

Pre Raphaelite Cloak and Coronet

Adornments, hairnets, jewelry, chatelaines, beaded purses and soft embroidered shoes. Pre Raphaelite ladies, just as today, dressed to the latest fashions. Covered in embroideries and studded with gems, the gowns and accessories sparkled in a richness we can only dream of.

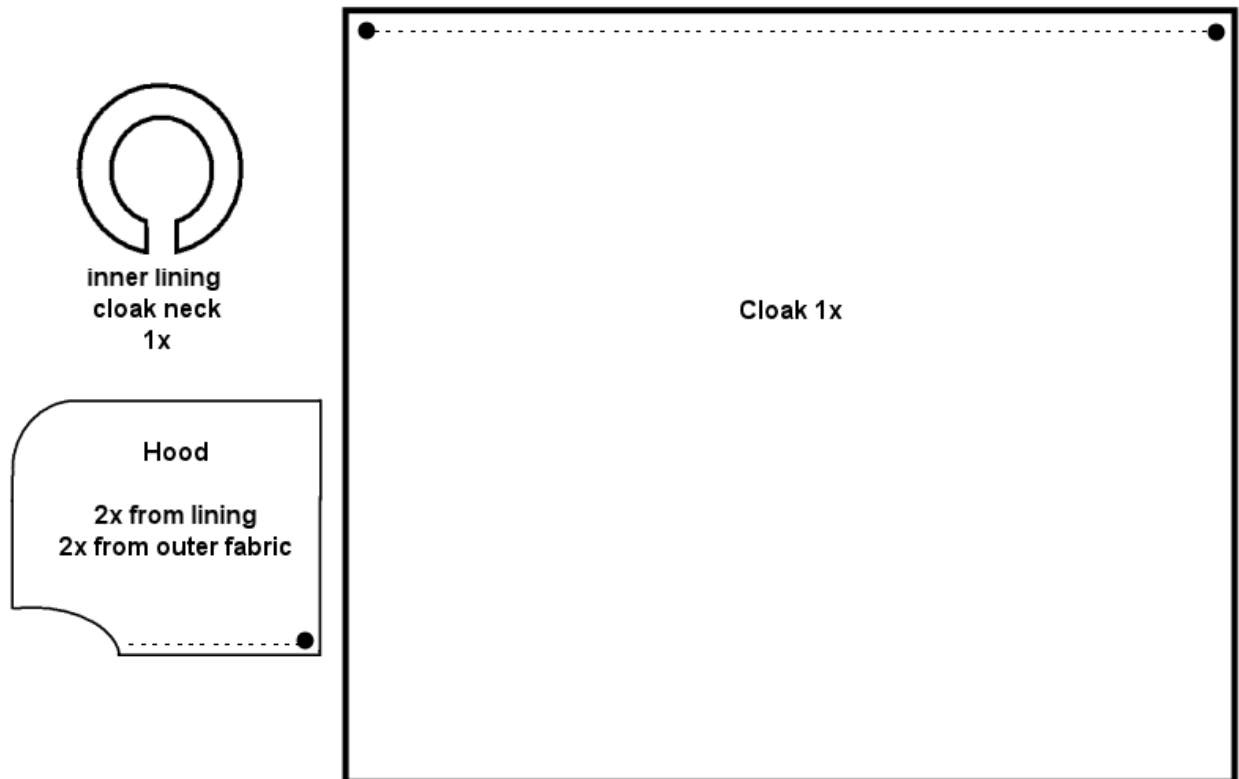
Two items would certainly have been part of a lady's wardrobe would have been a coronet and a cloak, for which there are patterns below.

The Cloak

The cloak pattern let's you make a cloak without hood but a fur collar or a cloak with hood. *Remember to adjust the cloak length and resize the pattern to fit your doll.*

- Fabric - velvet or wool
- White fur – if the cloak has the fur collar
- Lining for the hood
- 2x Gold or jeweled tiny button to close cloak
- 1/2CM of gold chain
- Tread, needled, scissors, fraychek, black water fast felt pen

Pre-Raphaelite Cloak



Cut:

1x cloak pattern

2x hood from outer fabric and 2x hood from lining

OR

2x inner collar from fur, add approx 5MM to the outer side of the collar if you make the fur one

1x inner collar if you make the cloak with hood cut from a sturdier fabric as it needs to keep together the cloak and hood

