Women's Madrigal Costume

Step by Step Design Guide

1. Select a dress bodice and skirt style.

2. Add additional details to the dress bodice and skirt.

3. Select a sleeve style. Add any desired trim details to the sleeves.

4. Select a headpiece style.

5. Decide if you want to do a one-piece dress or a two-piece dress.

6. Find out your velveteen color. Then choose a secondary fabric color and trim colors.

7. Select your actual secondary fabric and trims.

8. Decide on the placements and configurations of your trim. You may create a "trim set."

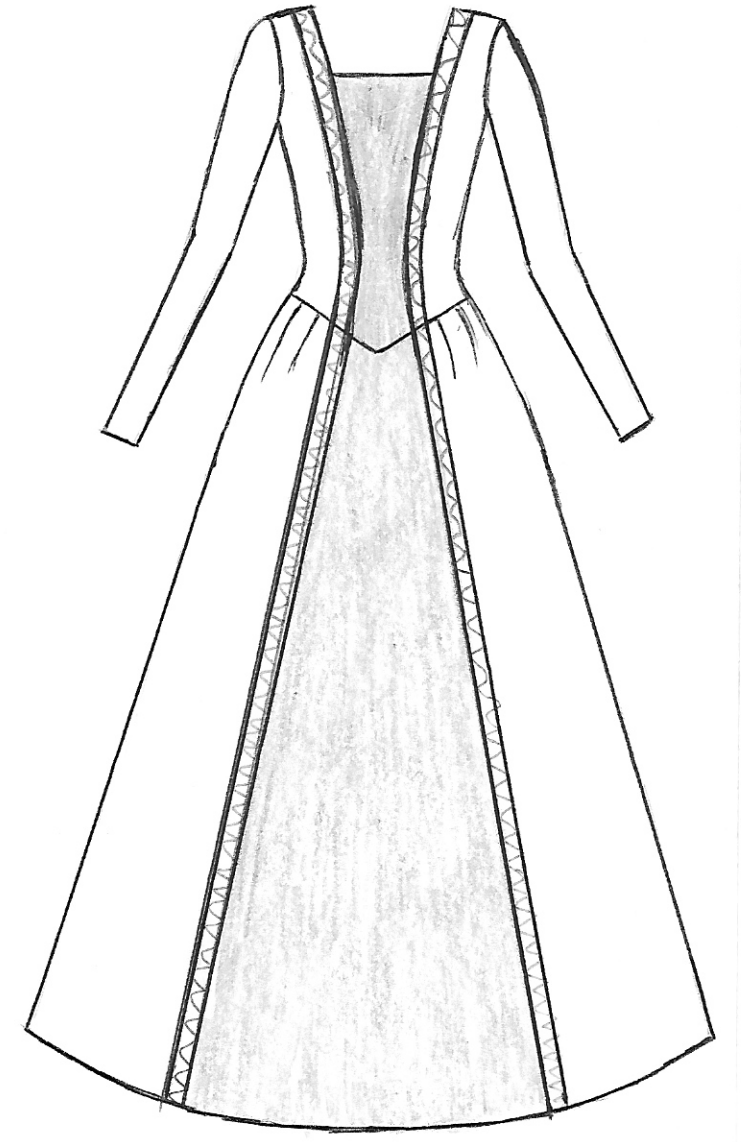
Trace the design elements from the following pages to create your own design sketch.

1. Select a dress bodice and skirt style.

Note: * Secondary fabric areas are shaded in gray.

*Sleeves are represented as a generic straight sleeve. Sleeve styles will be chosen at a later step.

*Trim placement is represented by:



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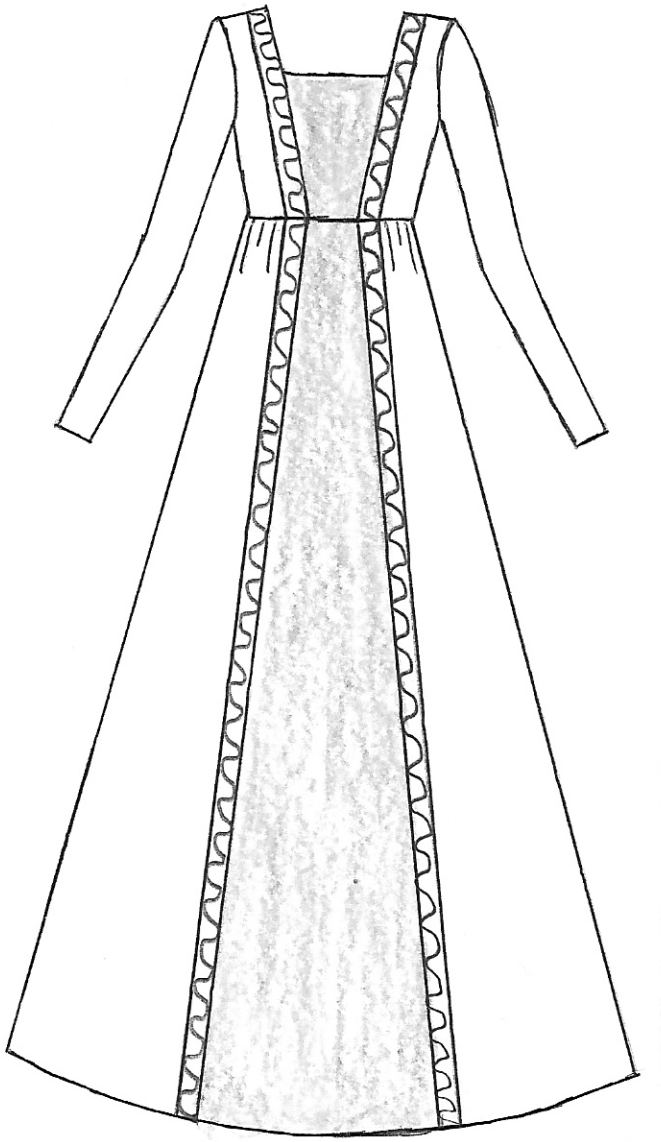

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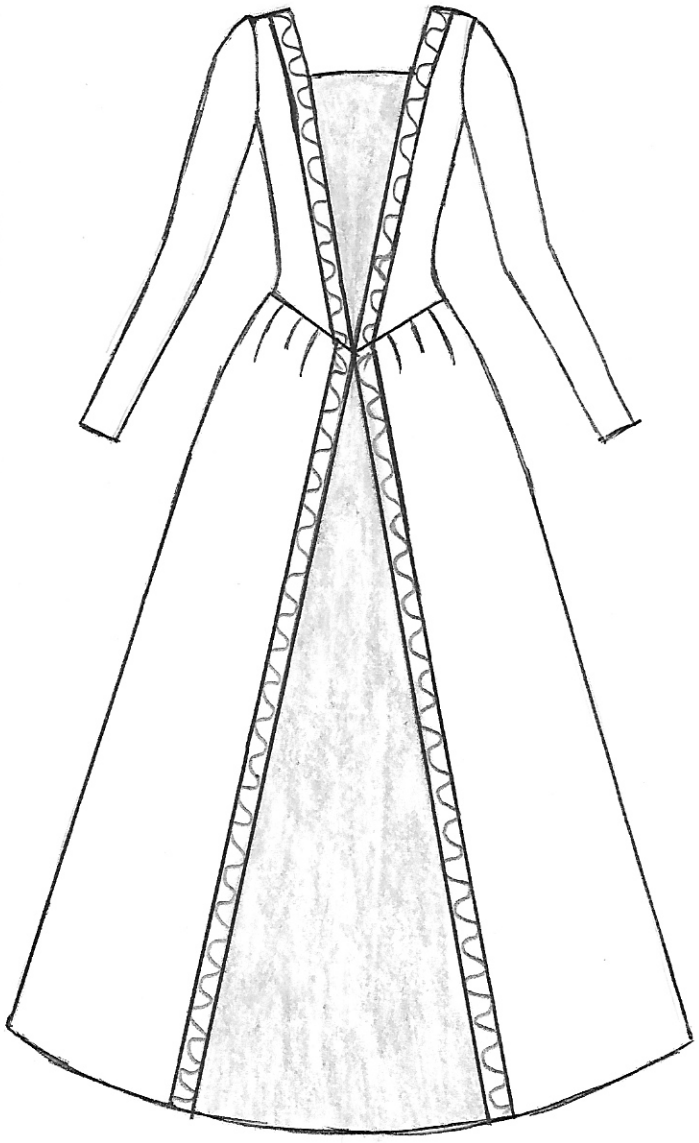

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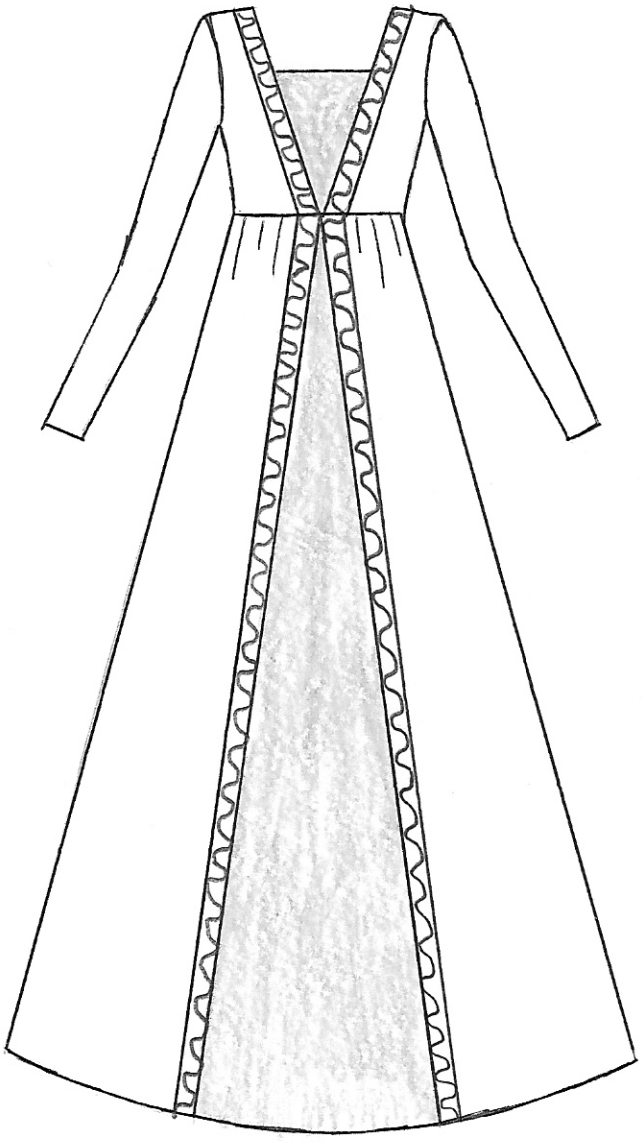

