

How To Self Draft A Linen Pinafore Wrap Dress

Description



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When I set out to start sewing my own clothes, I had no intention of making myself frilly dressesâ?¦ but here we are.

I actually had every intention of quilting when I first started sewing more than just simple alterations on ready-to-wear shirts, but then I fell HARD when I found the lovely garment sewing community on Instagram. I feel like I really lucked out because by random chance I found the sewing profile of Anna (@tartan_tarlatan). At the time, I had it in my mind that garment sewing was reserved for a very particular community, one that I did not belong to. But after seeing these amazing pieces Anna was making, I was smitten!



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Annaâ??s profile is why I decided to start my own sewing Instagram account a few months later, when I really began consistently sewing my own clothes; I wanted a place to keep track of my construction notes and pattern fit details. I never told her this, so this blog post seems like the perfect place to say it. ð???

Now onto the dress details â?? this dress is really an ode to the sewing community Iâ??ve found myself in. I am constantly impressed and amazed at what this lovely sewing community creates and every so often, I canâ??t help but try and recreate something someone else has made, with my own little flair of course. Anna had set her mind on making a pinafore wrap linen dress and was so generous to share her process of self-drafting the piece. I could not stop going back to her posts about working out the construction and fit details and I knew I wanted to try and make my own version.



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I wasnâ??t ready to 100% self-draft, so I heavily hacked the Bella Loves Patterns Flor top/dress. Instead of the front wrap on the original pattern, I made a square neckline/full front panel, and changed the side panels to become diagonal wrap pieces. I could have used the skirt and waistband pattern pieces, but instead I just made my own waist ties and attached some rectangle skirt panels (front and back) with a 2:1 gathering ratio. I will post a story highlight on my Instagram going through this pattern hack in detail if you would like to try it yourself! And if youâ??re really ready for a challenge, try self-drafting from the very start. I also added little patch pockets to the back skirt panel and opted to keep the front and back waist ties the same size so that I can choose to have the outer wrap tie in the front or the back of the dress.



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Stay tuned, because I have a hunch Iâ??ll be making a ruffle-free/more casual version of this dress next! Also, I hope this post & dress inspires you to try something out of your comfort zone and maybe even out of your â??normalâ?• wardrobe choices! You may be surprised at how much fun a ridiculous ruffle statement piece can be to flaunt around at your local grocery store.

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