

ROSES AT MIDNIGHT

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Design Inspiration

My design goal for this ensemble was to complement the charcoal silk with a subtle, delicate embellishment in keeping with the Asian style of the garments. I accented the interesting lines of the funnel-neck top with rose embroideries. The side pockets on the pants have a similar accent.

Fabrics

Top and pants: 100% silk shantung.

Top lining: 100% rayon Bemberg.

Pants lining: 100% silk organza.

Embellishments

Machine embroidery designs from Viking card # 17.

Patterns

Top: Vogue 2363.

Pants: McCalls 9233.

Special Sewing Techniques

The machine embroidery designs were combined and edited in software so that they would fit exactly along the neckline of the top and the side pocket of the pants. The pieces were embroidered first, and the garments then cut out and constructed. The top is fully lined and the pants are underlined with silk organza for additional body.