

# Dress Up Wardrobe **how-to** by michele beschen

Use fabrics from old clothing, curtains, tablecloths, and bedding to create imaginative costumes. Simple drawstring or elastic waist skirts are a cinch to sew. Childrens clothing is a great starting point. All you need to do is add-on and embellish with other materials to transform. **Headpieces:** Take old headbands and embellish with trims, gems and other elements to create glamorous headpieces. Old hats can be transformed quickly by covering with fabric scraps, artificial petals and leaves, beads, buttons or other leftovers. Add old earrings to gloves for something fancy. For those who aren't familiar with sewing skills yet, you can use glue to create a lot of your costume pieces. Wands are easily created using scrap stakes or wrapping paper tubes. Simply paint, wrap and embellish to create the look you want. Add glitter, ribbons and gems to old jewelry pieces for additional sparkle that all little girls love.

