

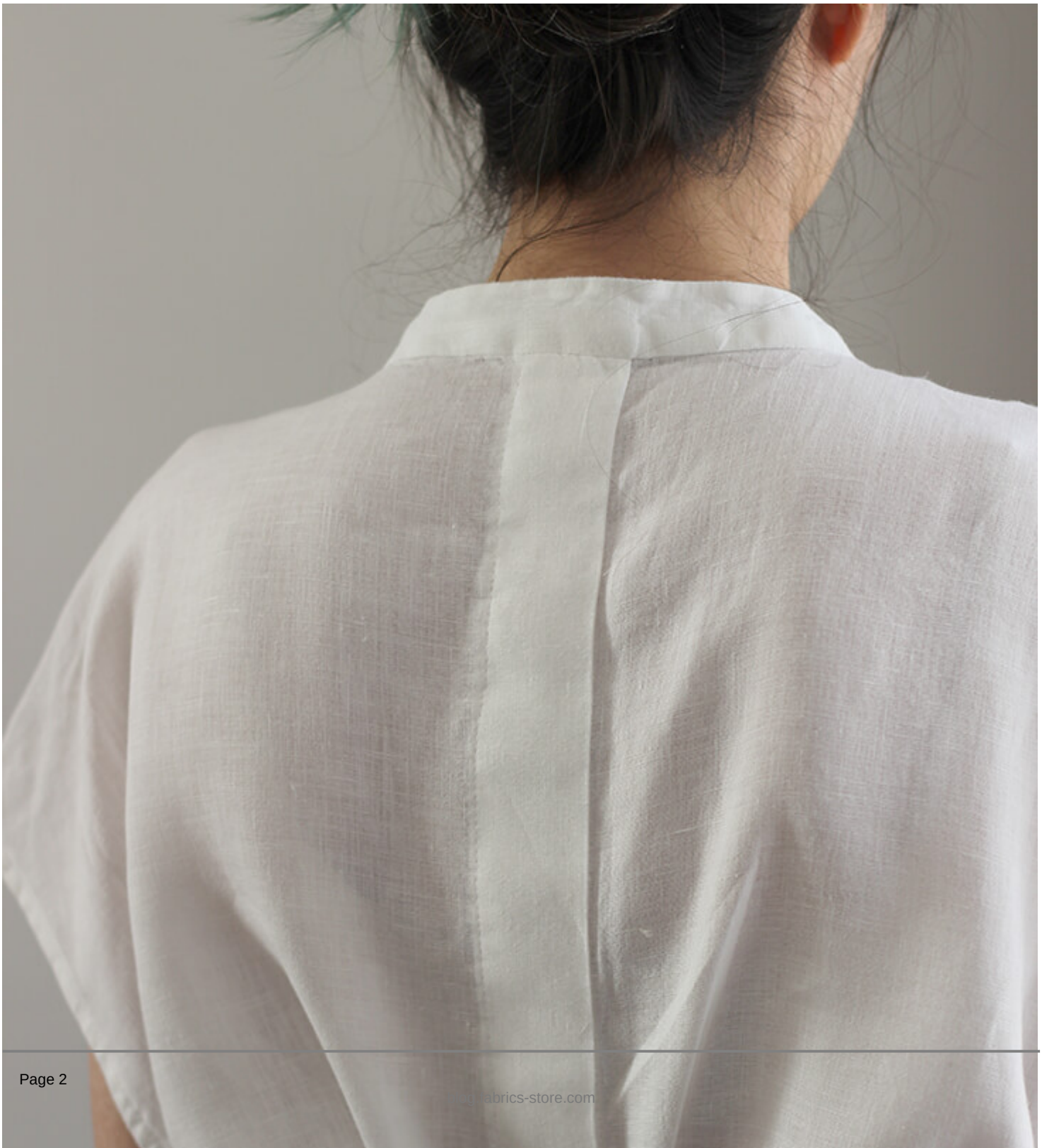
PATTERN REVIEW: FS CHARLIE Sleeveless Blouse in Lightweight Linen

Description



FS CHARLIE Blouse Made with FS BLEACHED Lightweight Softened Linen

Billowy linen shirts are my favourite things to wear in the warmer months, I love how they seemingly float over my body without clinging to it, and I love how they look tucked into a pair of high waisted trousers or shorts. I fell in love with the sleeveless version of the CHARLIE blouse the moment I saw it because it fit the bill so perfectly!



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This sleeveless view features a lovely oversized fit, dropped shoulders, bias faced armholes, a classic collar stand and a unique placket detail on the front and the back. It also comes with a long sleeve view and a dress length, as well as some beautiful trousers with different length options.

