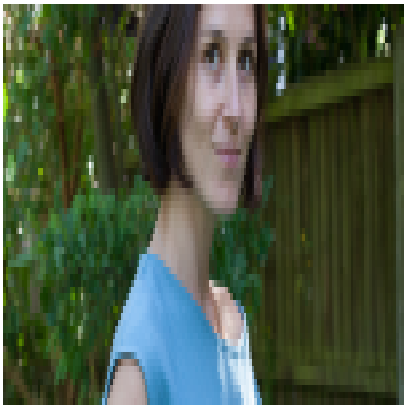


Patch Pockets Linen Tunic Tutorial

Description





Marvel at the casual-chic simplicity of this simple tunic dress. Cut from our beautiful turquoise medium-weight linen, it features a straight-cut fit, capped sleeves and large patch pockets that would flatter any body type. This lovely garment will be your wardrobe bestie all summer long â?? wear it like a short dress or as a tunic over a pair of skinny jeans or leggings.

Keep in mind that you can always alter the pattern to bring it to a more comfortable length.

Materials & Tools



1.5 yard of IL019 TURQUOISE Softened medium weight linen

Matching sewing thread, pattern paper, scissors, fabric marker, pins, ruler, chalk, sewing machine

Time

3-4 hours

Difficulty

Beginner

Pattern

You can access the pattern by following this link HERE. Remember to add seam allowances as indicated in the pattern. Youâ??ll also need to cut 3 bands of fabric on the bias 1.5â?³ (4 cm) large (one for the neckline and two for the sleeves) so make sure you have enough fabric left. For detailed instructions on how to cut your fabric on bias please follow this tutorial.

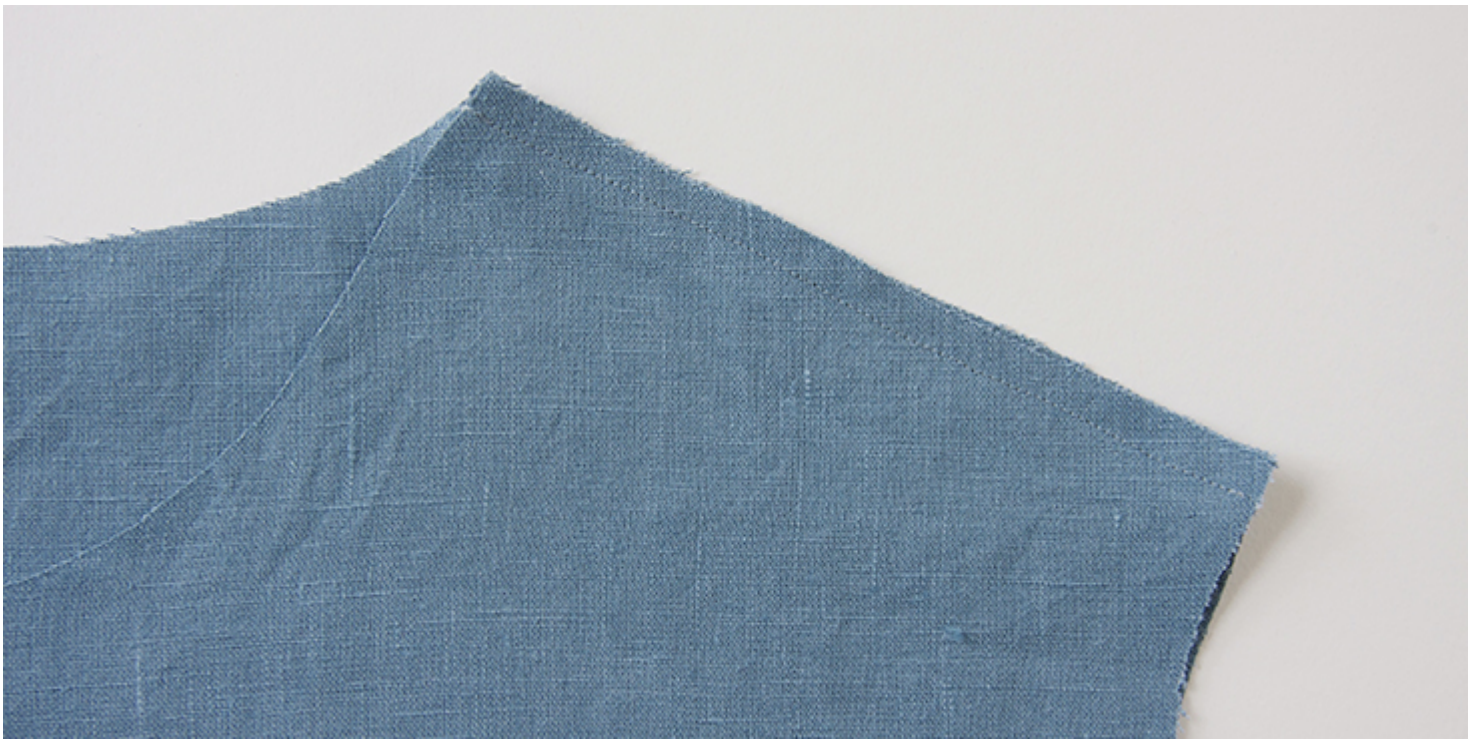
The diagram shows the pattern for US size 6-8 (UK size 10-12). If you need help grading your pattern, please follow this tutorial.