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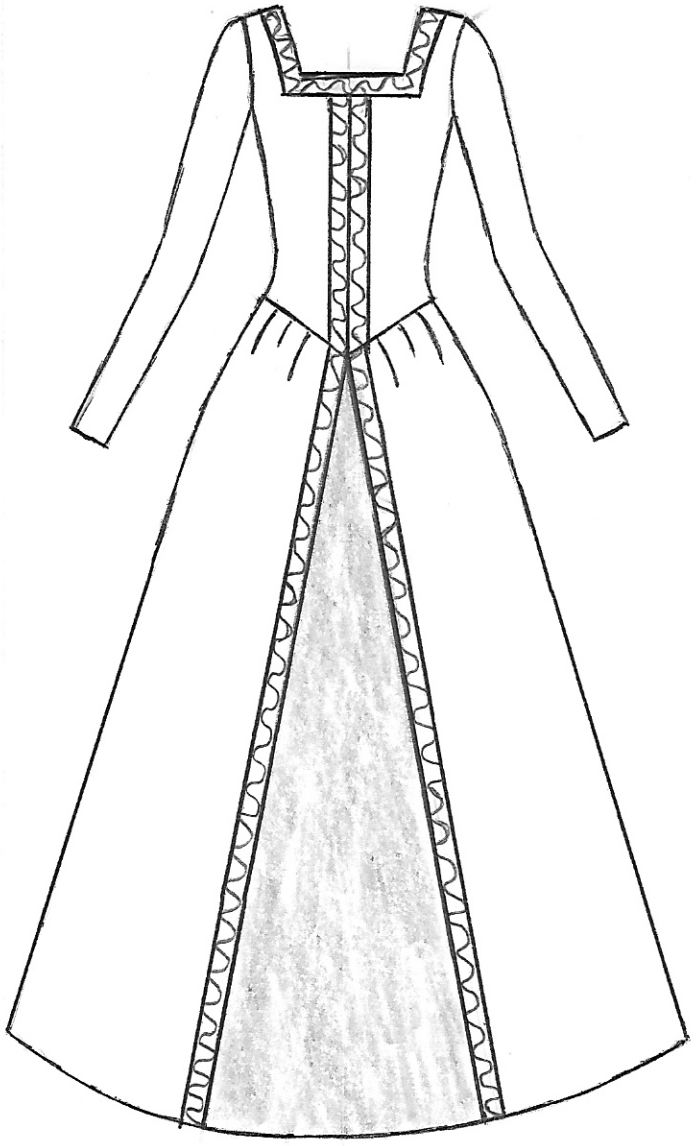

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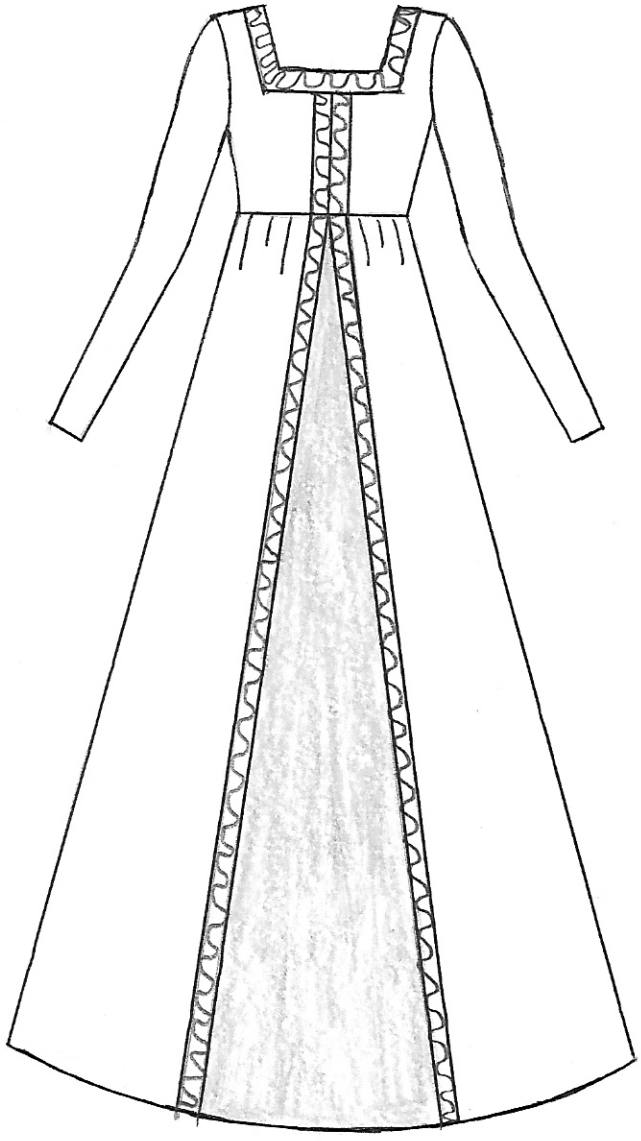

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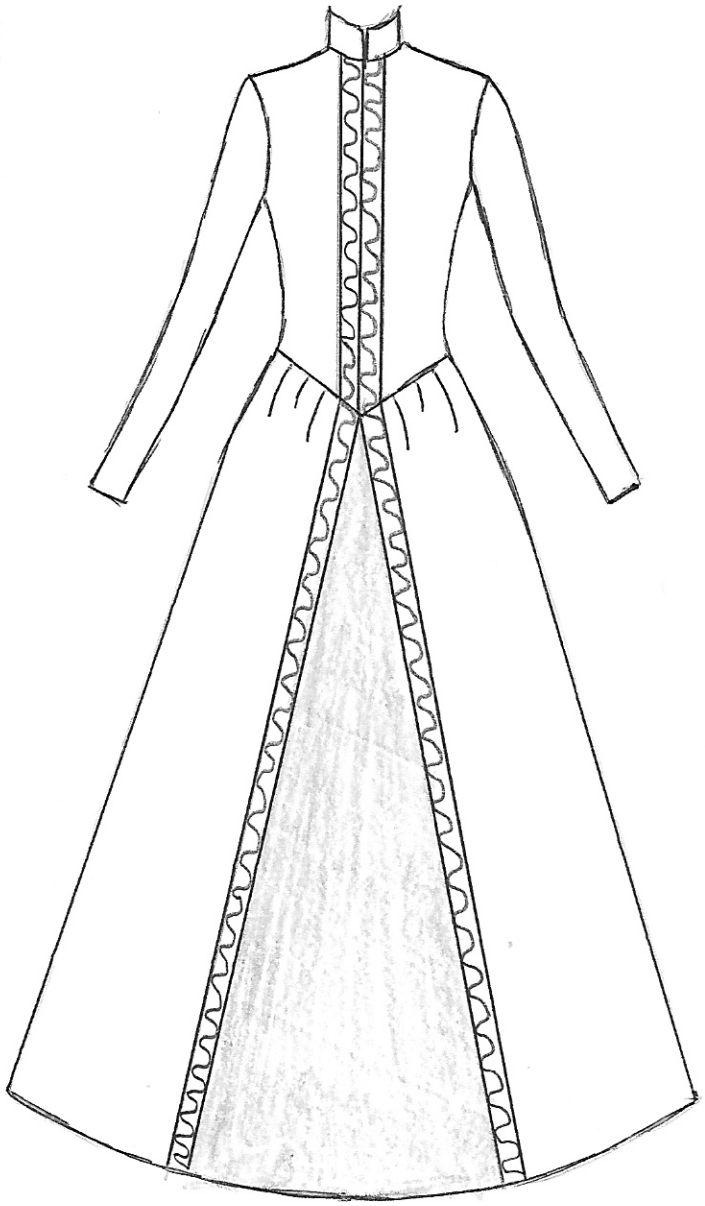

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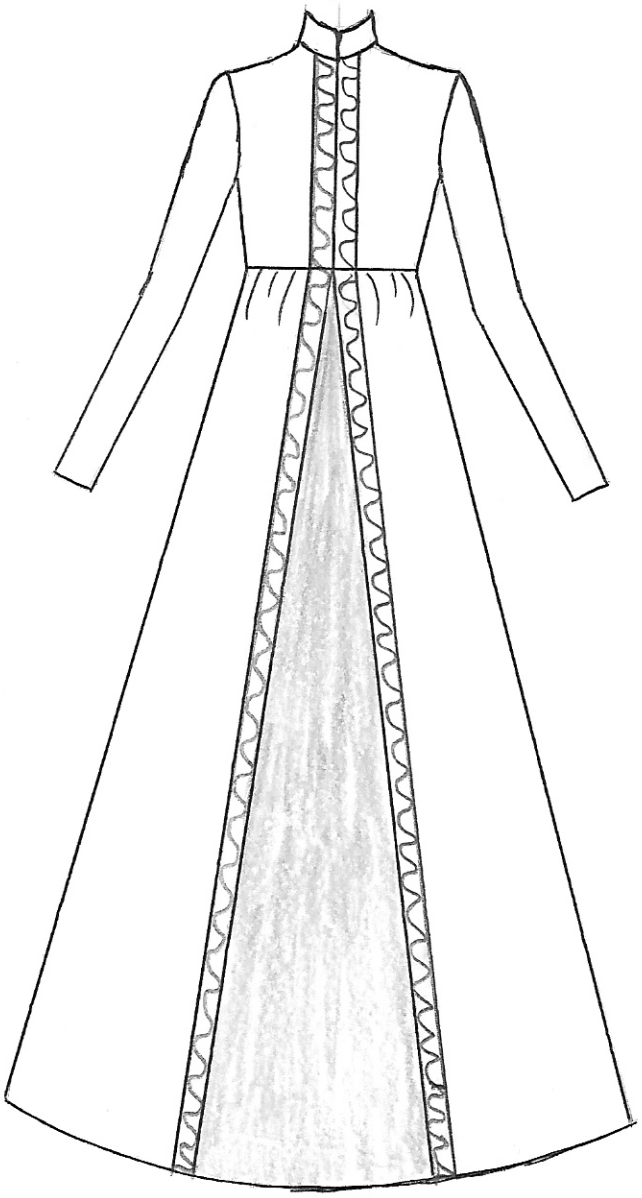

