



## **DOTTY DIVA**

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Dotty Diva was inspired by my love for historic costume. I have always wanted to design a garment with panniers; however, I also wanted it to have a fun modern look. I accomplished this by making the skirt knee length and by using fun, unusual fabrics, including ball fringe and silk shantung that I dyed. The separate skirt is made of two layers of silk organza: one in black and red polka dot and the other in black. Twenty darts create the desired silhouette over the custom-built panniers. Due to the transparent nature of the fabric, French seams are used for the skirt construction.

Dotty Diva's bodice is made of fuchsia silk shantung with modified princess lines, is boned and fully lined, and laces up the back. The color scheme was inspired by Christian Lacroix's use of red and fuchsia.