

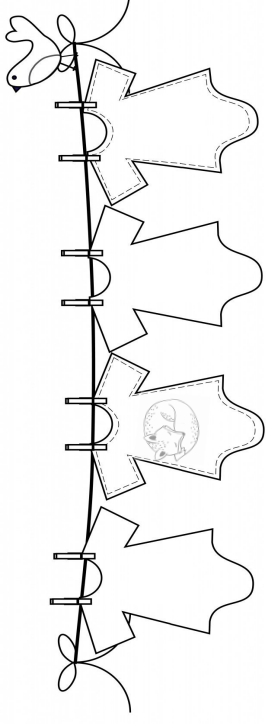
**PROJECT #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dress Donated by:

Patterned & Sewn by:

Hand Finishing by:

## The *Wrapped in Love* Project



Thank you for contributing to the *Wrapped in Love* Project! Your act of kindness will help bring comfort to many parents as they face the unimaginable pain of losing a baby.

### **Here are a few things to know before you begin:**

**Layette Sets:** A layette set is a gown and a handkerchief (for babies 1.5 pounds and up) or a pocket and a handkerchief (for babies under 2 pounds). We give parents a handkerchief made with the same fabric and similar detailing to the garment so that they will always have a piece of it, regardless of whether or not they bury their child in the garment or not. Please feel free to add extras (bonnet, knit hat, etc.) to the set. You may also use other fabrics, materials, or patterns that you have on hand (just keep in mind that a stillborn baby's skin is very delicate, so short sleeves and an open back are helpful for dressing).

***Wrapped in Love* Certificates:** A certificate follows each layette set from the donation of the fabric to the final detail. Please sign your first name on these certificates to show the bereaved parents how many loving hands went into creating something special for their beloved baby. Every parent who loses a baby fears that their child will be forgotten. This small gesture assures them that we have not.

**Dignity of the Baby:** While we don't have the same medical guidelines as we might for a living baby, bereaved parents are especially sensitive about their baby's dignity. "Living baby" details like facing the scratchy size of velcro away from the baby's skin or lining the garment are noticed and appreciated.

### PROJECT STEPS:

#### Wedding Dress

- Pick dress up from donor
- Heather: thank you card to donor
- Dress donor: sign the *W/L* certificates
- Wash and hang dry
- Take picture of dress for the project website

#### Patterning, Sewing, & Finishing

- Deliver dress & materials to sewist(s)
- Heather: Thank you card to sewist(s)
- Sewist/team: sign the *W/L* certificates
- Disassemble wedding dress (or similar fabric)
- Press pieces
- Pattern, sew & finish as many pieces as possible out of the dress.
- Pin full sets (*Gown + Handkerchief + Size Tag*) together with safety pin.
- Pin a note to any layettes that need finishing by someone else (*ex. bedding, closure, trim, etc.*).
- Bag usable scraps or materials for future projects
- Text or email Heather to pick everything up!

#### Packaging

- Pick up finished layettes & usable scraps & materials
- Take picture of layettes for the project website
- Make sure each set has: Add:
  - \*Gown or pocket
  - \*handkerchief
  - \*size tag
- Wrap sets (flat) in tissue paper w/size tag visible
- Schedule delivery to hospital
- Post completed project on project website

#### Notes: