

Spaghetti Strap Top Tutorial

Description







You probably own a few of these in cottons and stretchy jersey fabrics, but make it out of linen, and you have something quite special. It is easy to wear, super comfortable and looks great by itself as well as an under a shirt or a sweater. This is a great and quick tutorial for everyone to make, especially for the beginner sewers amongst our readers, to become confident with the sewing machines. We have kept the straps quite long, please play around for your own figure to see what suits you best and whether you want to make them shorter. Have fun!

Material

1 yard of [IL020 Driftwood Softened](#)

Matching sewing thread

Tools

Pattern master, pattern paper

Paper scissors, fabric scissors

Fabric marker, pins, tape measure

Rotary cutter, cutting board, biased tape maker



Time

2-3 hours

Difficulty

Beginner

Step

Note: Prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist, let this dry in room temperature.

1. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with
2. The diagram shows the pattern for a size US6-8 (UK10-12). If you need help adjusting the size of this pattern, please follow [this tutorial](#)

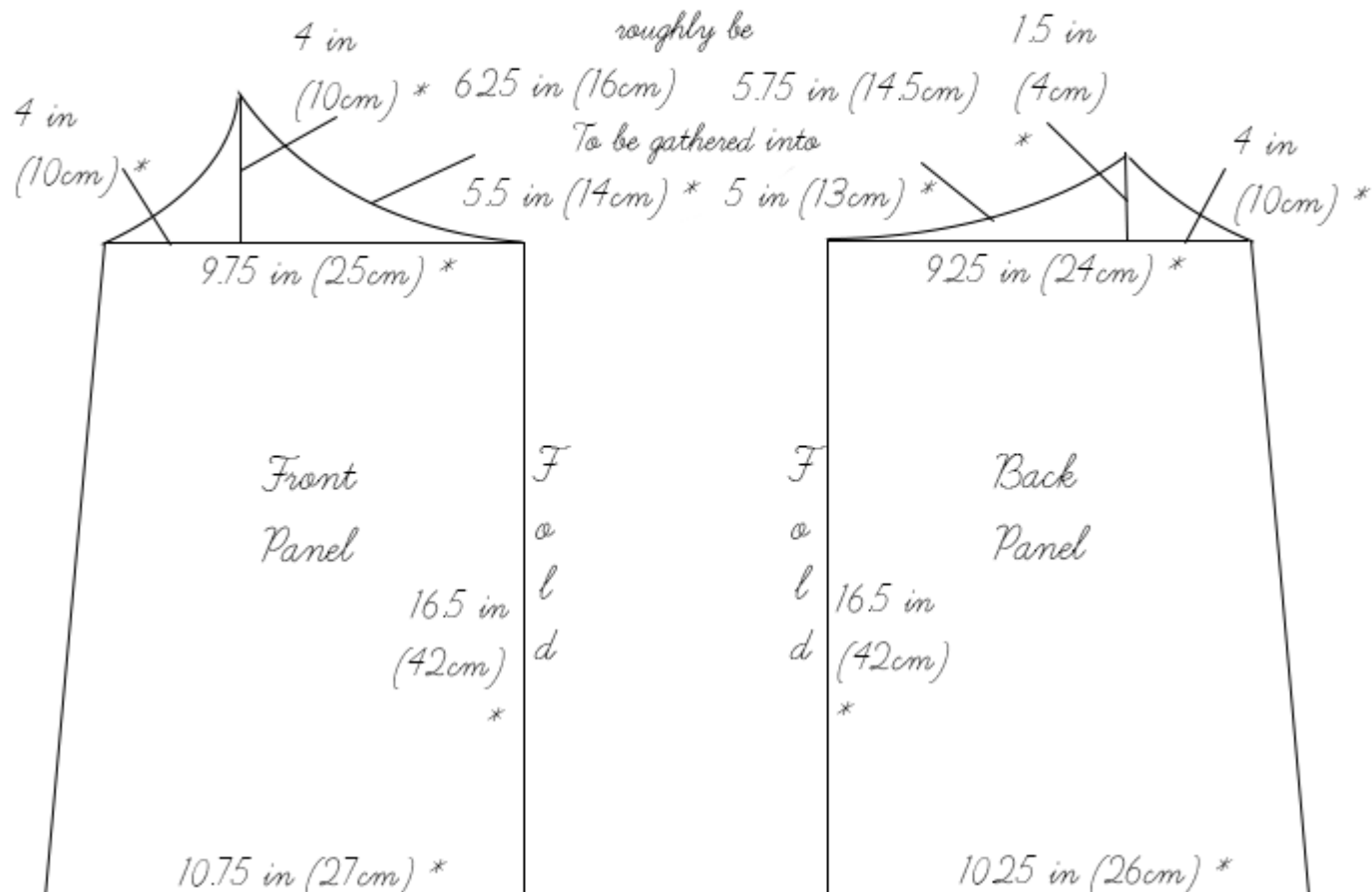
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Add 3/8 in (1cm) seam allowance on all seams

unless indicated as a Fold

Curve should

roughly be



3. Use a serger, or choose your own method to protect the seams from fraying. Make sure the method you choose does not add weight to the fabric

4. Pin the side seam of the bodice together. Stitch and press the seams open



5. [Following this tutorial](#), make around 2-3 yards of biased binding tape. Make sure the binding tape you make will end up with is 3/8 inch (1cm). This is to create a really thin strap
6. Take the bias binding tape and pin it around the arm area, stopping at the top of the bust curves and back curves



7. Top stitch over that and give it a little press

8. Then, leaving around 4 inch (10cm) tail at the centre of the back bodice panel, start the pinning and following the instructions on the pattern diagram,

gather the bodice seam to the right length



9. Once you reach the top of the back curve, leave about 14 in (36cm) of bias binding tape as the strap and re-join it at the top of the front bust curve. (Note: This is the length of strap based on a US size 6-8 top, depending on the size you are working on, proportionately increase and decrease the length required.) Go along this top seam with the correct gathering and repeat the strap technique for the left side of the body



10. Once you get to the back bodice again leave about 3 inch (7.5cm) of gap from' the beginning of the pinning and once again leave a long tail.

11. Top stitch over the pinned bias binding tape



12. Once you get to the opening, manually measure the rest of the bias binding tape needed along the seam (including some gathering in that space). When the tape joins in the middle of the seam, using your hand manually fold the tape outwards and press to create a fold line. This will be the indicator as to where to stitch the tape together.

13. Pin along the folded line on the wrong side and stitch it. Press open the seam.

14. Fold it back the right side along the gathered back opening

15. Pin it and top stitch over this opening. Match the beginning and end of the stitch with your previous stitching



16. Press the seam allowance of the bottom seam towards its wrong side. Top stitch over that



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