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.

1. Prepare your garment by pinning and sewing your shoulder seams right sides together. Note that it is best to leave the side seams open for now as it will be easier for you to attach the binding when you have an easy access to the neckline area.





2. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4â?³Â• (0,6 cm) and serge or zigzag the raw edges together to prevent the fabric from fraying. Press the seams folding the serged/zigzagged edge towards the back of your dress.

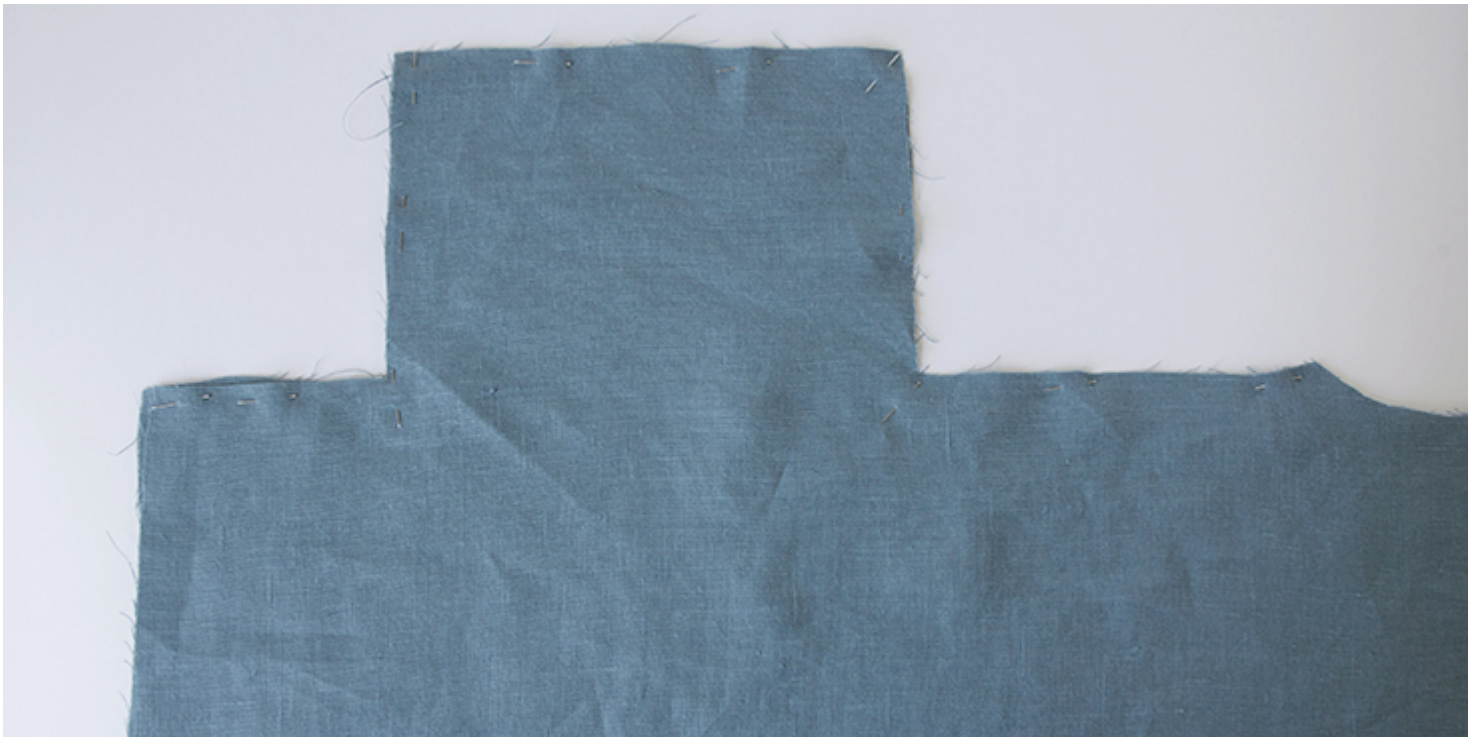




3. Bind the neckline following this tutorial.



4. With the right sides together and the pockets matching up pin the side seams.

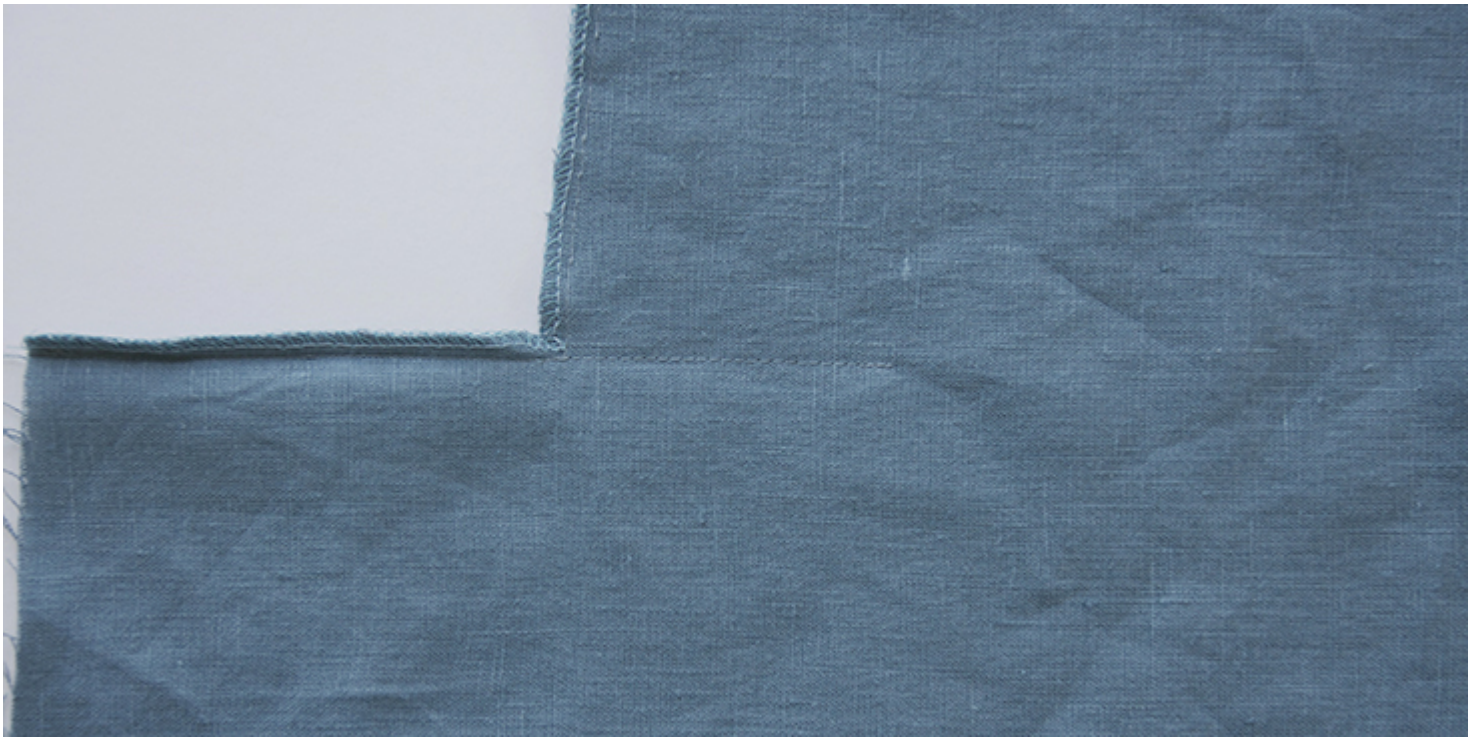


5. Sew at 3/8â?• (1 cm) seam allowance along the pinned sides. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4â?³Â• (0,6 cm) and serge or zigzag the raw edges

together to prevent the fabric from fraying.