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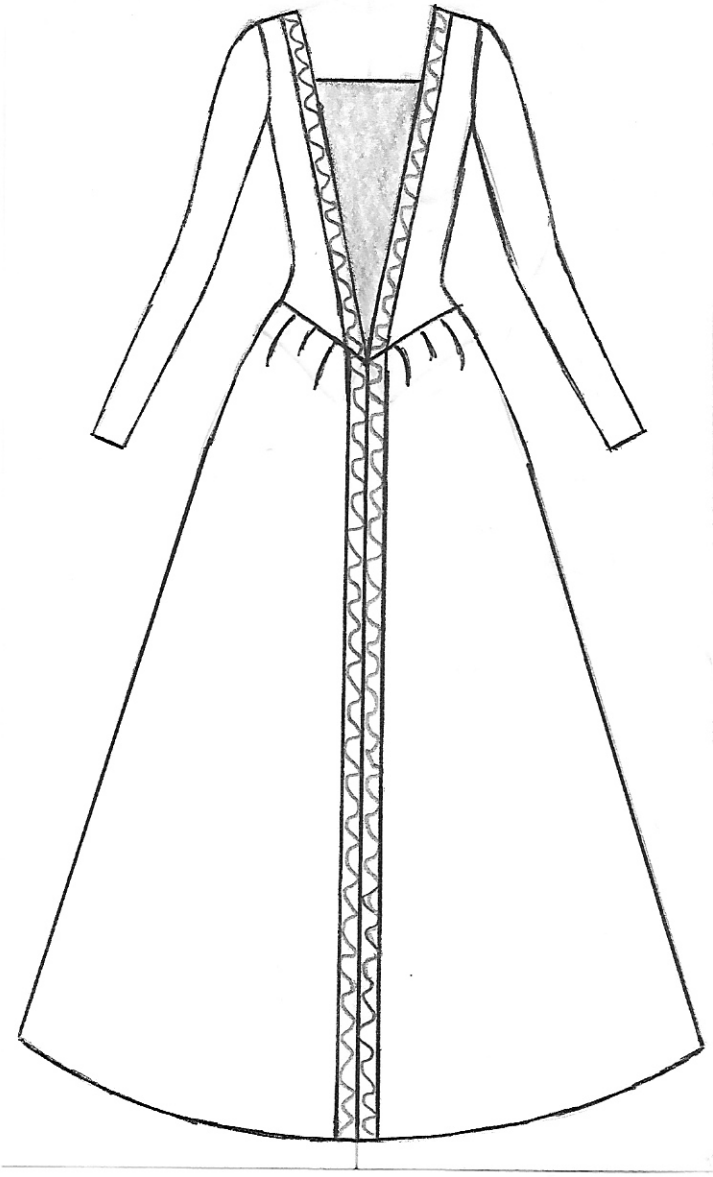

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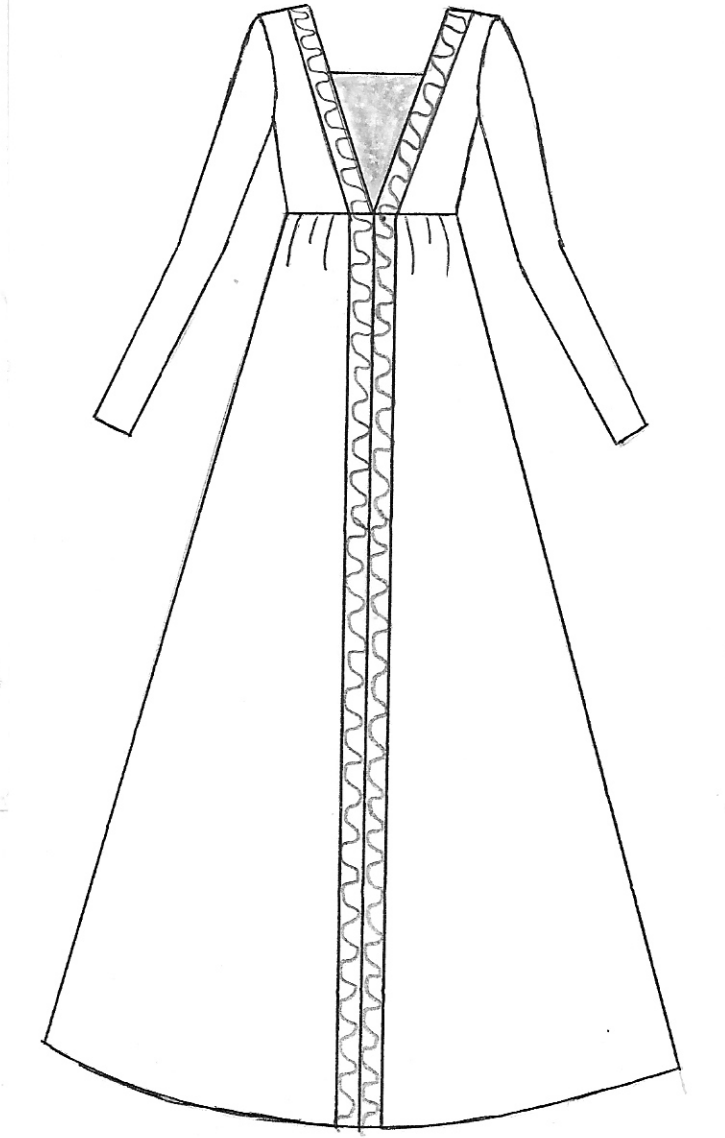

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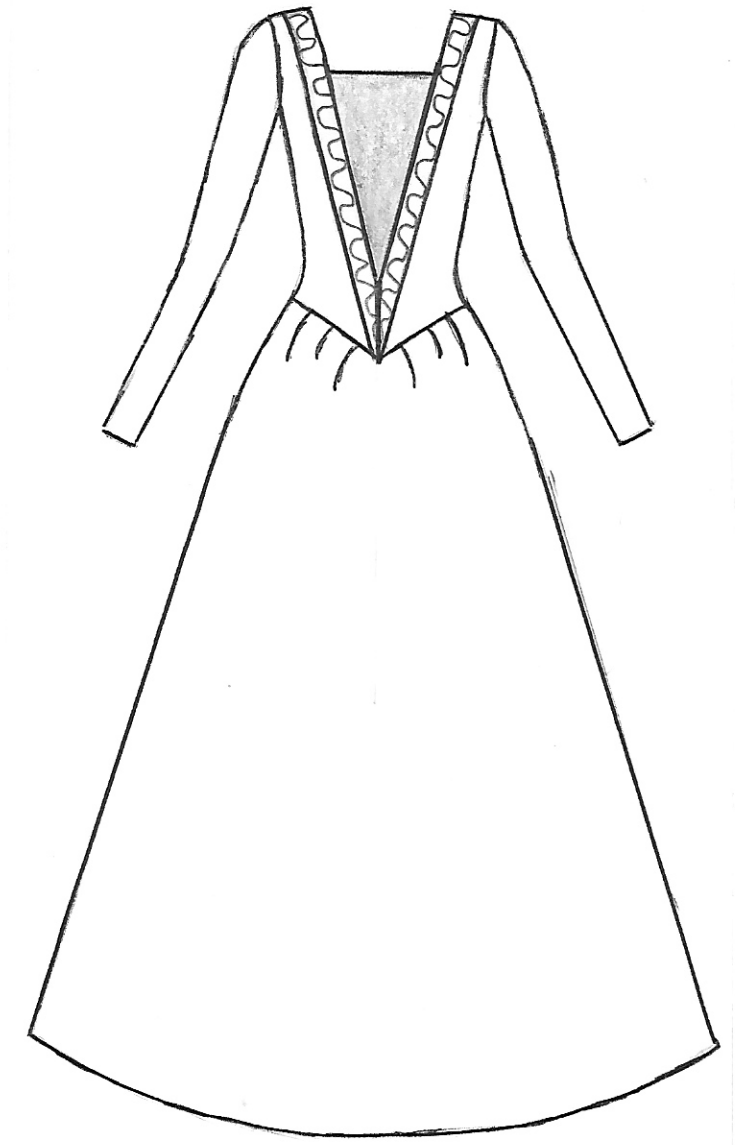

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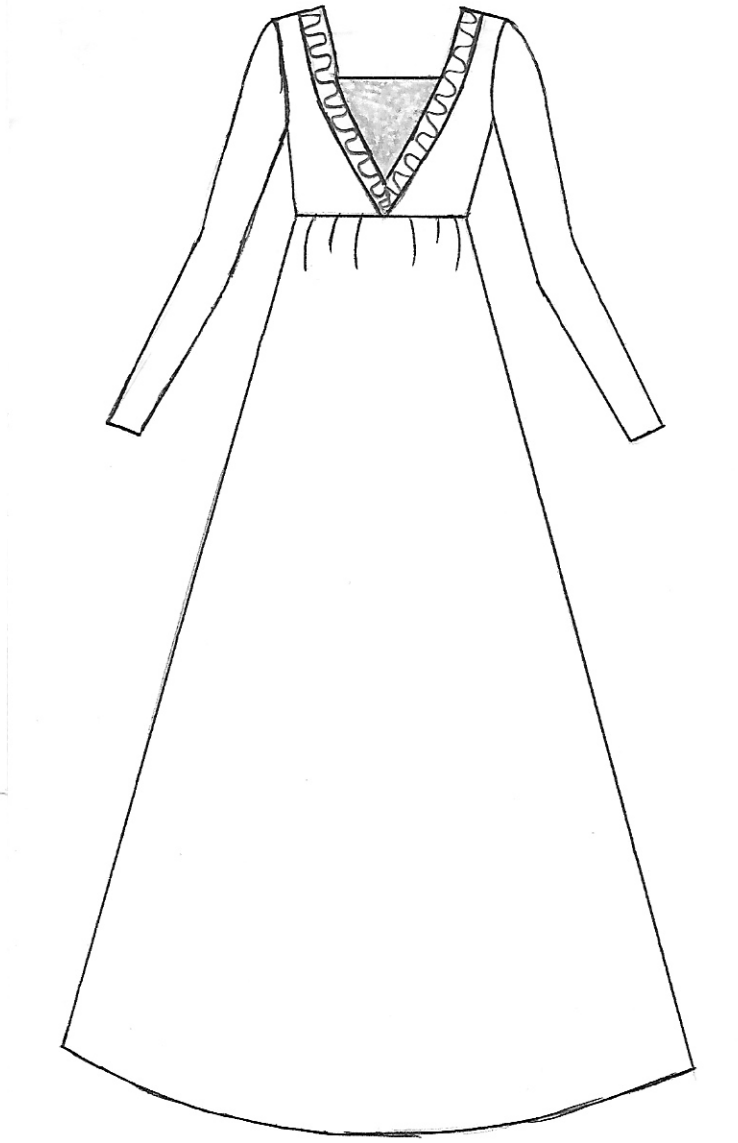

