

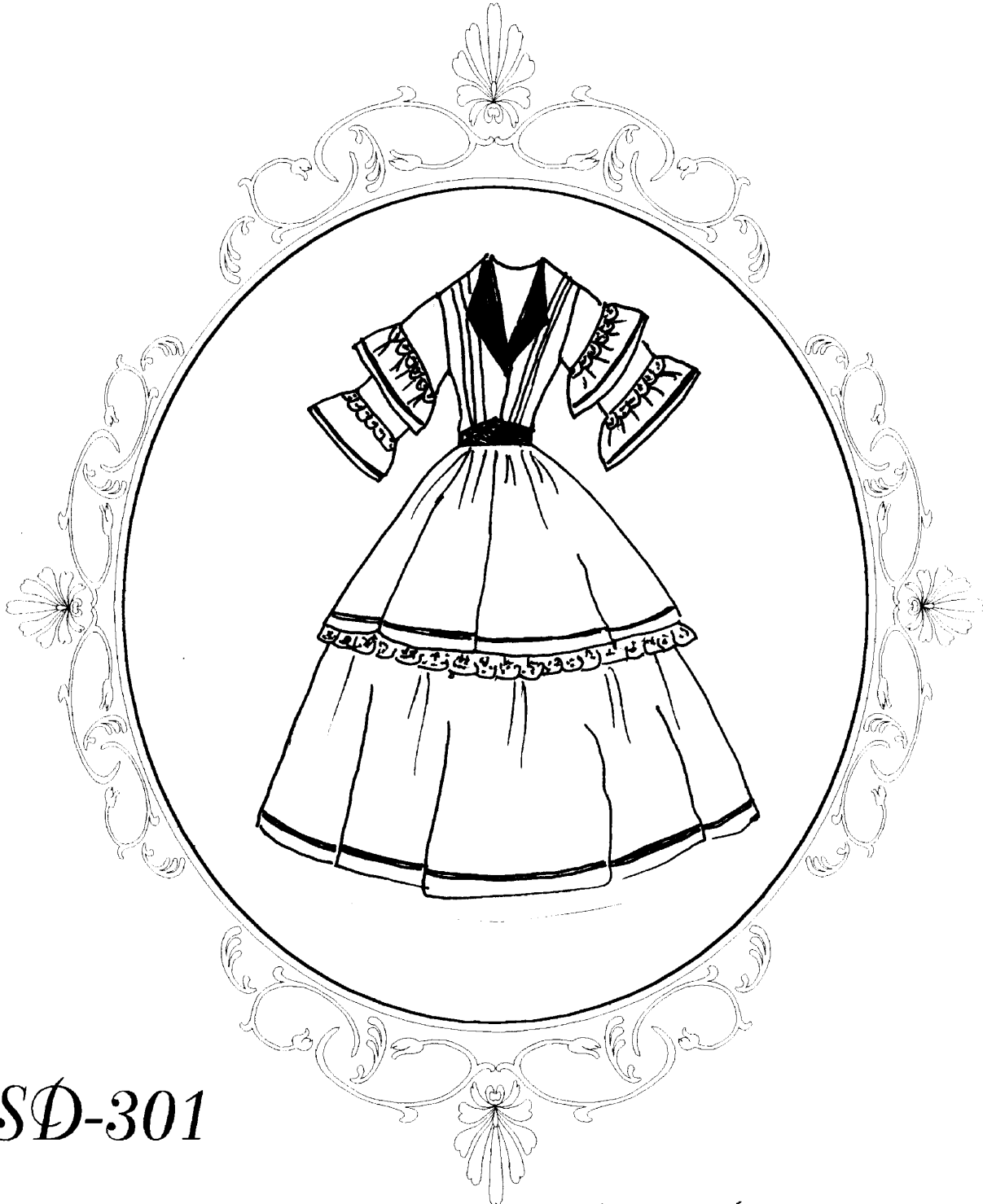
# *Timeless Stitches*

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The Two-Tiered Tea Dress is a combination of a modified V-necked bodice with tiered pagoda sleeves and a two-tiered skirt. The bodice has “revers” or lapels at the neck. The bodice is fitted to the body using vertical pleats from the shoulders to the waist. The trim on the sleeves is repeated on the tiers on the skirt to give the combination an “ensemble” look. This is a style that would have been worn by women of all ages, with the older women using darker colors and little or no trim. The Bodice has many of the features key to the Era:

- long shoulder seams fall towards the back of the shoulder and side seams are towards the back
- bodice fastened in the center front
- armseye shaped to appear diagonal and sewn with piping
- sleeves are full at the elbow
- the back is cut in a princessline and accented with piping

The skirt has a built in “Medici Belt” , which is very comfortable to wear and eliminates the need to bone the bodice. The V-neck is designed to be filled with a chemisette (Try *Timeless Stitches* pattern TSA-502 Chemisettes and Collars) and the pattern includes a simple detachable insert. The sleeves can be left plain or sleeve jockeys can be worn. (Try *Timeless Stitches* pattern TSA-501 Sleeve Jockeys and Cuffs)

## **Suggested fabric and trims:**

Your fabric will depend on your planned use. Any of the fabrics used for your bodices will work for your Bertha. You will want to bring the colors and trim choices from your bodice into your Bertha. Or choose a color from your bodice and trim with totally different ideas for a completely different look. The look of your Bertha is limited only by your imagination and the fabrics and trims that you can find that are “of the Era.” *Timeless Stitches* pattern TSI-902 Braid and Trim Options gives lots of ideas, instructions and patterns for alternative trim choices.

## **Pattern Requirements:**

1 yard fashion fabric  
similar amount of lining  
2 buttons and cord or slim braid for loop  
Trims of your choice



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