Fray check all edges

Hooded cloak

1. Sew the hood from top to back of neck (left side of pattern), repeat for lining.
2. Hem the front of the cloak from black dot to bottom of cloak, hem bottom too.
3. Place the black dot on one side of the hood, on black dot of cape one side of the cape, right side together and sew till end of hoods dotted line. Repeat for other side.
4. Take a double thread and run a gathering stitch from one black dot on cape to the other, pull tight so that the remaining fabric is gathered enough to fit within the neck scoop of hood (left bottom side). Sew cape to remaining piece of hood, again right sides together
5. Place the wrong side of the hood lining against the right side of outer hood and stitch lining around the front edge (left side of pattern), turn and stitch with fine stitch along the neckline.
6. Now place one gold button/gemmed button on each black dot and string a small piece of matching colored chain between them, place cloak around doll before doing this or you will not be able to get her head through.

Cloak with fur collar

Complete step 2

- Take the 2 pieces of the collar and place right side together and sew (on outside of doughnut)
- Turn and sew the cloak to the bottom half of collar neckline, you might need to gather it a little more to fit smoothly.
- Sew top half of collar to cloak ensuring you have a neat finish

Complete step 6

- Take your black water proof marker and draw tiny black lines on the fur to represent the black lines on ermine fur

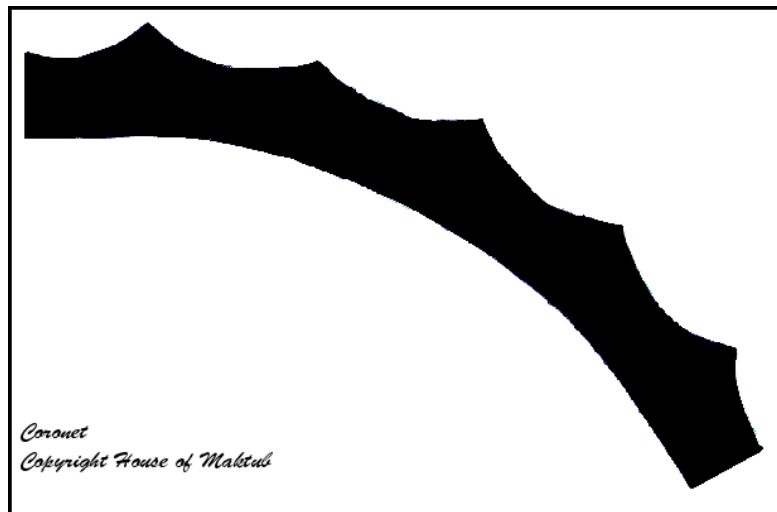
The Coronet

Needed:

- Glue
- a stylus with very fine ball
- a toothpick or 2
- small gems or tiny no hole beads in jewel colors
- a disposable pie tin
- a sharp pencil
- scissors to cut the pie tin with
- 2-3MM wide velvet ribbon (optional)



Measure your coronet for size once your doll is ready and wigged otherwise it might be too small.



Gather your supplies and glue your cut out pattern onto a piece of the pie thin with water soluble glue. You only want it there to make it easier to cut out, and then you can wash it off.

Add approx 2-3 MM hem (not shown on pattern) on the bottom of the crown, this is so you can fold the edge in (for a better look).

Once cut take off paper and rinse of glue, let dry.

You could design onto the paper crown a funky design to emboss on the coronet, if you do this, emboss the coronet before you wash off the paper.



Now cut the hem in just till it reaches the original pattern line, you need about 6 nips. While putting your fingernail at the inside carefully fold back each piece of the hem and press it down with the stylus.



Leave the hem on one end a little loose, once we close the coronet you stick the opposite end inside the hem, fold and press with stylus for some extra support.

Look at your embossing, and if needed pass over it once more to get a nice defined pattern. You can also rub the whole thing over a textured background (sandpaper?) to get a texture on the tin foil.

Take a cork and carefully wrap the coronet around it to round it, put some glue on one end and glue the other side against it. Remember to stick one end into the hem of the other and fold it closed.



Let dry.

Take coronet and test fit on your doll. Fits? Excellent! If it is too big glue a thin strip of fabric or velvet ribbon into the coronet to shrink the inside of the coronet a bit.

Now go crazy with your gems etc to decorate your coronet.



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