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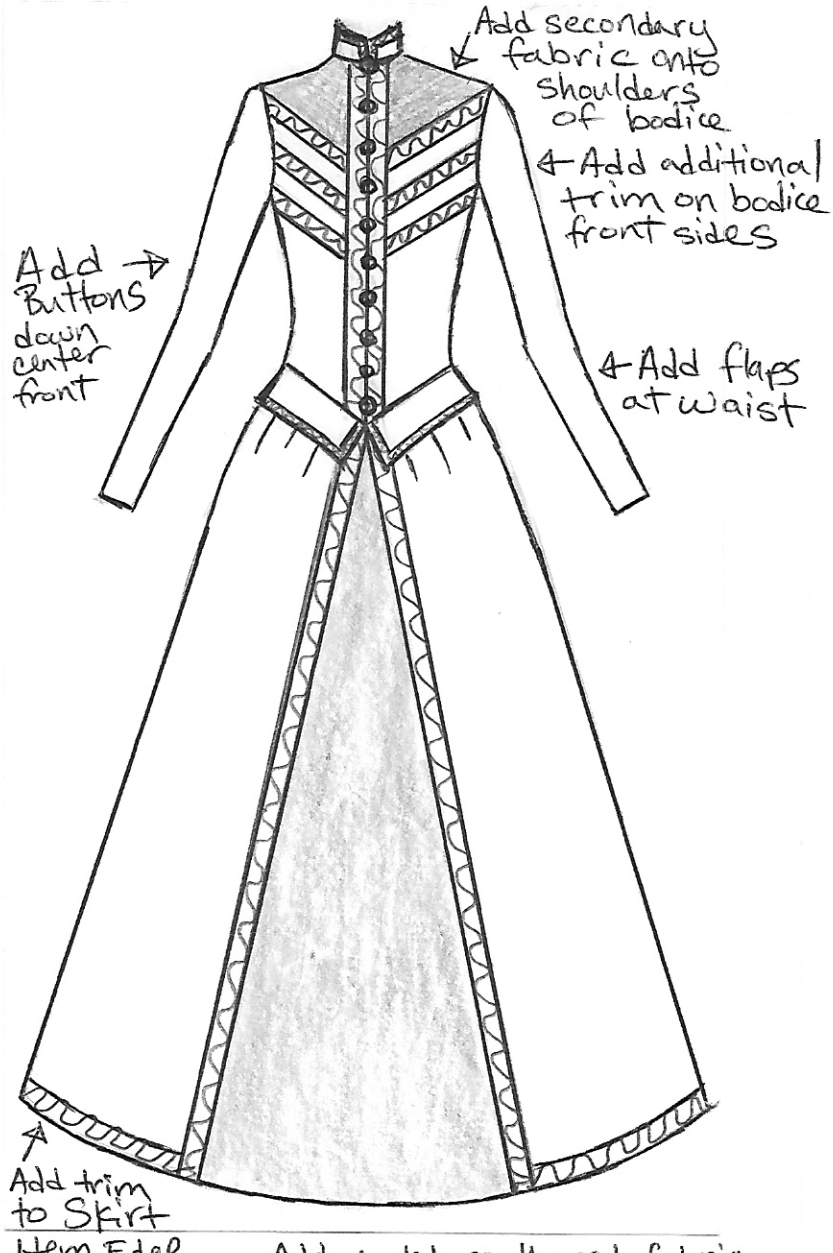

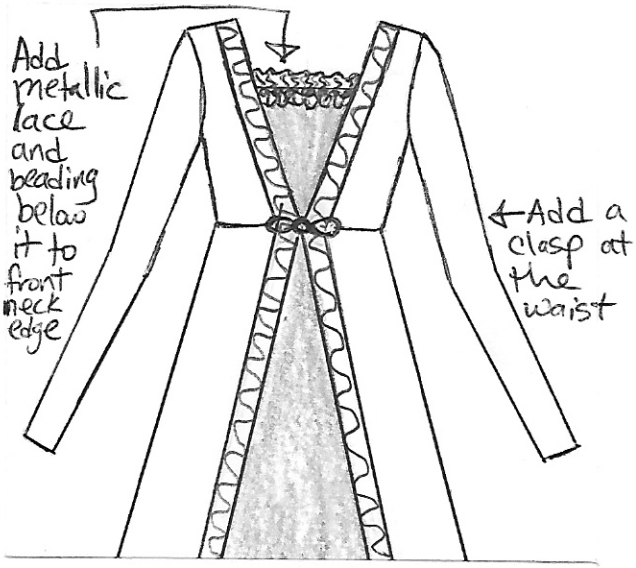

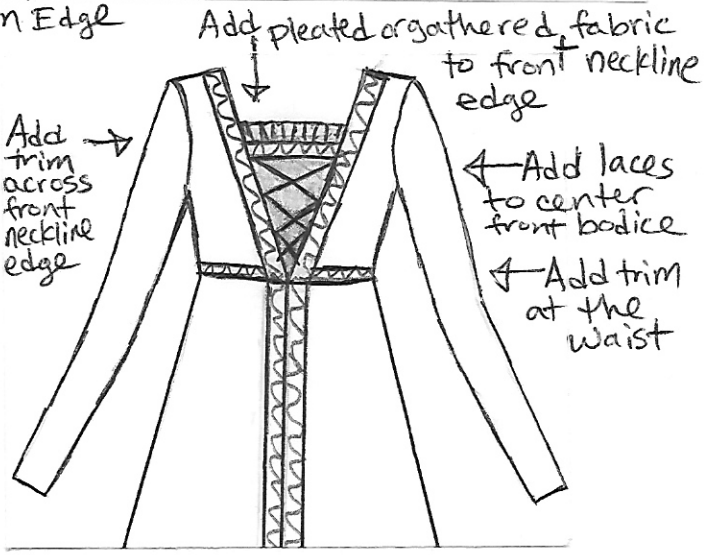

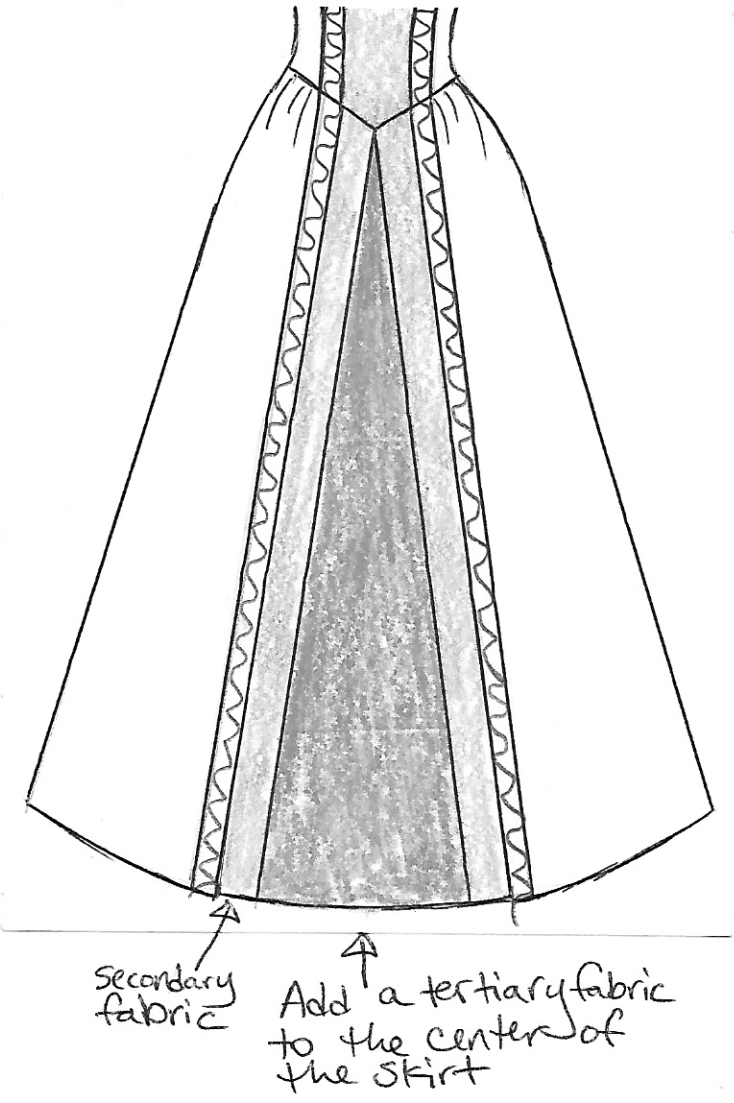

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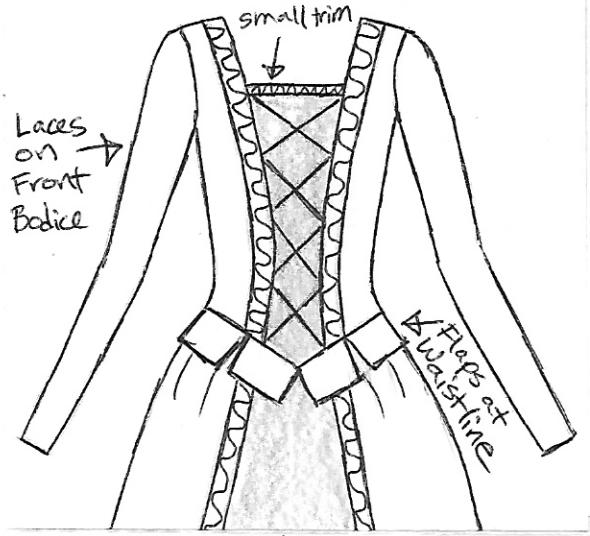
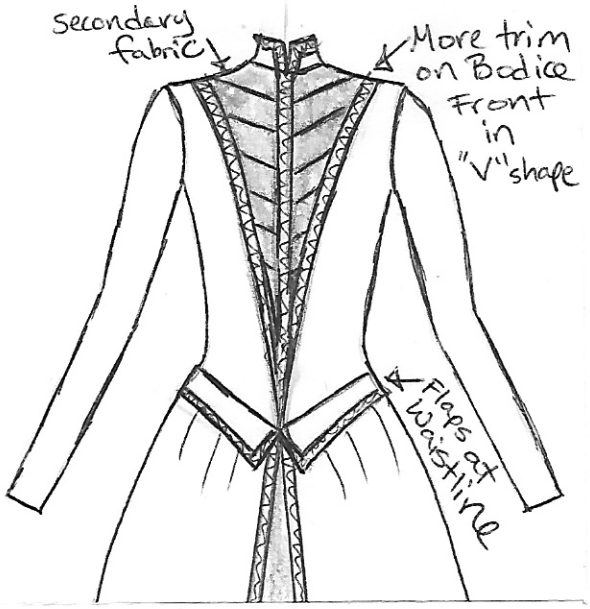
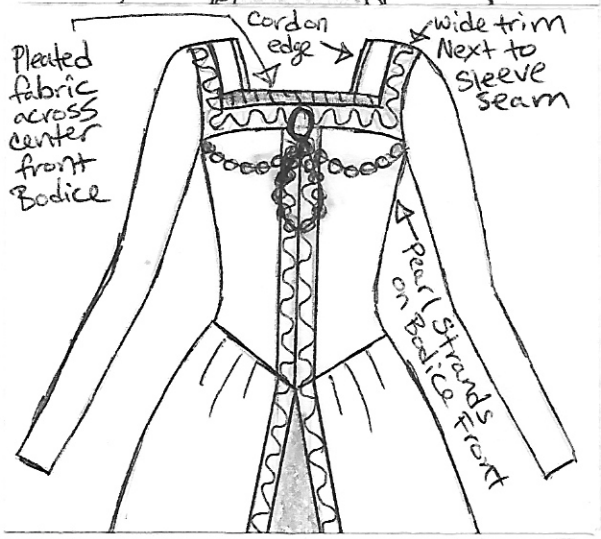
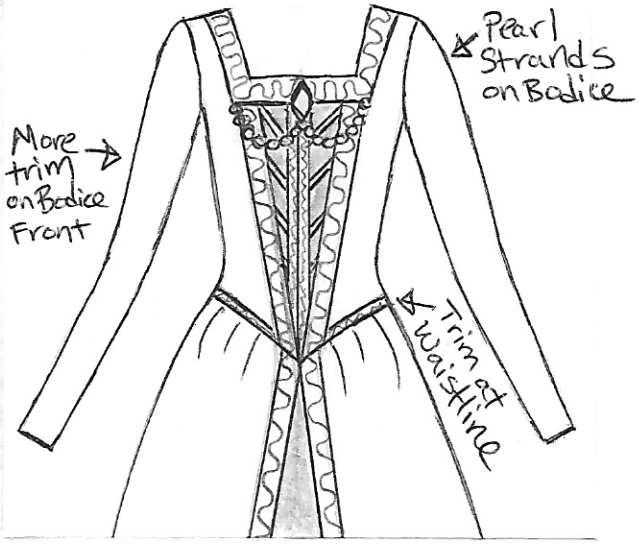
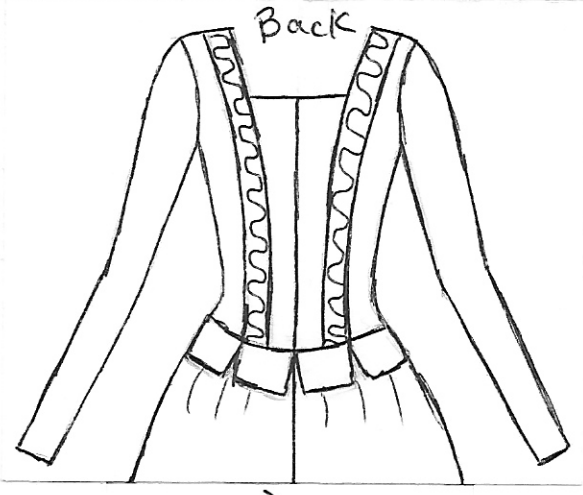
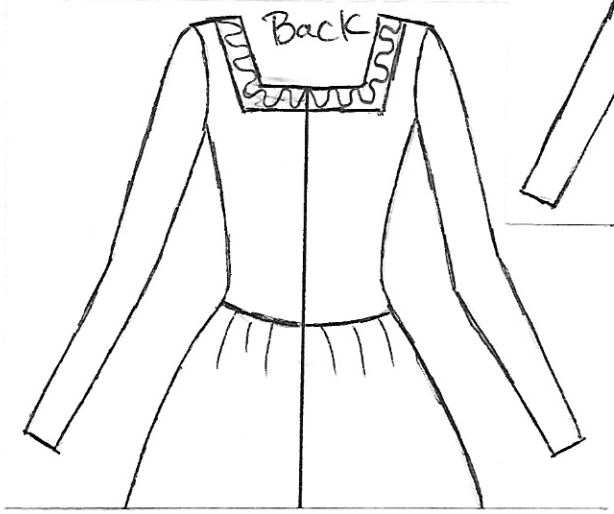




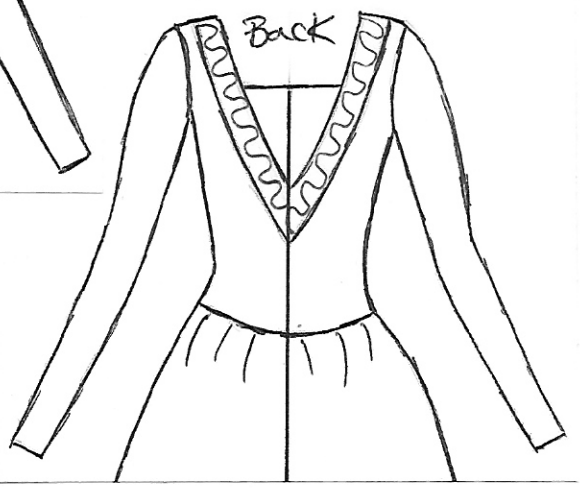








3 Different Trim Ideas for Back Bodice



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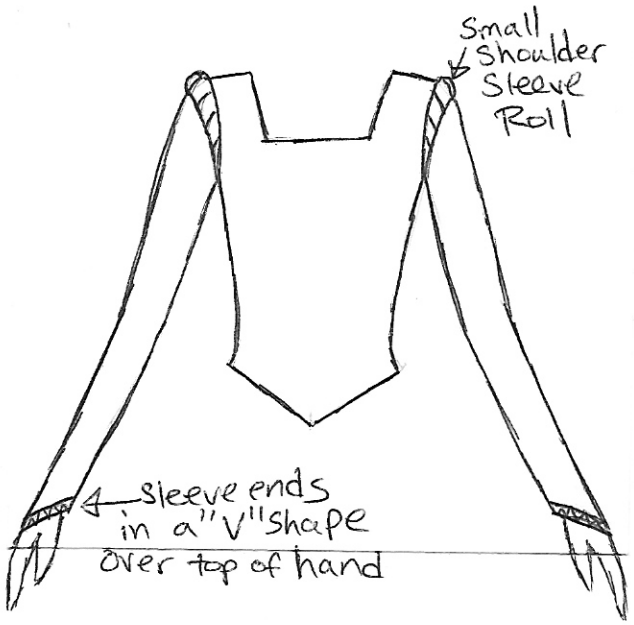

