

Cora Half Sleeve Linen Dress Tutorial

Description





One of our favorite projects to date. Cora is a dress that really understands linen. Made with our [Midweight Antique White linen](#) fabric, this cut is simple whilst retaining a feminine and elegant silhouette. Make sure to take advantage of our multi-sized PDF pattern which you can download just below. Enjoy!

Materials

3 yards of [IL019 Antique White](#)

Thread

Bias tape

A button

Sewing Machine

Pins

Iron

Pattern

You can access the multi-sized printable PDF pattern by following this link [HERE](#). The model is wearing US size 6.

Steps

Once you have your pattern made and the pieces cut out of the fabric, continue onto the sewing steps below.

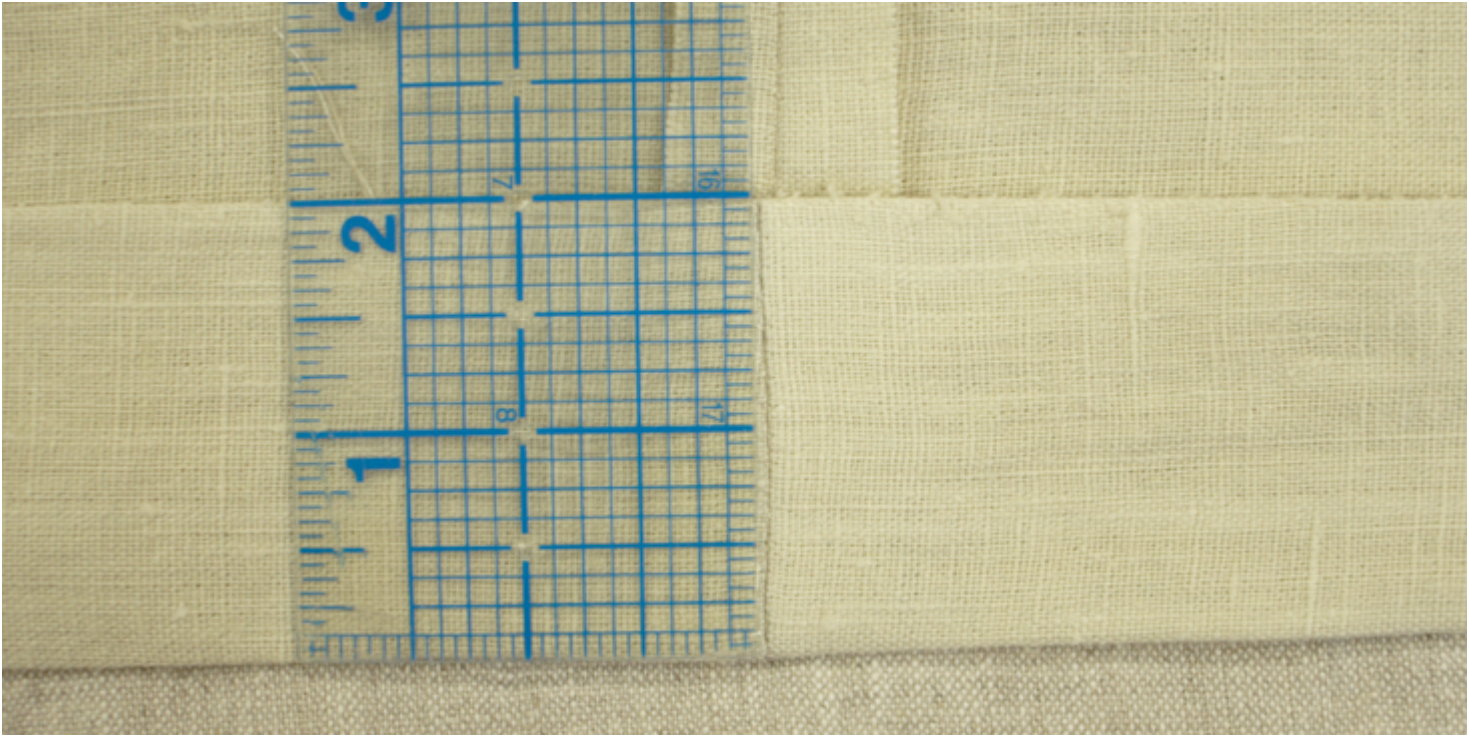
1. Take your skirt piece and match the two short ends together. Sew using a 1/2 seam allowance. Iron the seam open.



