

GYPSY IN MY SOUL

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Design Inspiration

This ensemble was inspired by a pretty ruffled vest seen at a sewing show. The vest had rows of gathered ruffles across the front. I decided to cover the whole front of my vest with ruffles. The multi-tiered skirt seemed like the natural accompaniment to the top.

Fabrics

Vest: assorted cotton and rayon prints, 100 % raw silk back and base.

Skirt: assorted cotton and rayon prints.

Embellishments

Vest: ruffle edges serger finished with decorative rayon thread.

Patterns

Vest: Butterick 4683.

Skirt: Simplicity 8800.

Special Sewing Techniques

The ruffles for the vest are finished with a 3-thread serged stitch using decorative thread. They are gathered and stitched to the base fabric of the vest fronts in closely packed rows. The edges of the vest are finished with bias binding. The skirt has been broomstick pleated for additional texture.