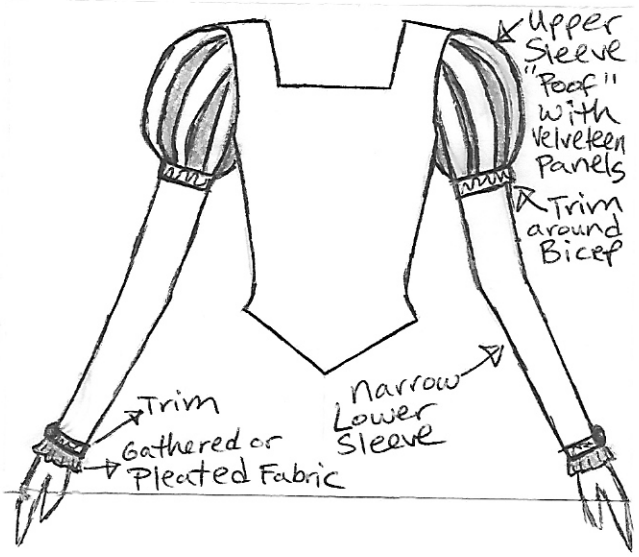

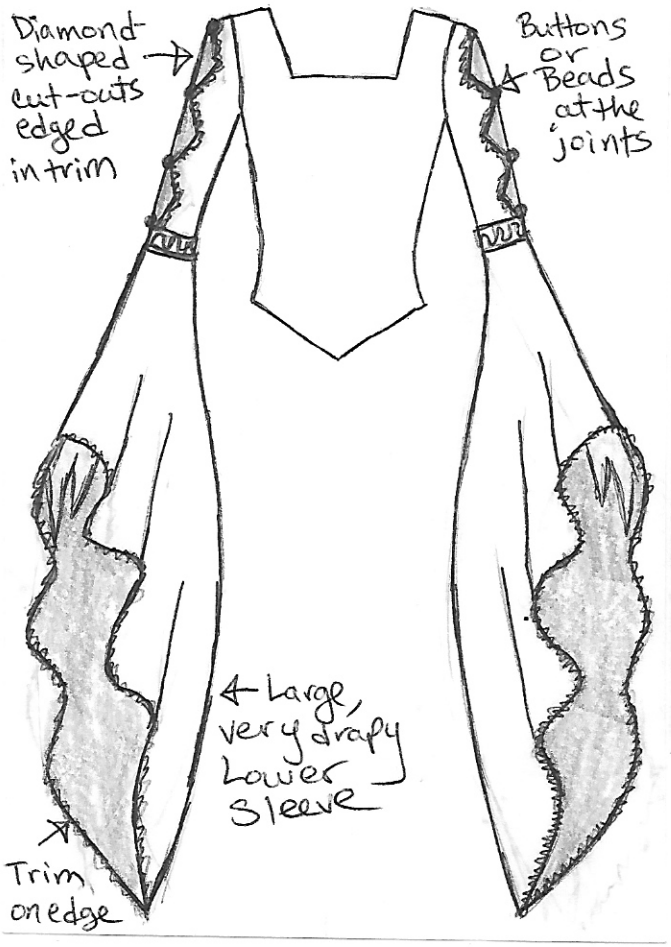

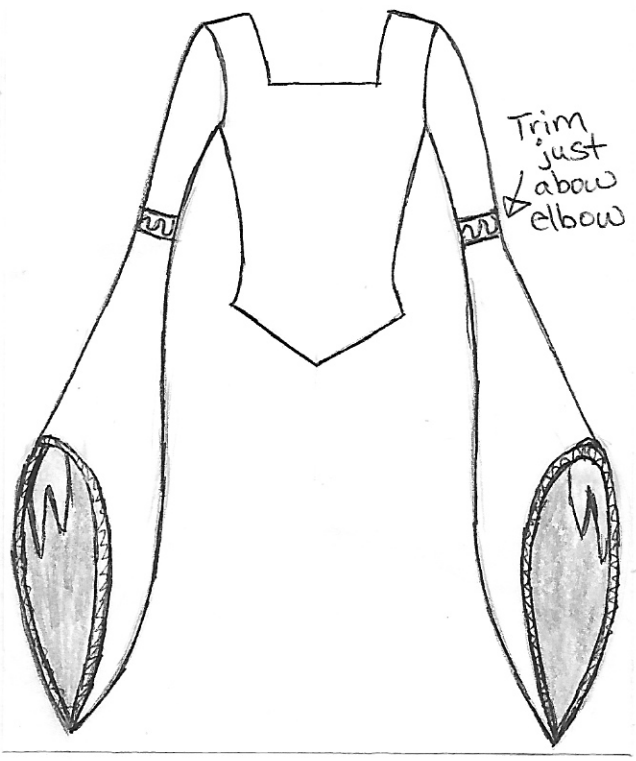

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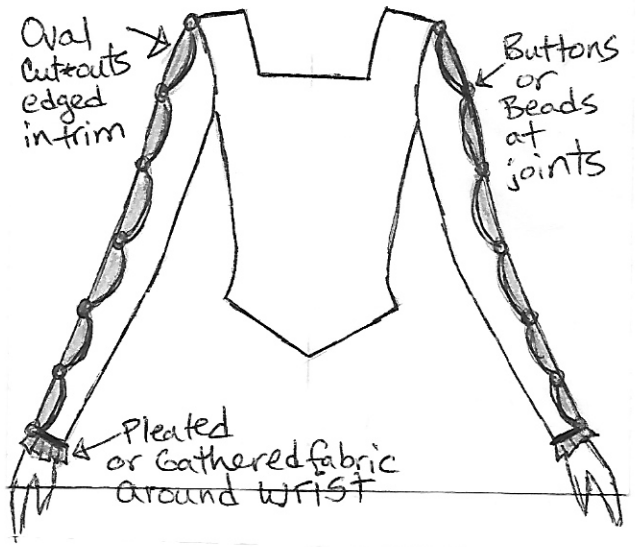
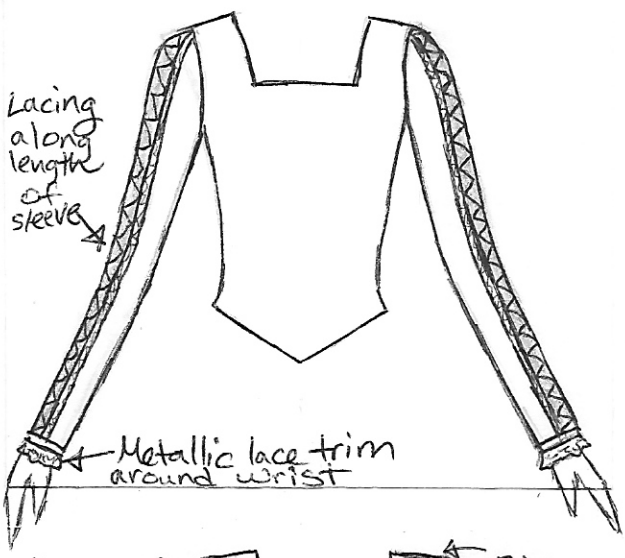
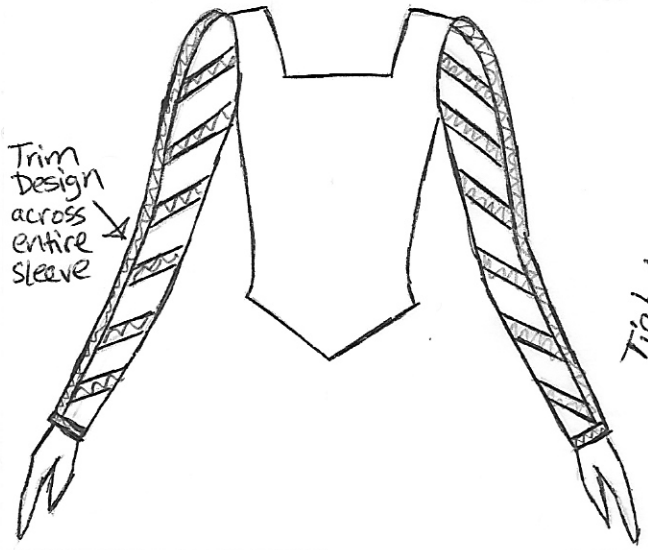
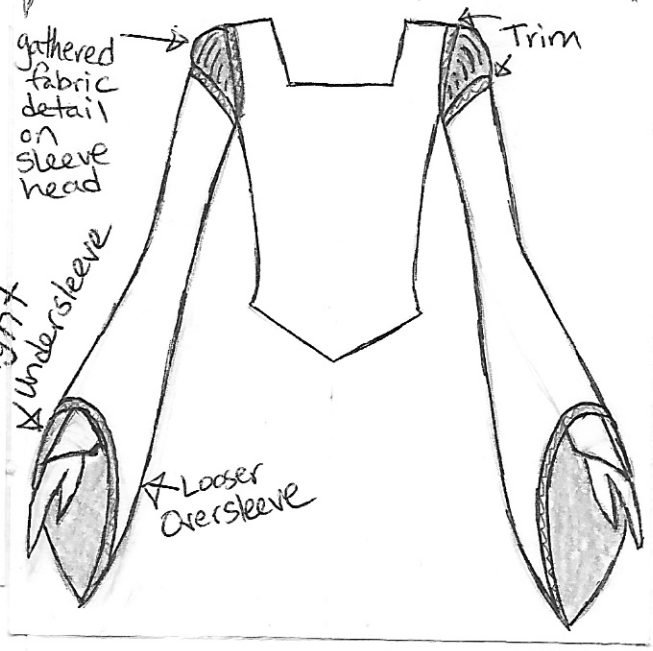
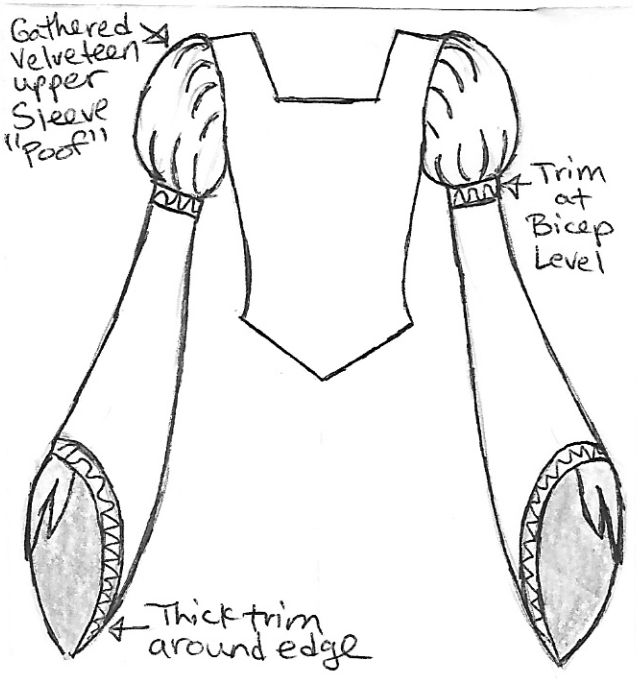
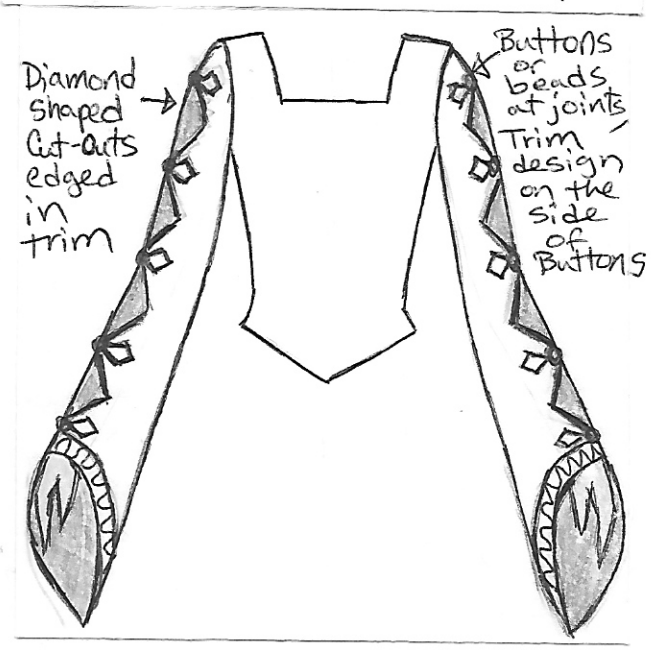








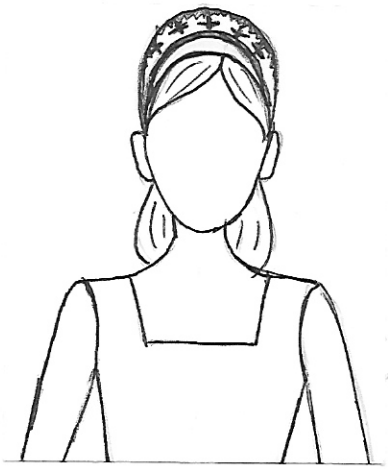




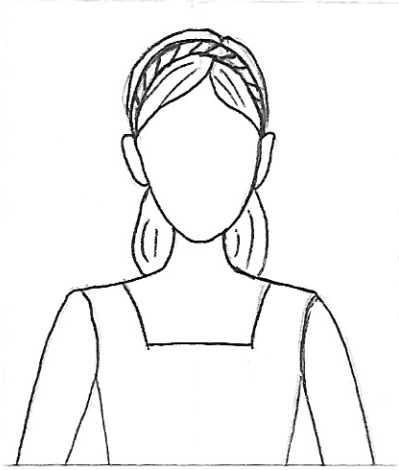
4. Select a headpiece style.

Headpieces can be built on a headband or can wrap around the head and tie at the back of the neck with ribbons.

If desired, a veil can be added to any of the headpieces. Veils can be made so that they are detachable.

