

The Basic Linen Tank Top

Description



As I opened my new order of IL020, I found myself at a loss. â?? What will I make this time?

Sometimes, when Iâ??m confronted with too many options, I find myself unable to make a decision. â?? In the case of linen, a yard or two all rolled up in front of me can leave me in a similar state of mind. â?? There are just too

many wonderful options that I canâ??t even begin to think of any!

Then I had my mini revelation. Why not make a few of my wardrobe staples out of linen? It made perfect sense! â?? I could hardly believe I had wasted so much time wondering what to make. â?? So I embarked on making a simple and basic linen tank.

If you live in Southern California, like me, then this might be a year round article of clothing! If you live in a place with four real seasons, then layering is still an option! In fact, Iâ??m a big fan of layering because then you can always easily adapt to any sudden changes in the weather.

All I did was basically trace one of my favorite tank tops to make a pattern, cut and sew some IL020, and that was it! So letâ??s make this essential wardrobe item.



Materials:

- linen
- scissors
- paper and pencil

- sewing machine

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The type of linen you choose is completely up to you. â?? I wanted my tank top to be slightly sheer and have a light, summery feel to it (even with its dark color). â?? Luckily, I had someâ?? IL020â?² Linen in Duke Indigo from this weekâ??s sale.

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I wanted to add a little something to my basic tank, so I played around with the cut ever so slightly by extending the back. â?? By this I mean, I measured the bottom length of the back of my linen to be a couple of inches longer than the front. â?? Nothing too crazy, but I like the unexpected asymmetrical detail. â?? I think It gives this simple tank a more fashionable element.



To make the pattern, I just traced one of my favorite tanks onto some paper. â?? I choose a looser style because linen doesnâ??t allow for much stretching. â?? Remember, you need to add â??Â½ all the way around for the seam.



First, I traced the front piece. â?? I only traced one side because I plan to lay it on top of a double layer of fabric. â?? It will go against the fold, so you end up with a perfectly symmetrical piece.



I did the same with the back part of my tank top, but added about 2 â??Â½ inches to the bottom.



Fold your fabric over once and lay the front pattern along the folded edge. â?? The part of your pattern which will be the center of the tank should be running along the folded edge. â?? When you finish cutting, you should have a symmetrical front piece.



Seam the top of each shoulder together to attach the front and back pieces. â?? I wanted a clean neckline and armholes, so I cut a 1 inch wide strip of fabric on a bias.



I then folded it and sewed it along the inside edges. I turned and pressed the strip inside the tank, and stitched it down on the folded edge.



Essentially, I just added a strip to fold towards the seam, so a nice edge was formed.



This step is optional and you can play around with other finishing techniques too.



The only thing left to do now is seam the edges together and finish the bottom hem. â?? Your super easy tank top is made!



Hereâ??s a picture of the bottom with the longer back section.

Making clothes with linen is made even easier when you trace one of your favorite articles of clothing. â?? Iâ??m willing to bet youâ??ll like it more once itâ??s made of linen!

You can sew a tank top just like the one in my tutorial from light weight, 100% linen IL020. Follow the link below to purchase IL020:

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