2. Fold the bottom edge of the skirt piece towards the wrong side by 1/2, and iron.



3. Fold this edge up towards the wrong side again, this time by 2, and iron.



4. Pin and sew this in place to create the skirt's hem. Set this piece aside for now.



5. Take the front and back pieces, and pin at the shoulders and sides. Sew using a 1/2 seam allowance.



6. Iron the seams open that you just sewed.



7. Clip the edges of the fabric that stick out at the shoulder seams, so the neckline is smooth.



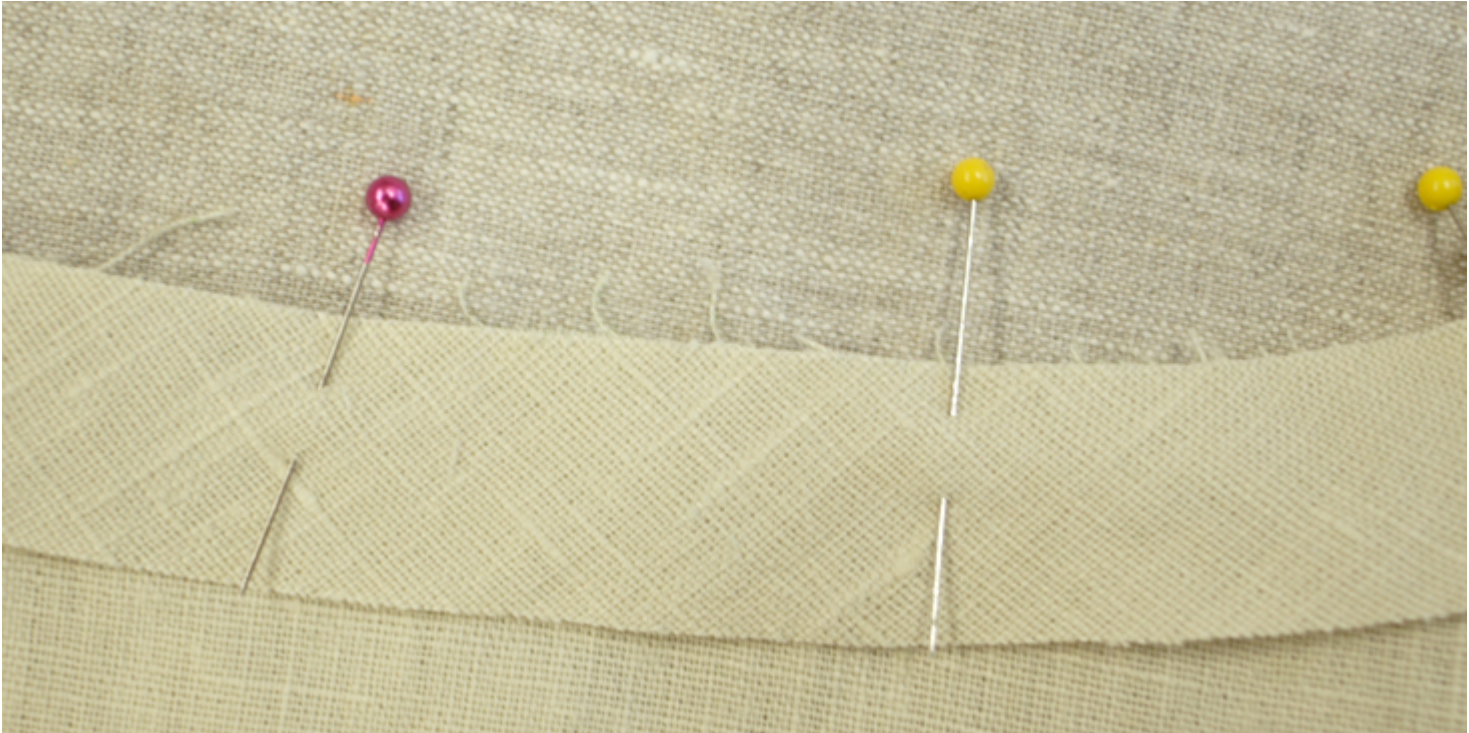
8. Next, fold approx. 2 of your bias tape onto itself and sew, so that you create an enclosed tube, hiding the raw edges inside the fabric. This will be the button loop.



9. Pin the button loop onto one side of the back of the neck, above the keyhole, with the loop facing towards the end of the shoulder. This will be sandwiched between the body of the dress and the bias tape, and will end up folding out to grab the button once everything is in place.



10. Starting at one of the shoulder seams, pin the bias tape to the neckline, following all around the neckline and keyhole. When you reach the starting end of the bias tape, fold the starting end over by 1/4, and lay this edge over the folded edge by 1/4 and trim the rest.