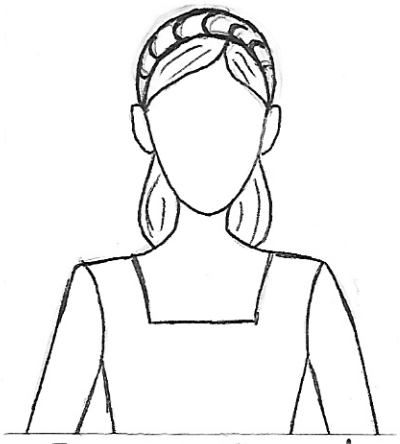


Small tiara/crown
* Velveteen Base with trim & possibly Beads on top



Flat Band
* Velveteen Base with trim & possibly Beads on top

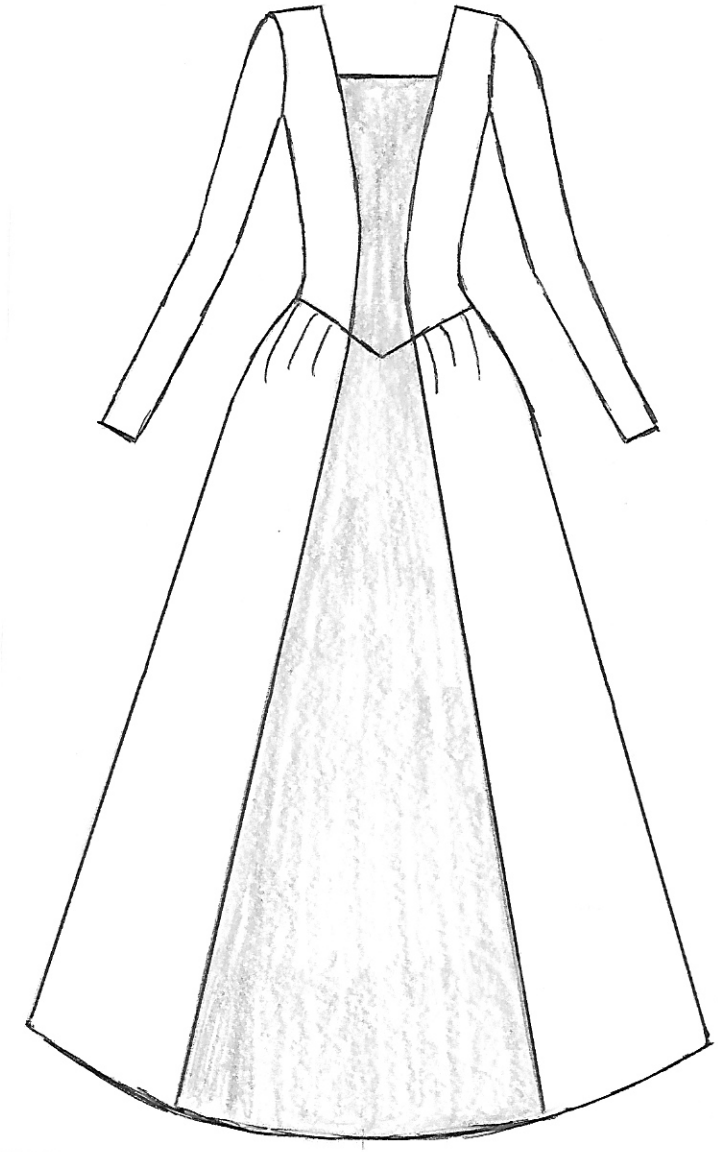
Note: The hair is down in these drawings for the aesthetics of the illustrations. Your hair will be pulled back in a bun or braids.



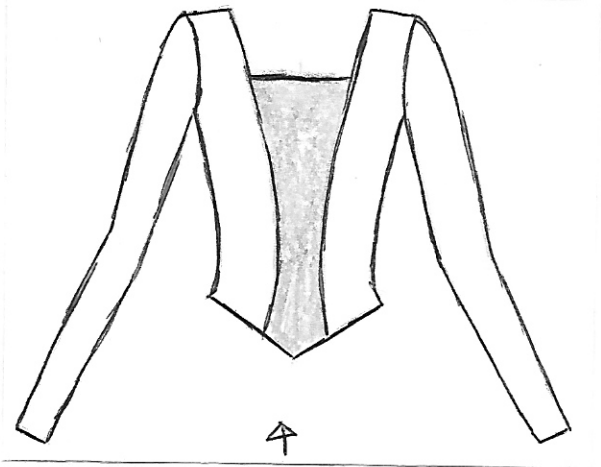
Padded Band
(Has a rounder, raised look)
* Velveteen Base with trim & possibly Beads on top

For all Styles:
You design trim placement.
The trim in the sketches are just ideas.

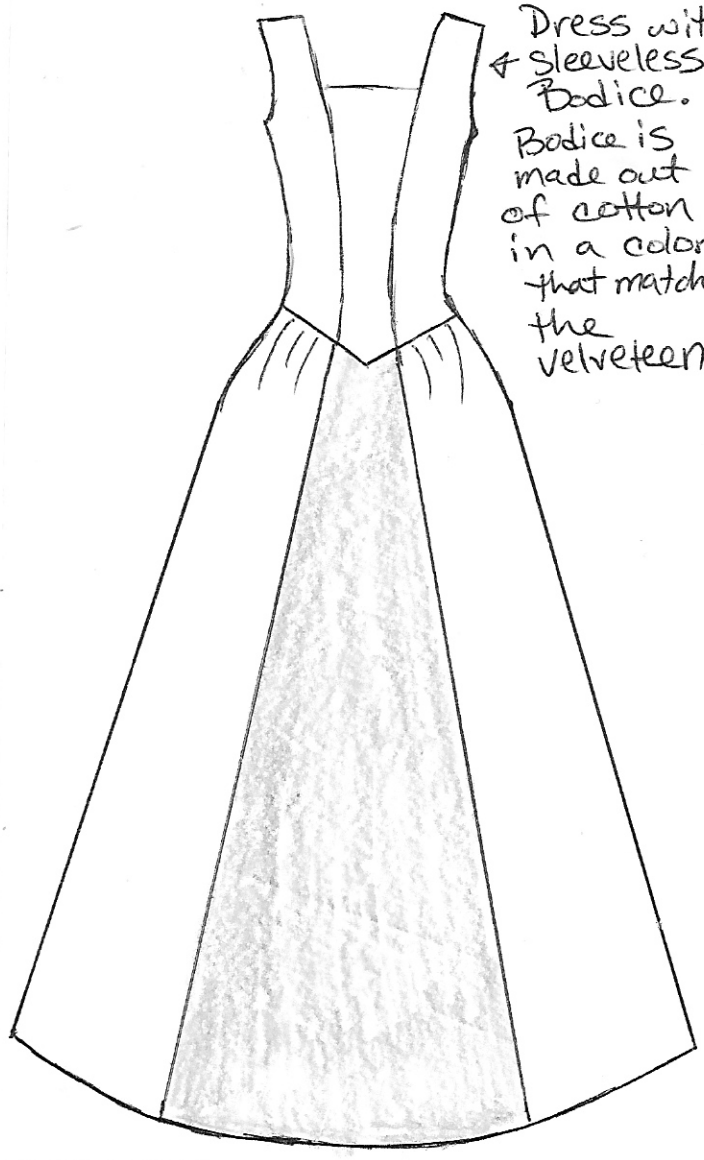
5. Decide if you want to do a one-piece dress or a two-piece dress.
The pieces of a two-piece dress are represented in the drawings below:



The Costume separates into a Doublet (Basically a jacket with the zipper in the back) and a dress with a sleeveless bodice.

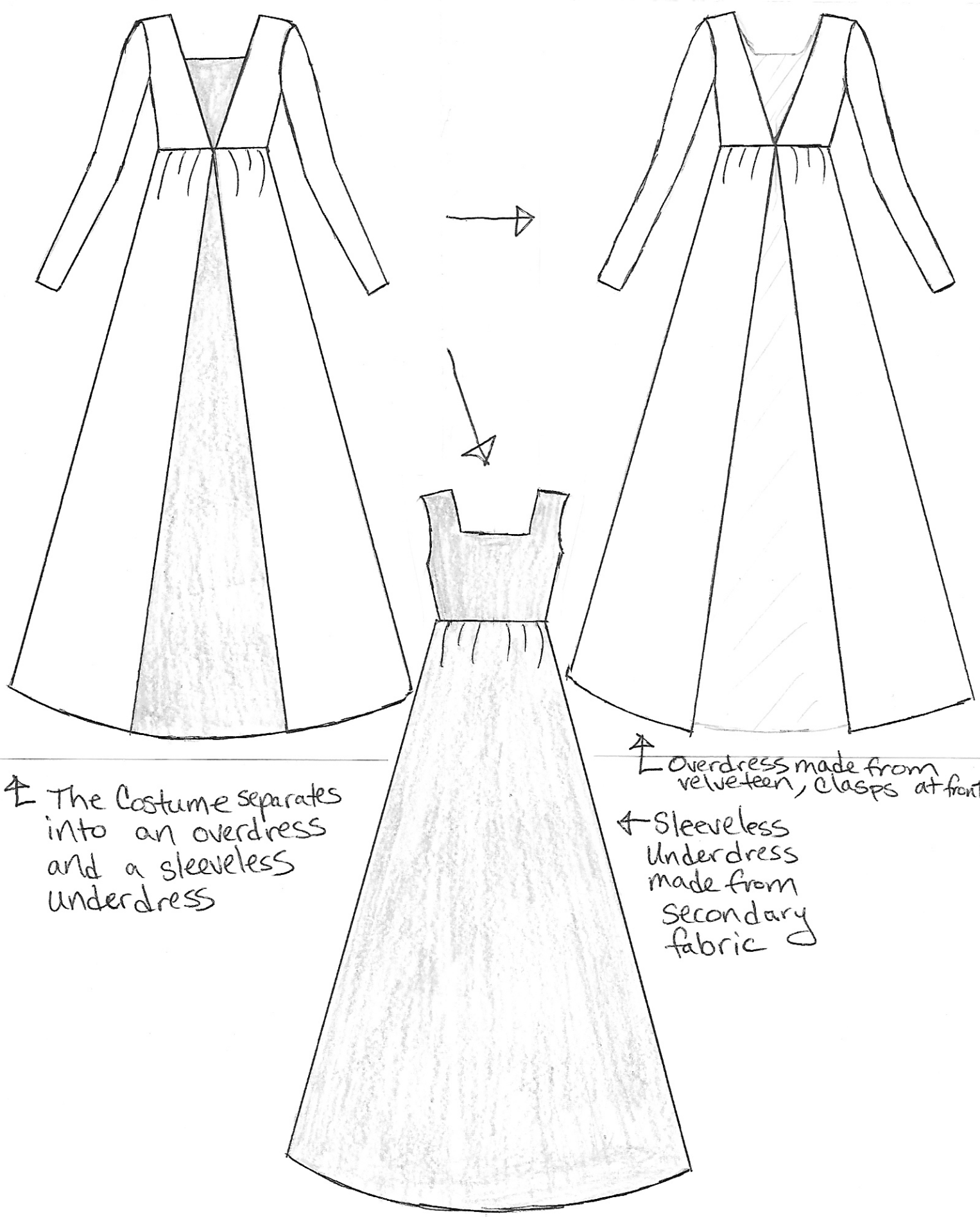


Doublet with separating zipper in the Back



Dress with sleeveless Bodice. Bodice is made out of cotton in a color that matches the velveteen.

