I finished Dress No. 9 the other day when Maisie was happy to be on her play mat on the floor in the sewing room. I took pictures of it as soon as I had it on since it seemed likely it would need to be washed soon. Nothing seems to invite spit-up like a piece of fresh clothing. Since I was at home by myself the easiest way to ensure Maisie would stay happy while I played with my camera was just to include her in the pictures. She's learned what this big black thing is and loves to look at it.

Specs for the dress: I used the All-Weekend Sundress pattern from *Weekend Sewing* by Heather Ross. The fabric is a Liberty of London Tana Lawn print, the name of which escapes me, that has been sitting on my shelf for over a year. I got it with a different dress in mind but decided the stripes weren't going to work for that pattern. That other dress required less yardage so Dress No. 9 isn't as long as it could be but it's breezy and easy to wear so I still like it. There is shirring with elastic thread at the top of the bodice and the waistband. I'd forgotten how much I like elastic thread. It's really fun to use and makes really comfortable, nicely fitting clothing.

I wrote most of this post last weekend but thought I'd lost it when the power went out. I finally had another bit of time for blogging this evening and just discovered it was still there. It turns out I'd finished my dress just in time. The weather turned last Monday and today we had our furnace on. It was 16 degrees in the house when we got up this morning and had only risen to 17 by the time Rob got home from work in the evening. I usually like to wait as long as I can before turning on the furnace but Maisie and I were both pretty cranky so even though it's not yet September the heat is on.