

# RIBBON SHIRT

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The following instructions will build a ribbonshirt which should fit an average size man, one who might comfortably wear a size "large" tee-shirt. (See Straight Dance article for more information.)

**SUPPLY LIST** - 3¼ yards of at least 45" wide fabric; 4 yards of 1" satin ribbon for the yoke and neck opening; 1½ yards of ¼" satin ribbon for the cuffs; 2 yards of 1½" satin ribbon for arm band drops to match shirt ribbons; Hook and eye for the neck and snaps for the cuffs.

## CONSTRUCTION

1. Cut out the shirt using the dimensions in fig.1. If the fabric has a directional design, cut the body piece in half, turn and sew together with ½" seam allowance. Press seam open. This prevents the pattern from being upside-down on the back of the shirt.
2. Turn the raw edge of the long side of the yoke under ¼". Center the yoke on top of the body of the shirt and place 1" x 40" ribbon under yoke, leaving only a ¼" showing. Sew in place.
3. Cut out the neck hole and cut the 6" front slit. The widest part of the neck hole template should be centered on the yoke. Slightly fold back sides of front slit and face with two 1" x 16" pieces of ribbon. Bind neck hole and add a hook and eye at the top of the opening.
4. Do a shirt-tail hem around the bottom edge of the sleeve and 9" up each side. Pleat or ruffle the ends of the sleeves, then sew on the cuff. Sew two ¼" ribbons on top of the long, raw edge of the cuff. Add a third ribbon to center of cuff if desired. Complete the cuffs with buttons or snaps to make it snug around the wrists.
5. Using a ½" seam allowance, sew the sleeves to the body of the shirt. Remember to fold excess yoke ribbons

to the inside so that they show on the finished product. Note: a gusset can be added in the armpit for added comfort by adding a 5" fabric square.

6. Sew up the sleeves starting at 8 ½" from the end and continue pivoting at the armpit and sewing down the side of shirt stopping 4" from the bottom. Put a shirt-tail hem on the bottom of the shirt and side splits. Trim all ribbon drop ends with an inverted chevron.