OR Alternate two-piece dress style:



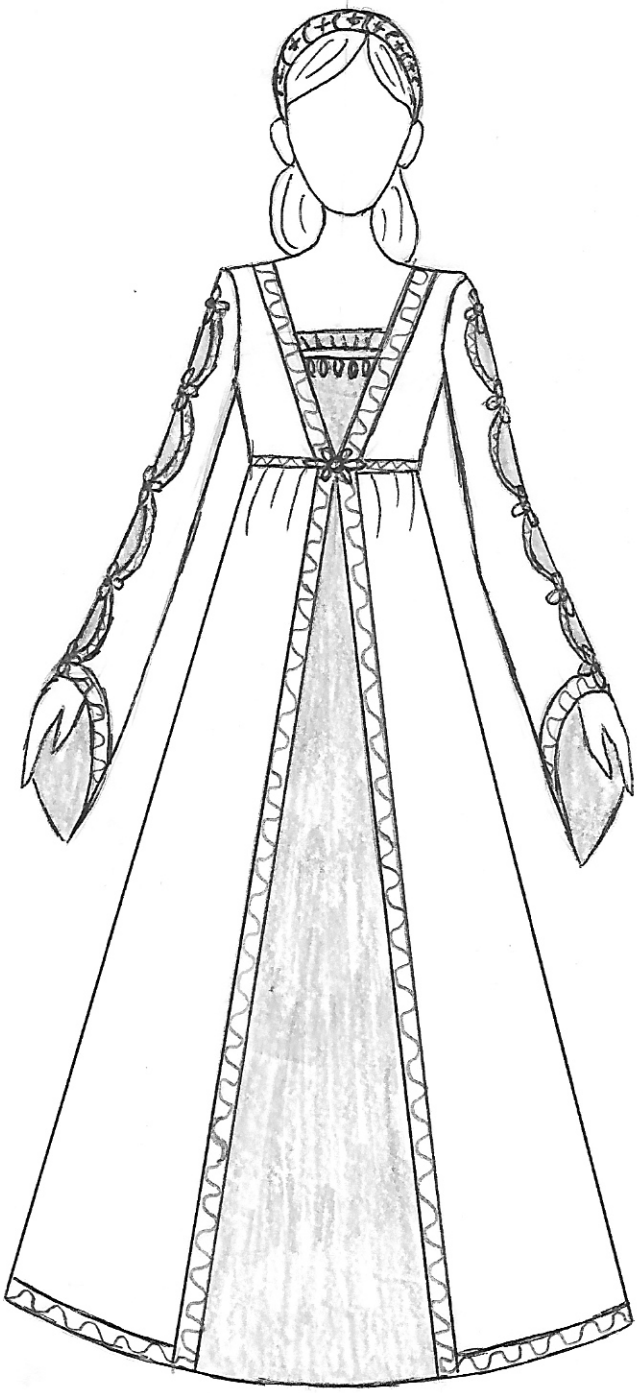
The Costume separates into an overdress and a sleeveless underdress

Overdress made from velveteen, clasps at front

Sleeveless Underdress made from secondary fabric

Putting it All Together

Example Sketches:



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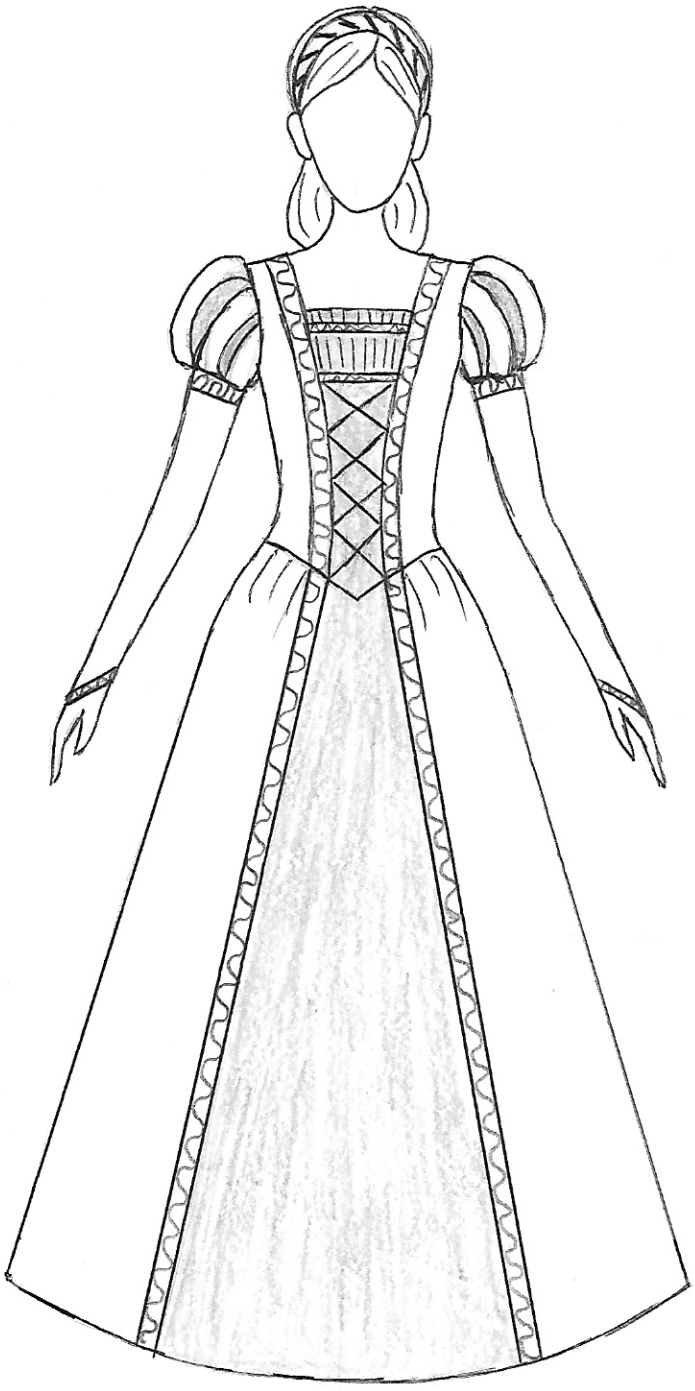

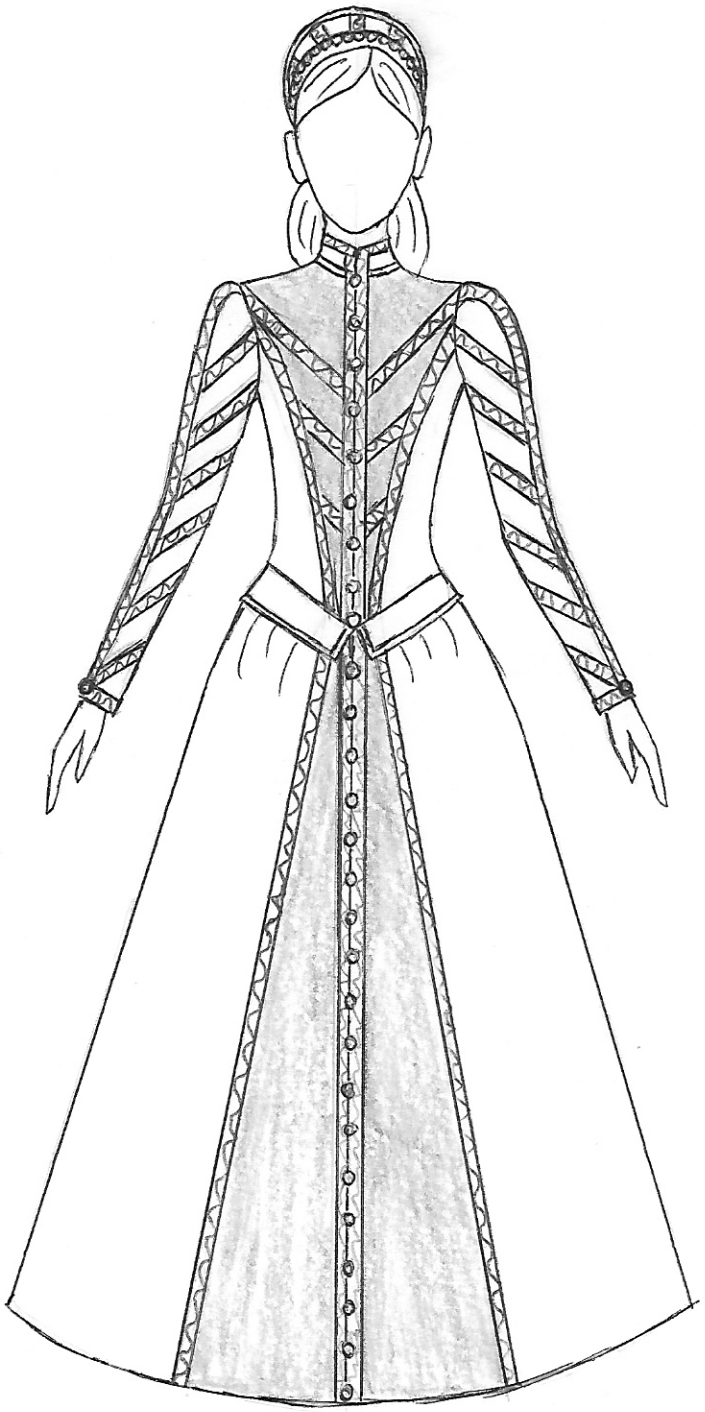

Photo Examples

Crown/Tiara Examples:

Padded Band With Veil

Flat Band that ties in back

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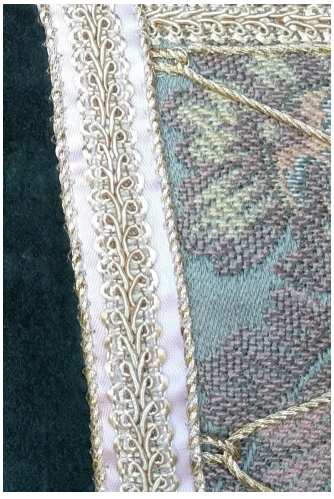
Bodice Back Design Examples:

Trim Set Examples:



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Sleeve Design Examples: