



PATTERN REVIEW: Charlie Midi Dress in Midweight Linen

Description



FS CHARLIE Dress Made With FS TURQUOISE Midweight Linen

This dress is the second piece of clothing I've sewed since forever so I was excited and nervous to try it. The first garment I made many years ago didn't go very well and made me afraid to take the risk again. This time I decided to embrace the challenge with the [CHARLIE midi dress pattern](#), and I'm glad that I did!

The [CHARLIE pattern](#) arrived packaged in a sturdy cardboard tube, accompanied by a luxurious instructions book, full of clear explanations and beautiful illustrations that I felt were a great help to embark on this sewing adventure.Â

The linen I used has a beautiful [TURQUOISE](#) shade that really shines in the light, and has a great balance that feels neither sheer or heavy. It's also very soft and easy to work with.Â



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I followed the illustrated step-by-step instructions, always impressed by the detail and clarity of the explanations. The dream of a beginner wanting a challenging pattern. The mistakes I made (and unmade) along the way were entirely my responsibility, either because I didn't read the instructions well or because I was distracted. But I learned how to make a French seam, and a round collar that I'm very proud of!

I made some small changes to the pattern, such as removing the collar button, shortening the dress in length, and making the belt a little wider. The topstitching is not as straight as I would like, but the pleasure of wearing a garment made by me overcomes these small frustrations.

I like to wear loose dresses so despite my measurements being between size 8 and 10, I chose size 10, and I don't regret it.

The end result is very elegant, despite the occasional less straight seam, and at the same time spacious and comfortable. Perfect for a practical princess! The fabric is very comfortable, and I can't overstate the unique color of this Turquoise linen. Summer here I come!

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