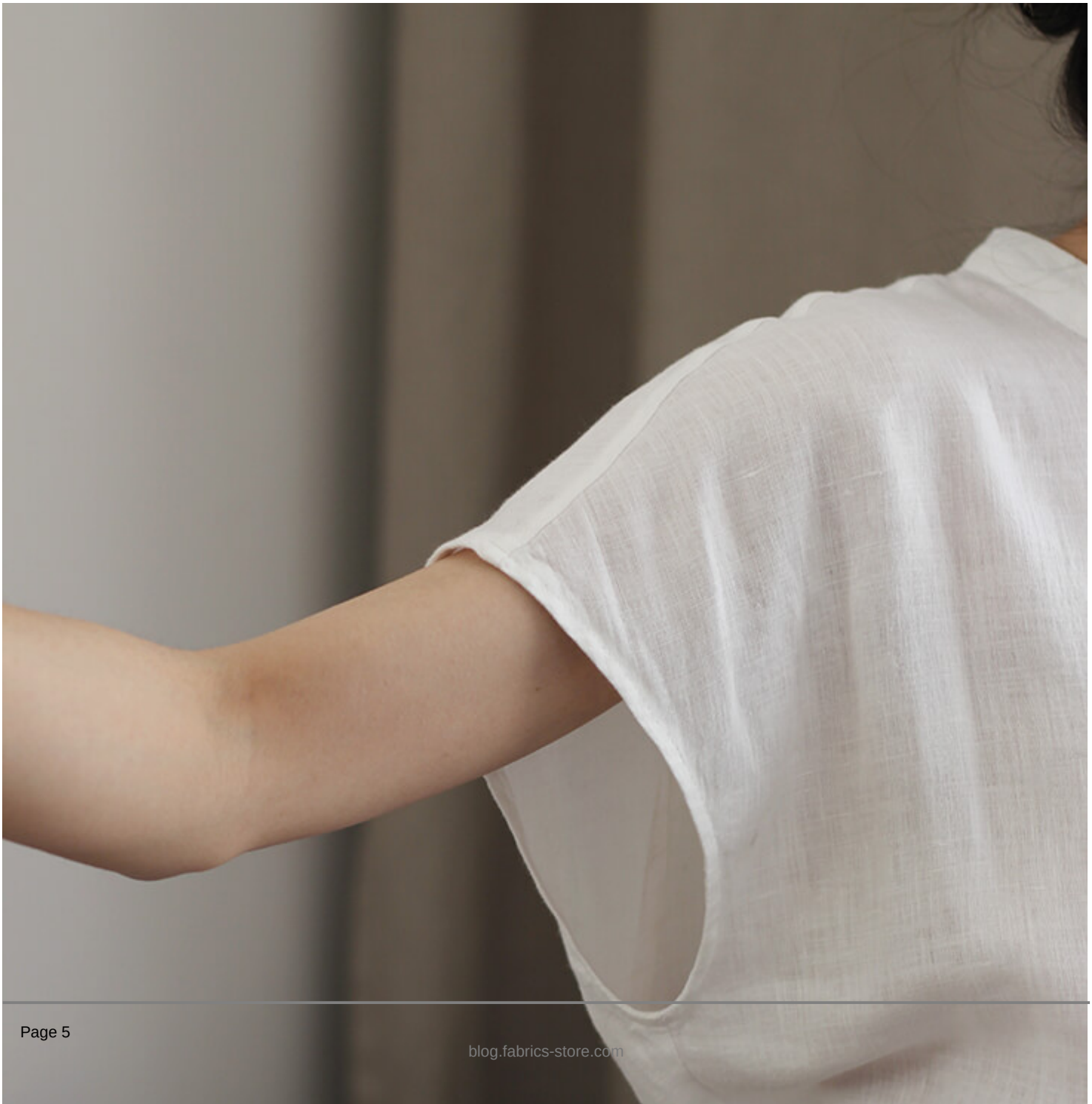
I decided to go with the size 2, as it was the closest match to my measurements. For reference, Iâ??m a 30â?• bust and a 23â?• waist, and the size 2 is drafted for a 33â?• bust and 25â?• waist. I have quite broad shoulders and a bigger upper bust measurement which means I usually need to size up a couple of sizes for tops, so I decided to go with a straight size 2. The only modification I made was to shorten it by 7 cm, as the original length was way too long on my short torso â?? Iâ??m 5â??3â?• with a shorter upper half for reference.



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I love how the finished piece fits, itâ??s exactly the super voluminous, balloon shaped top I was dreaming of! It creates such a nice, strong yet soft silhouette when tucked into high waisted bottoms. The only thing I donâ??t love about the fit is how big the neckline is â?? Iâ??m more used to wearing shirts with a closer fit at the neck so I will bring this neckline up for my next version.

The placket details on the front and the back were really interesting to construct and I think they add a really cool touch to an otherwise quite simple pattern. But my favourite part of this pattern has to be the sleeves â?? the generously dropped shoulders create this beautiful dolman sleeve look and I just canâ??t get enough of this specific silhouette. In my opinion tops with this sleeve shape serve as the perfect basic-white-tee alternatives, you can wear them in place of a simple white t-shirt and they instantly elevate the whole outfit. I went with the FS Softened lightweight linen in the bleached colourway to further play into the white-tee-alternative look. The fabric was just a dream to work with and I think itâ??s the perfect match for this pattern, I can already tell how nice and cool it will feel in the dead of summer.



I was pleasantly surprised by the instruction booklet â?? it is so beautifully designed and executed that I just wanted to keep reading it! I felt so inspired by the beautiful photos of the samples, and the instructions were very well written. Every single step is illustrated in a really clear way, and it was a pleasure to just follow them and end up with this gorgeous piece. The blouse is put together with French seams, and the armholes are finished with bias facings. I love that you donâ??t need an overlocker to beautifully finish the seams on this pattern, making it a perfect project for those who donâ??t have access to an overlocker. I know that I will enjoy this piece for many years to come, and my wardrobe will be a happier place with this shirt in it.

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