



PATTERN REVIEW: Zina Shirt Dress in Midweight Shadow Gray Linen

Description



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I have always wanted to make a shirt dress but had always been very intimidated to give it a try. The collar and buttonholes were enough to deter me. Having successfully made a few other [FS patterns](#), I felt up to the challenge. The instructions you get with the patterns are unmatched. I felt ready to take on this project. Not to mention it is the perfect time of year to have a linen shirt dress in rotation.



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To make the Zina shirtdress pattern, I chose the [SHADOW GREY linen in 5.3Oz](#) because it's so summery and compliments various tones already in my closet. The weight of this linen is perfect for fall transitioning and layering. Before I started this project, I took my time to read the instructions, prepare all my pattern pieces by steps in order for the project to be less intimidating. I'll be honest because the collar and buttonhole were what I worried about doing successfully I did those first. I made a test collar and spent a few hours practising buttonholes. I have made buttonholes in the past, but only doing one or two on garments. Not more than 10 that needed to be spaced out correctly.

The instructions for the pattern are so easy to follow and I appreciate how detailed each picture is and you can see the pattern in the exact direction in which your sewing should be done. I decided to sew on four pockets, two at the top and two at the bottom for a slight construction dress feel. The other thing I did was make the dress 2 sizes up. I personally like a looser fit on all my shirts for layering and versatility in styling. Midway through this project, I was so excited to find how enjoyable it was to sew this dress. I would make it in other colors as well.



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The dress totally inspired this shoot, something tropical with vacation vibes literally came to mind. I styled this dress cinching the waist and pulling the top part up slightly, so the dress overlapped over the skirt part. It gave it a dressier and chicer look. That is the best part of shirtdresses in my opinion. It's how easily it's moldable to your needs.

If you want to make a shirtdress, I highly recommend this pattern. It makes it so easy and would work well for a beginner. I'm thinking of making this again in a shorter length soon. I'm definitely even more excited for how far this pattern can stretch with options.

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