

PATTERN REVIEW: The Riva Dress Hack in Midweight Linen

Description



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The Riva Dress. Wait!? The Riva Pattern doesnâ??t come with a dress option. No, it doesnâ??t, but it CAN. I like my FS Zina Shirt dress so much that I thought, why not try making a Riva Dress option as well. I saw the potential that seemed like a pretty simple alteration so I took a gamble and it paid off.



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I made the Riva Top (sleeveless version) before so I was familiar with what size worked for me and knew it would only need a couple changes to the pattern. All I needed to do was lengthen two of the pattern pieces and all of the directions would be the same. You can customize your length but here are the lengths I used. I made both of the two B pieces (front bodice) approximately 34 inches long and the A piece (back bodice) approximately 32.5 inches long. The bottom of the dress need not have the curve for this design, so I made the line straight at the bottom.



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I traced my original Fabrics-Store pattern pieces with the extra length added to equal this new length onto some oversized tissue paper I had on hand. If you donâ??t have this option, you could simply lay the current pieces down and just use your measuring tools and use a chalk pen or a pencil to draw the proper cut line on the fabric. I was able to do this project with the two yards of FS Kenya Midweight Linen. that I already had on hand. You will need a few extra buttons as well.



The only additional change that I made to the pattern instructions was to add pockets in the side seams. I always want pockets in any cozy dress but they are definitely optional. I put a mark about 8 inches below the armpit curve on both the B and A pieces. You can use another pattern on hand or a quick online search to find the directions for adding pockets on the side seams. Pin and stitch them to A and B pieces before Step 2 on page 31 of the Riva Pattern Instructions.

This was a very fun project and possibly the most comfortable shirt dress in my wardrobe. I hope you enjoy this project too!

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