



## Reversible V-Neck Linen Tank Top Tutorial

### Description





There's no such thing as too many tops, right? We thought so! Here is another all-season favorite – a sleeveless V-neck tank with side slits. And the best thing is that it is fully reversible with completely enclosed seams. We went for an all-nude look (that's how we love our beautiful lightweight [IL020 NUDE Softened linen](#)) but you can play around with colors and use a different fabric for the lining.

## ***Materials***



1.5 yards of [IL020 NUDE Softened lightweight linen](#)

Matching sewing thread

## ***Tools***



Pattern paper, scissors, pins, ruler, chalk, sewing machine

### ***Time***

2-3 hours

### ***Difficulty***

Beginner

### ***Pattern***

You can access the pattern by following this link [HERE](#). Remember to add seam allowances as indicated in the pattern. 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](#).

Since the top is fully lined, you'll need to cut 2 tank fronts and 2 tank backs

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on the fold – one for the outer fabric, and one for the lining.

## 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. Let's start by assembling the front pieces together. Pin the outer fabric and the lining right sides together (only the neckline edges and the armholes).



2. Sew the neckline and the armholes at a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) seam allowance. The shoulder, side and bottom seams are left unstitched.



When you come to the neckline V, stop the machine with the needle still in the fabric, sew one or two stitches straight on and turn the fabric to sew the rest of the V. This will help you form a perfectly looking V-shape.



3. Repeat these steps for the two back pieces: pin the neckline and the armholes right sides together and stitch  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) from the edge.
4. Trim the seam allowances to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) and make a few notches to release the tension: clip to but not through the stitch line at the V-point and around the armhole curves. Press the seams open.





5. Turn your back piece right sides out and insert it into the front piece (wrong side out). Note how the right sides are touching.





6. Pin the shoulders together (all four layers of fabric).



7. Stitch the shoulders together at  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) and trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm).



8. Turn the front piece right side out and discover your neat shoulder seams with no raw edges exposed as they are enclosed between the outer fabric and the lining. Press the seams flat.



Here is what your neckline, armholes and shoulders look like at this point:



Now comes the tricky part – assemble the rest of the side seams and sew them together to enclose all the raw edges inside the outer fabric and the

lining.

9. Turn your top wrong sides facing out and pin the side seams right sides together: lining to lining and main fabric to main fabric.



10. Once you've pinned the side seams, take your ruler and make a 5" mark from the bottom hem – this will be the size of your side slit. Feel free to alter this measurement if you want a smaller/bigger slit.



11. Stitch the sides seams together (but not the slits) at the usual  $3/8$ " seam allowance and then trim and press the seams open.





Here is what it should look like from the right side:



12. Turn your top wrong sides out and pin the slit+hem edges right sides together: front outer fabric to front lining and back outer fabric to back lining.

It might be a bit hard to tell from the pictures what goes where so our advice is to turn the top right side out and check if everything fits as it should.



13. Once you've checked that everything is pinned correctly you can stitch along the edge at a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) seam allowance but leave a 4" opening at one of the slits. We'll later use that opening to pull the top right side out.



14. Trim and press the seam allowances open.

15. Pull the right side of the top out through the opening and press all the edges flat.

16. Tuck in and press the seam allowance of the opening. Pin.





17. The last step is to topstitch around all edges (neckline, armholes, slits and bottom hem) to stabilize and keep them in place.



When you come to the opening, tuck in the raw edges inside and topstitch

the gap.



Give your finished tank a good press and you are all done!

**Remember that you can play around with colors and chose something different for the lining. Check out our full [plethora of linen fabrics](https://blog.fabrics-store.com)**

# Â and see which color takes your fancy for this easy sewing project!

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