

PATTERN REVIEW: Noor Wrap Dress in Dusty Lotus Linen

Description



NOOR Dress made with FS DUSTY LOTUS Heavyweight Linen

This weekend, I welcomed the first day of spring by sewing a linen dress for Easter. I chose the NOOR Dress in DUSTY Lotus green linen for this occasion, as I was drawn to the long sleeves and flattering wrap silhouette. Of course, I will wear this dress beyond Easter Sunday, but having a specific end use in mind helps me narrow down the style and fabric color when picking out my next sewing project. It also gives me a true deadline!

The NOOR Wrap Dress is one of Fabrics-storeâ??s free patterns and a great option for beginners. I found the written instructions with photos really easy to follow. It features a bias-binding neckline and simple side seam ties as the closure. The long sleeves can be rolled up for a less formal look. Since the dress is designed to wrap around the body, the pattern has plenty of ease incorporated into the garment, so itâ??s an unchallenging pattern to manipulate. This is a good time to try out your pattern-making skills.

That said, I made a few changes to the original pattern to better fit my personal style. I have never been a fan of gathers, so I eliminated the extra fabric along the waistband and sleeve to create a flat seam instead. Removing the volume is simple and, as a bonus, saves on fabric yardage. I measured the back bodice and front bodice pattern pieces, then cut the bottom pattern pieces down to match those measurements. I kept the A-line silhouette for the bottom portion, although you could easily straighten it if you wish. I also decided to shorten the hem by a couple inches so the dress hits above the knee instead of below.



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Rather than using a contrasting color twill tape or ribbon for the ties, I opted for using some scrap pieces of linen to create a matching set. For this step, I cut 4 pieces of linen at 2â?• wide by 18â?• long, then pressed Â½â?• toward the center along each 18â?• side, then folded in half and edge stitched. The finished ties should be Â½â?• wide. Although I like the tie detail, I might still make a full belt instead, as I tend to like a completely cinched waist on a wrap dress like this. Iâ??ll wear it first and then decide on any changes. Iâ??ll be sure to keep you guys posted on my decision via Instagram.

Letâ??s hope the 60-degree weather sticks around in Wisconsin so I can actually wear this dress on Easter Sunday! Either way, it will be a fun addition to my wardrobe and a go-to for spring and summer.

If youâ??re looking for a free dress pattern, the NOOR Wrap Dress sews up fast and is easy to tweak to fit your personal style. This sewing pattern creates a classic and flattering that I know will stand the test of time. If you have any questions about the sewing process, please leave a comment below. I always love hearing about what youâ??re making, too!

Happy sewing,

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