



## LADY IN RED

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Spontaneously draping this designer level evening dress in actual fabric introduced a new approach to design and creativity. The idea of constructing a dress out of its original fabric with only one chance to do it created a problem which we were given to solve. Instructed to purchase 5 yards of a specific red fabric, mine being rayon matte jersey, I went to work and began to problem solve.

Using the incredible drape of the jersey, I took the full width of the fabric, 60 inches, and began to fold and tuck the material into its elegant shape. For the front of the dress, one corner of the jersey acts as a cover over the left bust, the other corner is lifted over to the right bust and is tucked to create a feminine flow across the body that drapes to the floor.

A problem arose with the lining of the dress. Doubling the jersey would disturb the drape and make the dress heavier and less airy, so I opted to create a built-in thong body suit with snaps made out of red tricot to finish off the dress.