others of her series. Instead they come on a disk and must be calibrated to the right size, a problem for us old folks! Not sure I'll be able to do it, but am working on the problem.

I took Joan's Craftsby class on making clothes for 18" dolls and wanted some more of her patterns. I prefer patterns that are downloaded or on cd, so that I can print them off with my own printer at home. This book comes with the patterns on cd. There are lovely photo examples of each outfit with plenty of written instructions and illustrations to get you through each step quickly and easily.

great ideas.

had a pattern I was really looking for to go with a child pattern that looked almost the same.  
G-daughter is going to be happy!!!

Clear concise instructions. Great ideas with manufacturers sewing techniques. You can also watch Sewing with Nancy for some of the construction techniques. I have a granddaughter that is going to love this.

Joan Hinds doll clothes pattern books are always my favorites. I go back to her designs again and again. This latest one is no exception. Who wouldn't love a mermaid..... I am so glad to have the included pattern CD. It saves me the bother of photocopying the patterns. And, for those of you who haven't worked much with CDs, there is a helpful set of instructions about how to print out the patterns.

I should have read the books info better before ordering this way back in January. So for anyone else that does want the patterns printed in the book, You won't find them in this book... You have to print them yourself from a CD. Not what I wanted or expected. I am Very Disappointed and I hope this saves others from the same disappointment. One should not have to print out patterns from a book costing this much. Not everyone has a computer or printer.

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