



## Linen Tunic With Tassel Belt Tutorial

### Description







This week's tutorial is a bohemian inspired tunic featuring a topstitched bib front and slit V-neckline, side slits and a DIY tassel belt that completes this feminine, minimalist look.

Made with our gorgeous lightweight linen, this tunic has a delicate natural look and a unique, textured feel. Wear it with skinny jeans, leggings or a pair of tights and a denim jacket to transform it into a cute little dress.

## ***Materials***



2 yards of [IL020 NATURAL Softened](#) 100% lightweight linen

Matching sewing thread, lightweight fusible interfacing, 2 beads, 2 yards of matching cotton rope

## ***Tools***



Pattern paper, measuring tape, scissors, pins, chalk, fabric marker, ruler, sewing machine

### ***Time***

4-5 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.

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](#).

We are working towards publishing multi-sized printable PDF Patterns for you, so please be patient with us. In the meantime, if you are particularly keen on getting a multi-sized pattern on this project, please comment below so we have an idea of which tutorials to prioritize. Thank you!

## Steps

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

Let's start with the bib.

1. Apply fusible interfacing to the wrong side of your facing and pin the back and front shoulder seams right sides together



2. Stitch at a 3/8in (1cm) seam allowance and press the seams open. Fold

the outer raw edge  $\frac{3}{8}$ " towards the wrong side and press. Make a few notches ( $\frac{1}{16}$ " away from the fold) around the back to avoid wrinkles.





3. Draw a V in center front of your bib (wrong side).  $3 \frac{3}{8}$  deep and  $1 \frac{1}{4}$  wide. You'll later stitch over this shape to create a V-neck opening.



Before attaching the bib onto the tunic, you need to assemble the front and

back pieces of the tunic together.

4. Start by pinning the shoulder seams right sides together.



5. Sew at a 3/8in (1cm) seam allowance and remember to backstitch at both ends. Trim the seam allowance down to 1/4 (6 mm) and serge/zigzag the

raw edges together to prevent them from fraying.



6. Press the seams flat folding the serged/zigzagged edge towards the back.



7. Place the right side of the facing on top of the wrong side of your garment matching up the shoulder seams and pin. Use plenty of pins to get the facing

seated and make sure it's centered.



8. Stitch the facing onto the neckline in a continuous circle at a 3/8in (1cm) seam allowance.



9. Now stitch on top of the V-mark. When you come to the 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. Adding this tiny horizontal stitch makes it easier to clip and turn the bib to the outside.



10. Take your scissors and cut the V in the middle all the way to the point. Clip as close to the stitch line as possible but be careful not to cut through.



11. Trim the seams to 1/4" (6 mm) and make notches (clip to but not through the seam line) around the neckline opening and trim the corners to release the tension.



12. Flip your bib from the inside to the right side of your tunic and press the seams flat. Use a pointed object like a chopstick to get the corners out.



