

Avery Tiered Shirt Dress Tutorial and Pattern

Description



Avery pattern is a classic shirt dress with a tailored collar and a semi-fitted bodice made fancy thanks to a tiered skirt. These flirty layers add an interesting dimension to the whole look and are perfect for spinning, dancing or just looking really neat and feminine for almost any occasion.

We did a two-tier design, but if youâ??d like to play around with the layers, feel free to add and adjust the lengths of the tiers! It also gives a great opportunity for working with color-blocking and change your whole ensemble around!

One pattern but so many options for styling!

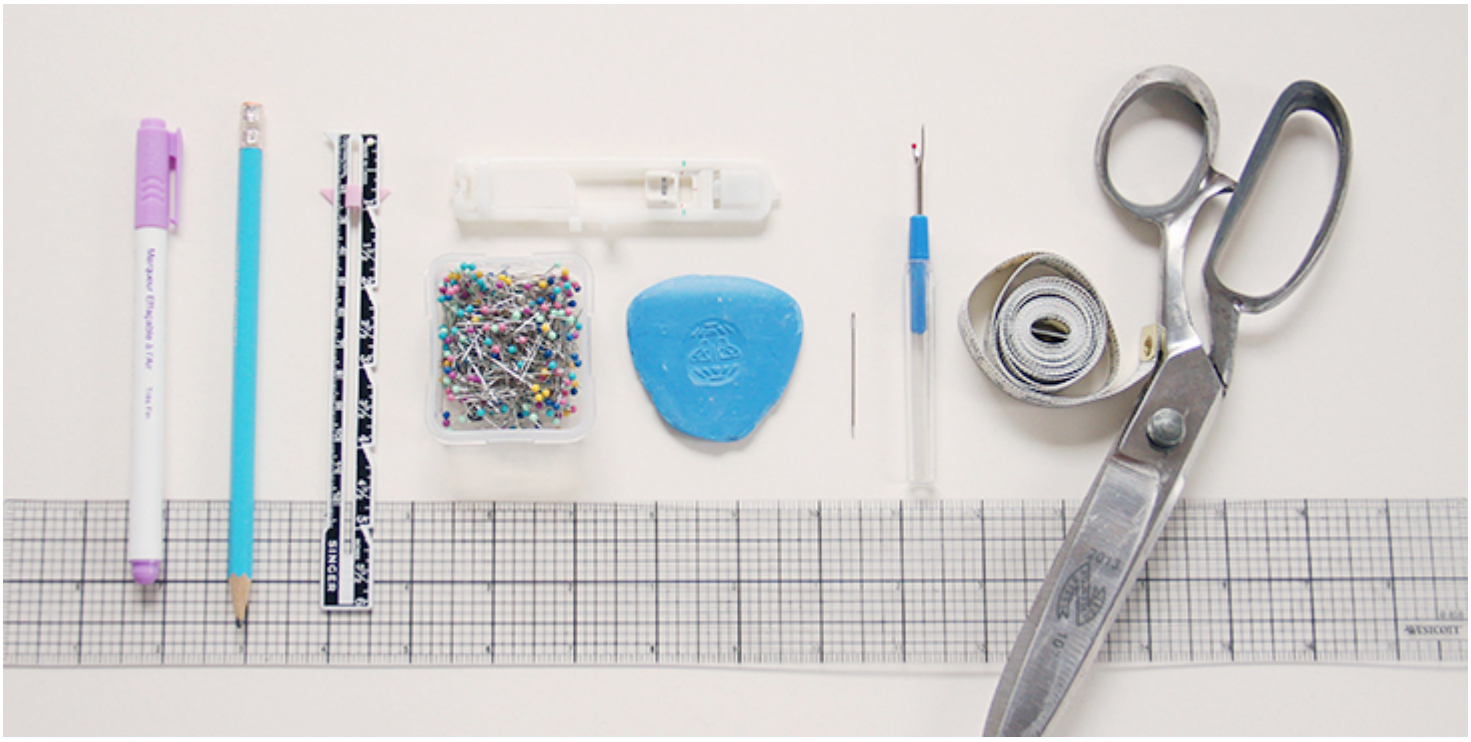
Materials



2 yards of IL019 COBALT FS Signature Finish Medium Weight Linen

Matching sewing thread, contrasting thread for gathering, fusible interfacing, 5 small (18L) buttons

