

Girls' Clothing

We provide clothing and accessories for kids from kindergarten to 6th grade and their ages would be approximately 5-11. Here is our suggested age, grade and size guidelines:

Kindergarten age 5 size 5

1st grade age 6 size 6-7

2nd grade age 7 size 6-7

3rd grade age 8 size 8-10

4th grade age 9 size 10-12

5th grade age 10 size 10-12

6th grade age 11 size 12-14

Of course, we realize this is our best guess as girls come in all sizes. We generally have sizes from 4 to a few Adult small, medium and large. If we try to follow these guidelines for styles, colors, fabric and pattern choices hopefully we will come close to having clothing choices for everyone and hopefully the styles won't change too much before next July. We truly appreciate everything you all do to create the best of items for the kids!

Please use the fabric and patterns we provide. If you want to purchase these items, please make sure they are like the items we provide. In others words, use caution using your stash or donated fabric. Our goal is to have trendy, current styles. If you see a pattern you like, please email or text me the number and I will take a look and purchase the pattern when it is on sale.

Please finish your seams; if you don't have a serger, and then use a tight zig-zag on the seams to prevent the fabric from fraying. This includes both cotton and tutti frutti (seer sucker) fabric.

Use caution when using zippers and buttons; since the clothes cannot be tried on; they need to be loose fitting. A keyhole opening with a button in the back is a great alternative. Form fitting just does not work! Knit fabric is very popular and can be very forgiving when sizing.

The pattern on the fabric needs to be correct for the size; no little girl print for a larger size skirt/dress. We understand that some little girls may wear a large size but we had several little girls' prints (ages 6 and 7) in sizes 14 and up and these items remain on the racks.

The girls are not liking the Juereta skirt (waist and hem bands are different fabrics) or multi-fabric panel skirts as much as before. We had many requests for all the same style fabric (easier to match to a top) and in the larger sizes 12 and up, even some solid fabric or denim fabric.

For skirt sizes 10 and larger, please have elastic on the sides or back, not the whole way around. Please make sure the top spacing on the elastic (if you choose to do that) is no more than 1/4 inch. The girls did not like the large ruffle on the top of the waistband.

The younger girls (up to size 10) still prefer dresses or matching tops/skirts. If you are not creating a top or giving a t-shirt some love, please attach a piece of fabric (as large as possible) so we can applique a t-shirt to match.

We think the ruffling of the neckline and hems is not as popular as in past years, so it is better to cut the back of the ribbing and fold it down. Shortening the sleeves and changing the hemline was still very popular! If you would like a class on how to do this, please let us know.

Make sure the garment looks good on the hanger as that is the first view our girl will see. Also make sure the hanger fits the garment. We had items falling off the hanger or the item was smashed together because the hanger was too small. Remember this is the first view! We have plenty of hangers, especially adult size.

All appliques need to be sewn on. If you think it will stay on without sewing, please wash and dry the item, if it stays then wonderful. I tested a few items that were turned in and the appliques curled up and had to be removed.

What is trendy?? Cold shoulders, bell and large ruffle sleeves, hi-low hems, shark bite hems and lace overlays. The next time you are in a store, take a few minutes to look at the racks of clothing for sizes 5-12, snap a picture, and then help us look for a pattern to duplicate that style.

Boys' Clothing

Boys really like the button-down dress shirts that we create and we always run out by the 2nd afternoon. We have fabric, patterns and buttons at the BTSCD office. We always pin a matchbox car in the pocket as an extra treat. Over the years we have found several short cuts, including a 1-step serged collar! We have some tips on our website or ask for a one-on-one class. Boys do not really like to select a created t-shirt as they prefer graphic t-shirts or purchased plain t-shirts. In July we purchase t-shirts thru Back to School Clothing Drive (we have the best price) to complete our inventory so they can choose 2 shirts.