6. From the bottom corner of each pocket, stitch a straight 3.5â?³Â• (9 cm) line to create a 5â?³Â• (12,5 cm) pocket opening.



7. Turn the dress right side out and tuck in the pockets. Press the seams folding the serged/zigzagged edge towards the back and the hidden pockets towards the front of your dress.

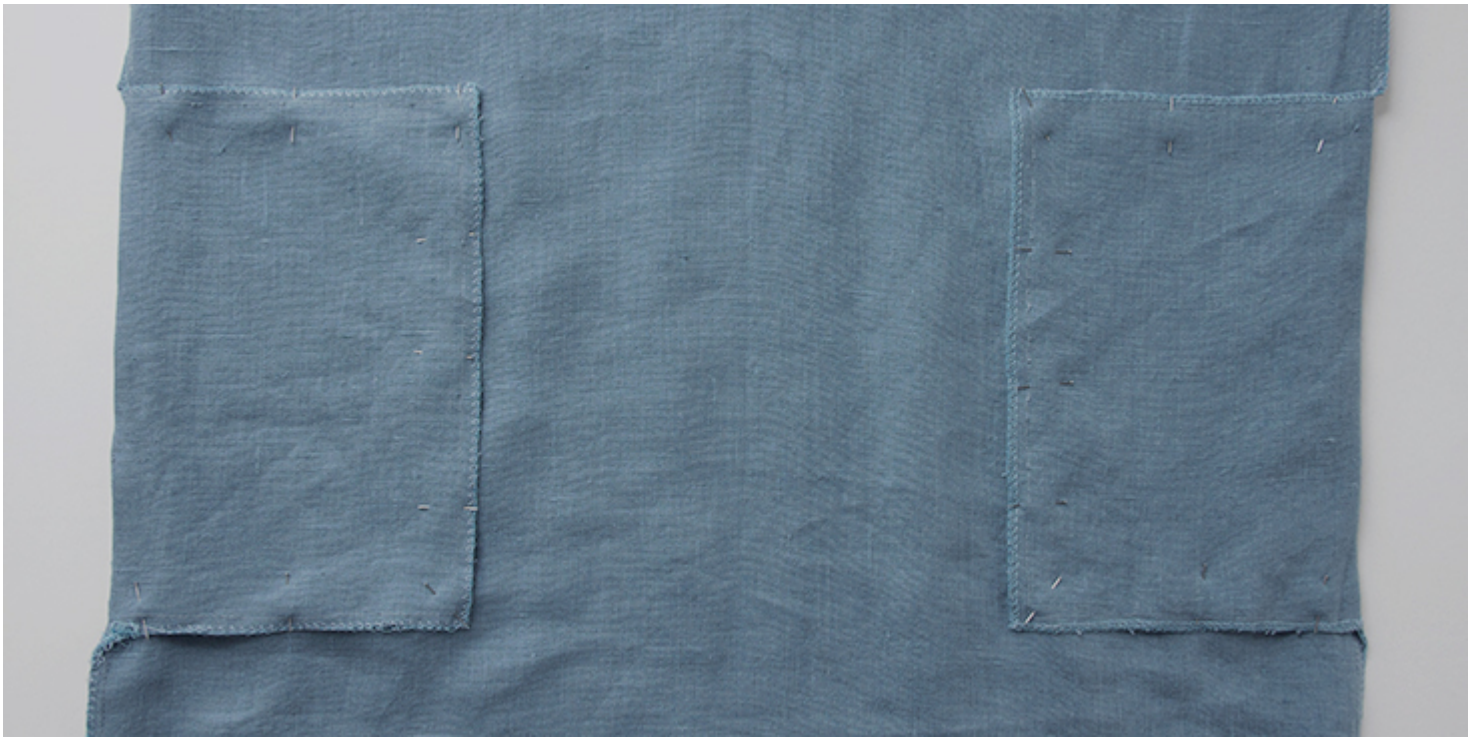


8. Now bind the armholes following the same method that you used for the neckline (refer to step #3).

The serged/zigzagged shoulder and side seams should be folded towards the back of your dress when you attach the binding.



9. Working from the wrong side, pin the pockets to the front piece of your dress. Make sure the back dress panel is not caught.