Tools



Scissors, pins, ruler, chalk, measuring tape, fabric marker, buttonhole foot, seam ripper, needle, sewing machine

Difficulty

Advanced Beginner

Sewing Time

5-6 hours

Pattern

You can access the multi sized printable PDF pattern by following this link HERE. All seam allowances are included. The model is wearing US size 6.

Remember to transfer all the notches onto your fabric.

Steps

Note: To avoid shrinkage, prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with.

1. First of all, sew the two button bands on right and left front bodice pieces as explained in this detailed tutorial. Donâ??t forget to interface your button bands.



Do not sew the buttonholes and buttons yet, youâ??ll do this later when your bodice is assembled.

2. Sew the underarm darts. We have a great tutorial about sewing darts HERE. Press the fullness of your dart downward towards waist.



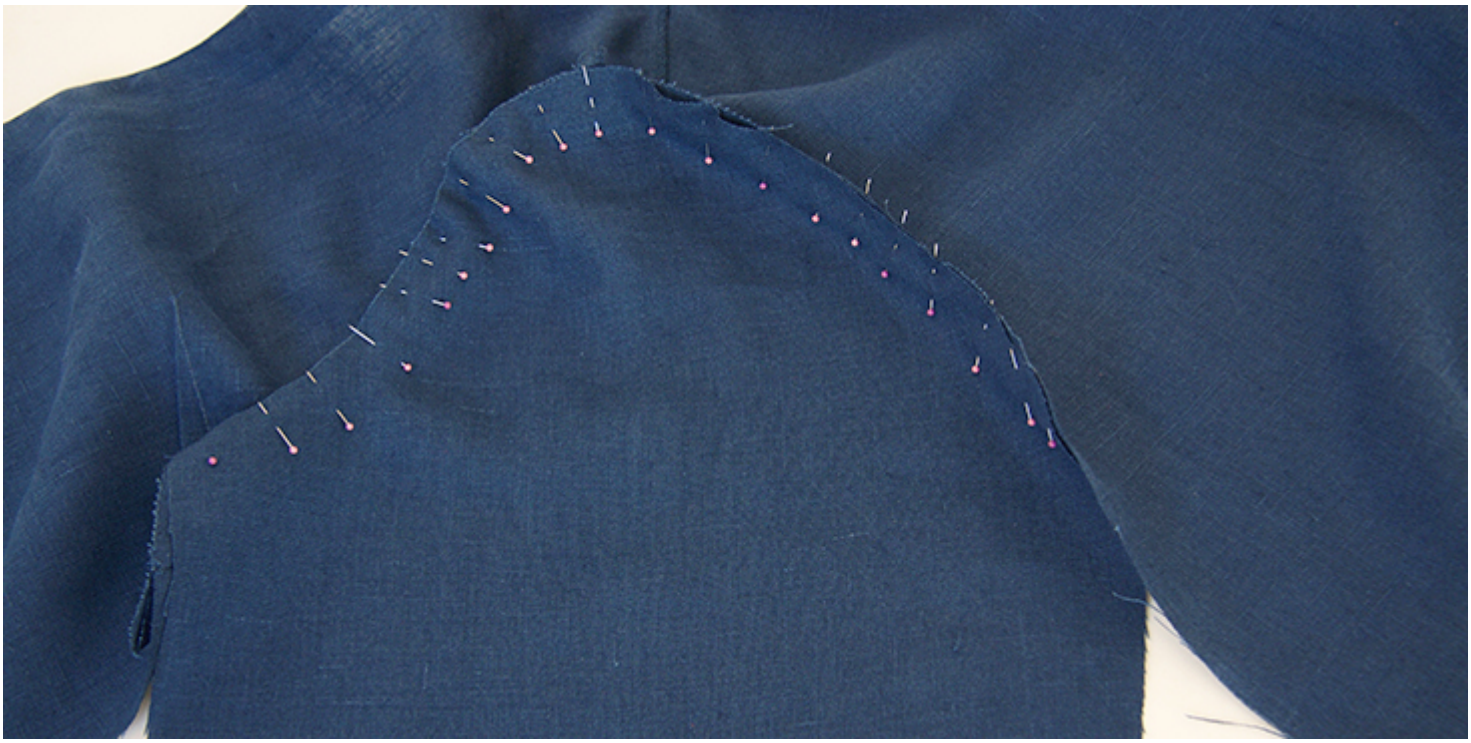
3. Pin and stitch front and back bodices at shoulders right sides together at a 3/8â?• (1 cm) seam allowance. Trim the seam down to 1/4â?³, finish with a serger or a zigzag stitch to prevent the fabric from fraying, and press the seams towards back.



