

A-Line Dress With a Tie Tutorial

Description





The heat is here, and that means itâ??s time to sew another summer dress. What could be better for hot days than a relaxed A-line sleeveless dress made from natural linen? Our gorgeous yarn dyed linen from the Premier Finish collection is not only beautiful visually, it is also very smooth to the touch which makes it the perfect choice of fabric for this project. It allows air to pass quickly through fibers keeping the skin cool and dry.

This dress has such a great classic A-line shape and features a round neckline, sleeveless armholes and a back opening with a tie. It also lends itself to so many possibilities and could be easily transformed into a top or a mini/maxi dress.

Materials



2.5 yards of IL042 909 FS Premier Finish linen

Fusible interfacing, matching sewing thread

Tools



Pattern paper, ruler, fabric marker, chalk, pins, scissors, pointed object for turning corners (a point turner or a simple chopstick), sewing machine

Time

3-4 hours

Difficulty

Beginner

Pattern

You can access the dress pattern by following this link HERE. Remember to add seam allowances as indicated in the pattern.

Note that youâ??ll also need to cut three bands of fabric 1,5â?³ (4 cm) wide on the bias in order to make the bias tape for the neckline and the armholes. For detailed instructions on how to cut your bias tape please follow this

tutorial.

The diagram shows the pattern for US size 6-8 (UK size 10-12). If you need help grading your pattern, please follow this tutorial.

Steps

Note: Prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist, dry in room temperature. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with.

Before assembling the front and the back together there are a few things you need to do to each piece first. Start by sewing the front darts. The darts are indicated in the pattern and should be marked on the wrong side with a tracing wheel/tracing paper or with a disappearing ink pen.

1. Lay your front piece fabric out on a flat surface and carefully fold the darts with right sides together. Pin in place.



2. Sew the darts in place by running a line of stitching directly over the marked lines. Press the darts.



This is what your finished darts look like from the right side:



3. With your front piece now finished, you can concentrate on the back of the dress. Following THIS very detailed tutorial, sew the back slit and attach the tie.



4. Now you can assemble the front and the back together. Pin the shoulder and side seams right sides together.





5. Sew the shoulder and side seams right sides together at 3/8â?• (1 cm) seam allowance, remember to backstitch. Trim the dartâ??s excess fabric.



6. Serge or zigzag the shoulder and side raw edges together to prevent the fabric from fraying. Press the seams flat folding the serged/zigzagged edges

towards the back of your dress.



7. Following this tutorial HERE, bind the neckline and the armholes.

When you come to the tie/back opening, tuck in the ends of your bias band as shown below:





8. The last thing to do now is to finish the bottom hem by folding the raw edge twice to the inside (wrong side) â?? 3/8â?• to 1/2â?• (1 cm to 1.25 cm). Press and pin.



9. Edgestitch the hem and give it a good press.



This is it! A breezy, loose fit dress for those long summer days.

If you prefer to have something lighter or cosier looking for the summer months, you can also check out our lighter linen selection and the brighter colors!

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