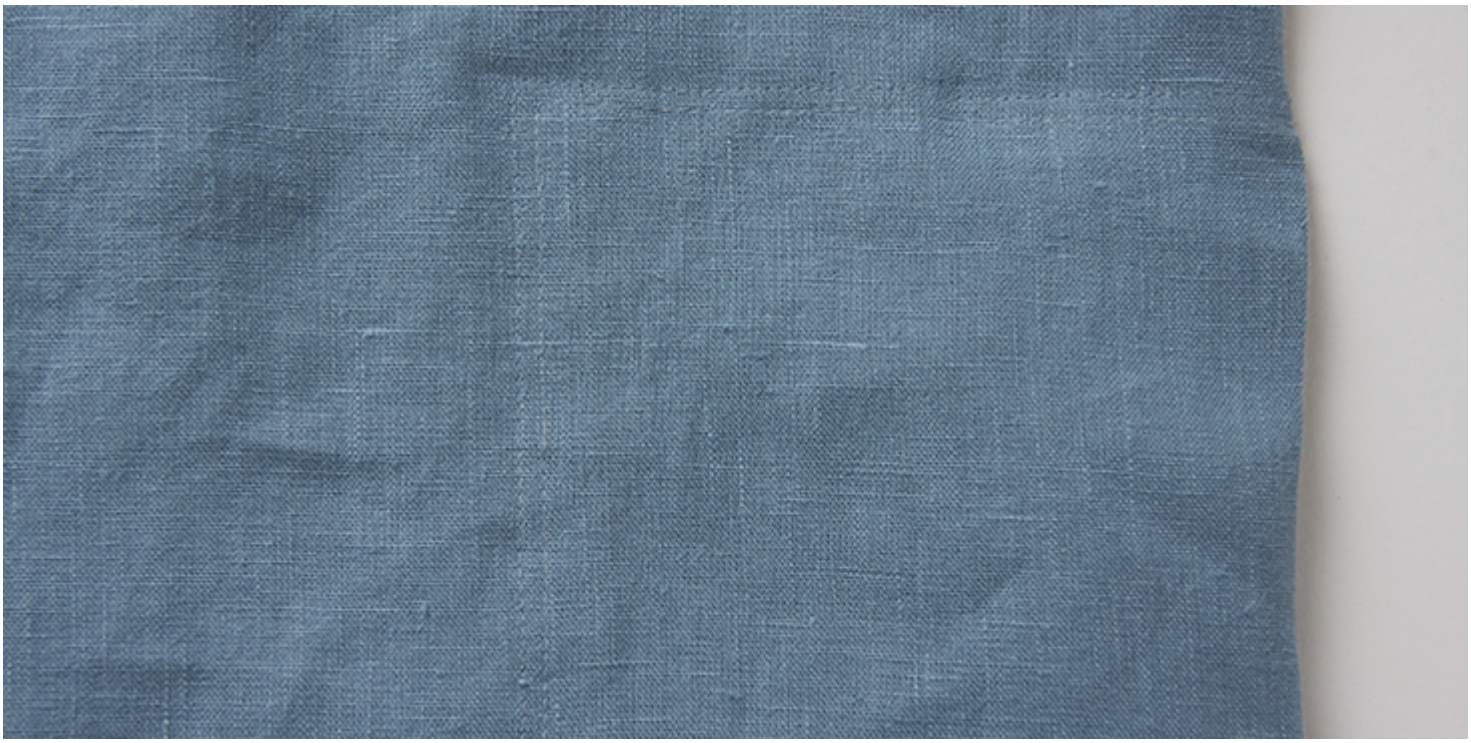
10. Topstitch the pockets to the front panel of you dress just inside (about 1/8â?³) the stitched line.



11. Now topstitch the pockets again but this time about 1/8â?³Â• from the serged/zigzagged edge. These two stitched lines will create a beautiful outline of your pockets on the right side of the dress.



This is what your patch pockets should look like from the right side:



You can even use a contrasting color thread to accentuate this detail.

12. The last thing to do is to finish the bottom edge with a rolled hem. First fold and press the edge of the fabric 3/8â?³Â• to the wrong side and then another 1/2â?³Â• to enclose the raw edge within this second fold. Pin.



13. Stitch the fold from the wrong side as close to the inner edge as possible. Press.



Give you finished tunic dress a good press and youâ??re done! Such a great summer basic that you can wear as a dress or a tunic.

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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