4. Time to attach the collar. To guide you through the process as best as we can, we invite you to follow this step-by-step tutorial explaining how to sew a shirt collar. Follow the steps and complete your collar. Attach it to the bodice neckline as shown below:



5. Pin and stitch the sleeves to the armholes right sides together at a 3/8â?• (1 cm) seam allowance. Grade and finish the seams. Press the seam allowance towards sleeve.





6. Pin (matching underarm seams) and stitch the side seams and the underarms all in one seam at a 3/8â?• (1 cm) seam allowance then grade and serge/zigzag the raw edges together. Press the seam allowances towards the back.



7. Finish the sleeve opening with a rolled hem. Fold the fabric twice to the wrong side (3/8â?• to 1/2â?•). Press, pin and edgestitch.





Now that your bodice is assembled, you can sew the buttonholes and attach the buttons. Note that in womenâ??s clothing, the buttonholes are sewn on the right button band, and the buttons â?? on the left.

8. For the buttonholes, you can follow our detailed tutorial HERE. As for the buttons, check our tutorial HERE for instructions.

The number and the spacing on the front button bands are really up to you. If you want your buttons closer, just leave smaller gaps between them. We decided to space our buttons 2,5â?• (6 cm) apart. Overlap the two button bands and place a pin into the center of each buttonhole. This is where youâ??ll need to attach the buttons. Place one button on the collar stand.



Time to sew and attach the skirt.

9. Pin and stitch front and back of upper and lower skirts right sides together at the usual 3/8â?• (1 cm) seam allowance. Trim the seam down to 1/4â?•, finish and press towards back.

If you wish to add inseam pockets to your dress, youâ??ll find instructions and the pocket template in this tutorial.



10. Gather the top edge of your upper skirt and attach it to the bodice. If you donâ??t know how to gather fabric, youâ??ll find all the answers in this step-by-step tutorial. Use contrasting color thread for basting stitches.



11. Pin the upper skirt to buttoned bodice at waist right sides together matching the side seams and the center notches, then gather the skirt fabric between the notches/sides to meet the bodiceâ??s waist, pin and stitch. Remove gathering stitches, trim the seam and finish with serger or zigzag stitch. Press the seam towards bodice.







12. Now gather your lower skirt and attach it to the upper skirt. Press the finished seam allowance towards upper skirt and run a decorative line of topstitching 1/4â?• from the seam.



13. Lastly, fold the hem twice to the wrong side (first 3/8â?•, then another 1/2â?•), press, pin and edgestitch.



Give your dress a good last press and you are all done! We love seeing what you make! Donâ??t forget to share your pictures and tag your creations with #FabricsStoreAveryPattern hashtag.

This dress will look great any color. Browse our selection of linen fabrics and find the fabric that inspires you for this project!

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