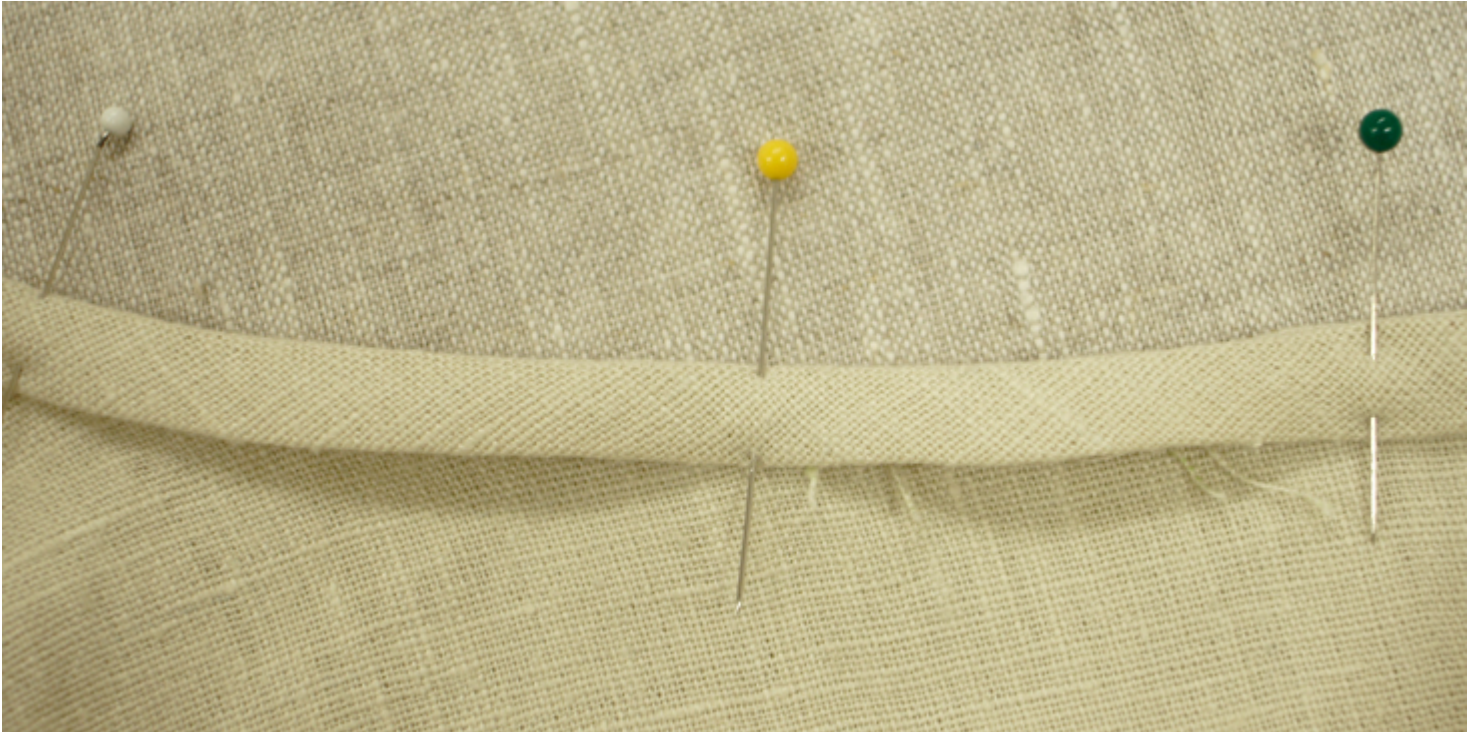


11. Sew using a 1/4 seam allowance to secure the bias tape to the neckline.

12. Iron the bias tape outwards.



13. Fold the bias tape towards the raw edge of the seam, and iron in place, then fold the bias tape in once more, iron and pin.



14. Sew the bias tape in place, entrapping the raw seam between the bias tape and the body of the dress.

15. Sew a button to the back of the dress opposite the loop.



16. Pin and sew the sleeve to itself on the short edge, using a 1/2 seam allowance. Iron the seams open.



17. Fold the bottom, flat edge of the sleeve up towards the wrong side by

1/2, iron.



18. Fold this edge up towards the wrong side again by another 1/2, iron and pin into place.

19. Sew to create the hem on the sleeve, and repeat with the other sleeve.



20. Use your favorite gathering method to gather the sleeve between the thin and wide notches on the sides of the sleeve.



20. Pin the notch at the top of the sleeve to the shoulder seam, and pin the

sleeve's seam to the side seam on the body of the dress. Match up the notches, and pin around the sleeves.



21. Sew the sleeves to the body of the dress using a 1/2 seam allowance.



22. Iron and clip the seam to make it nice and neat. You can use an overstretch/overedge/serger machine on this seam if you'd like, which will encase the seam with thread to help keep it from unraveling. Sew this seam to the body, using a 1/4 seam allowance, or sewing close to the seam.



23. Last thing to do is attach the skirt to the body of the dress! Start by marking the halfway point on the waist hem of the skirt piece, then pinning the side seam of the skirt to one side seam of the body, and pinning the halfway point on the skirt to the opposite side seam on the body piece.

24. Use your favorite gathering method to gather the skirt fabric to the waist on the body of the skirt, pin into place and use a 1/2 seam allowance to secure it.



25. Iron and clip your seam, then sew to the body of the dress using a 1/4 seam allowance.

Done! A sweet dress that is great for nearly any season!

Have a browse through our [plethora of colors](#) and find the one that inspires you for this project!

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