

Adorable “US Uniform”





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Materials Needed

- 3–4 yards of lightweight flowing fabric (silk, satin, or polyester blend in royal blue, or other pretty color)
 - Matching thread
 - 1 invisible zipper (optional, for side closure)
 - Interfacing for collar and cuffs
 - 1 set of snap buttons or hook/eye closures for belt and satchel
 - Fabric for detachable satchel (same or complementary color)
 - Sewing machine, scissors, pins, iron
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Dress/Robe Design Instructions

1. Bodice (Top Section):

- Use the wrap-front style of your original top as the pattern.
- Extend the bodice length slightly for comfort and modesty (approx. 2–3 inches).
- Add darts at bust/waist for shaping if needed.
- Finish neckline with a facing or lining for clean edges.

2. Sleeves:

- Draft long sleeves with slight puff at the wrist.
- Add cuffs (2 inches wide), reinforced with interfacing.
- Optionally insert elastic into cuffs for flexibility.

3. Waist & Belt Loops:

- Sew belt loops at the side seams (waistline).
- Cut a long sash (6–8 inches wide, length 2.5–3 yards).
- This sash can wrap around waist and tie at front/side.

4. Skirt (Robe/Dress Body):

- Attach a flared A-line skirt to the bodice.
- Skirt length can be knee, midi, or floor length depending on preference.
- Add side seam pockets if desired.
- Optionally, insert a hidden zipper at the left side seam for easy dressing.

5. Detachable Satchel:

- Cut a small rectangle (approx. 7 x 9 inches) and fold in half for pouch.
- Sew along sides, leaving top open.
- Create a flap closure with snap button or hook.
- Attach loops on back of pouch so it can slide onto the belt.

6. Assembly:

- Sew bodice pieces together at shoulders and sides.
- Attach sleeves to armholes.
- Sew skirt panels together and attach to bodice.
- Finish neckline and hem.
- Insert optional zipper.
- Create belt and detachable satchel.

Styling Notes

- The detachable satchel serves both as a functional pouch (for prayer beads, small book, or tokens) and a ceremonial accent for parade/worship.
- You can swap out the sash for a more ornate belt (embellished with embroidery, beads, or metallic threads) for formal occasions.
- The robe works as both a prayer garment (with modest coverage) and a statement piece for gatherings.

Here's a sewing pattern layout diagram for the wrap dress with detachable satchel.

Each shape shows the key garment pieces you'll need to cut from fabric:

- Blue → Bodice (wrap front style, cut 2 and overlap)
- Green → Sleeves (cut 2)
- Red → Skirt (A-line, cut 2 panels front & back)
- Purple → Belt/Sash (long rectangle, cut 1)
- Orange → Detachable Satchel (cut 2 + flap piece)

Here's a step-by-step assembly guide with visuals for your wrap dress with detachable satchel:

Step 1: Sew the bodice pieces together at shoulders and sides (wrap overlap in front).

Step 2: Attach the sleeves to the armholes, then close sleeve seams.

Step 3: Sew the A-line skirt panels together, then attach to the bodice.

Step 4: Add the belt/sash at the waist. Slide the detachable satchel onto the belt.

US Uniform Spaghetti Strap Dress with Detachable Satchel

Design Adjustments

1. Bodice (Top Section):

- Keep the wrap-front style but remove sleeves and armholes.
- Shape armholes with a smooth curve for comfort.
- Add thin spaghetti straps ($\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide) that attach at the top of the bodice front and back.
- Optionally line the bodice for strength and to conceal strap seams.

2. Skirt:

- Keep the flowing A-line cut for a robe/dress look.
- Length can be maxi, midi, or knee-length depending on use (prayer vs. parade).
- Add side seam pockets if desired.

3. Belt & Loops:

- Sew belt loops into side seams at the waist.

- Use the same long sash belt (6–8 inches wide, 2.5–3 yards long) to cinch the waist.

4. Detachable Satchel:

- Same pouch design (approx. 7 × 9 in).
- Back loops allow it to slide onto the sash belt.

Sewing Instructions

1. Bodice:

- Cut two wrap-front panels + one back panel.
- Sew shoulder seams and side seams.
- Finish neckline with facing or bias tape.
- Attach spaghetti straps at front and back (secure with topstitching).

2. Skirt:

- Sew front and back skirt panels together.
- Gather or pleat waistline slightly to fit bodice.
- Attach skirt to bodice.

3. Belt & Satchel:

- Create sash belt.
- Sew detachable satchel and slide onto belt.

Styling Notes

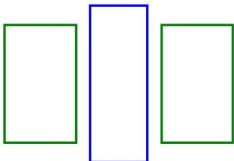
- This version is lighter, breezier, and elegant — ideal for warm-weather ceremonies, processions, or meditation.
- Can be dressed up with embroidery, beads, or lace on straps and sash.
- Still retains modest robe-like flow while offering flexibility for less formal settings.

Step-by-Step Assembly Guide - Wrap Dress with Detachable Satchel

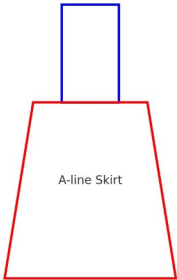
Step 1: Sew Bodice Pieces



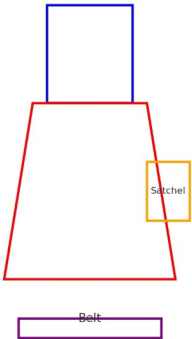
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Step 3: Attach Skirt



Step 4: Add Belt & Satchel



Sewing Pattern Layout - Wrap Dress with Satchel