13. Pin the bib to the front of your tunic. Make sure it's centered.



14. Topstitch the top and bottom edges to the front of your tunic 1/8" from the edge to secure the bib and press again.

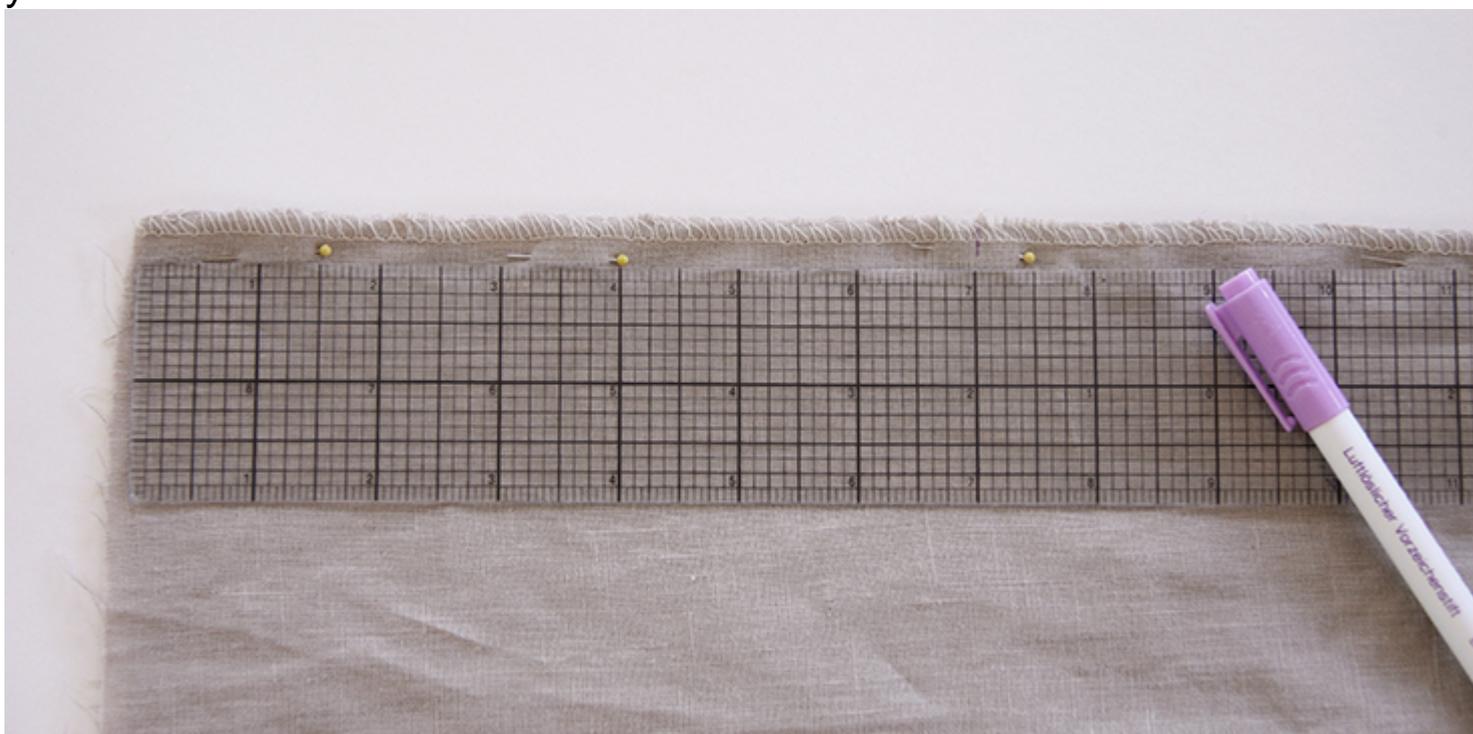


With your bib attached to the neckline, you can now assemble the front and

the back of the tunic together.

15. Start by serging/zigzagging the side seams' raw edges to make sure that they don't fray in the future.

16. Pin your side seams right sides together. This tunic features side seam splits. In order to create them, you need to measure a 7" (13 cm) distance from the bottom hem and make a mark (place a pin or use a marker). Repeat for the other side. We went for a 6" slit (1" will be used for the hem finish), but it is really up to you to decide where you want your seam to finish and your slit to start.



17. Sew the side seams together at a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) seam allowance and stop at the mark indicating the beginning of the slit. Remember to backstitch.



18. Press the seams open, including the side splits' seam allowances.
19. Stitch the edges of the side slits in place as close to the outer edge as possible.



Here's what it looks like from the right side:



And the last steps are to finish the sleeves and the bottom of your tunic with a rolled hem.

20. Fold the fabric twice to the wrong side ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ "), press and pin.





21. Topstitch as close to the inner edge as possible and press.





Your tunic is now done but the whole bohemian look won't be complete without a tassel belt. In the next steps we are going to show how to make such belt with a simple rope and a couple of beads.

22. Cut two 7' long pieces of rope and untangle the threads.



23. Fold the untangled threads in half, insert a rounded bead under the center fold and tie a knot with one of the threads.



24. Take your long piece of rope and untangle 3 inches of threads on each

end.



25. Now insert the beaded threads into the middle of your untangled ends, distribute the threads evenly and tie 2 knots: above and below the bead.



26. Tuck the ends of your knots into the threads and cut the excess threads to make an even and neat tassel.



You're all done! Cinch your belt and rock the bohemian look with this cute

little tunic.



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