

Paola Workwear Jacket Tutorial and Free Pattern

Description







Meet spring in style with this super trendy jacket! Workwear-inspired, the Paola jacket combines fashion with practical, everyday wear. Featuring straight boxy fit, four large patch pockets and flat-felled seams for sturdiness, it pairs well with just about everything. Made from our textured heavy-weight linen, it has that lived-in feel from the very first wear.

All the coolest brands have it, but the price tag can sometimes be too high. With this free multi-sized pattern, a couple of yards of our heavy-weight linen and a few hours of intensive sewing you can now make one yourself!

Materials



For our sample size S pictured in this tutorial: 2 yards of [4C22 TEAK Softened Heavy Weight Linen](#)

Refer to the yardage table in the PDF pattern to determine the exact amount of fabric you will need to make this jacket.

Matching sewing thread, fusible interfacing, five 1"-wide buttons

Tools



Scissors, pins, ruler, chalk, measuring tape, fabric marker, buttonhole foot, seam ripper, needle, sewing machine

Difficulty

Advanced Beginner

Sewing Time

4-5 hours

Pattern

You can access the multi-sized printable PDF pattern by following this link [HERE](#). All seam allowances are included. The model is wearing size S.

Remember to transfer all the notches onto your fabric.

Steps

Note: Prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist, dry at room temperature. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with.

1. Start by attaching the patch pockets to your front bodices. Follow the instructions in [this step-by-step tutorial](#) (the first method) and place the pockets at the dots indicated in the pattern (smaller pockets are attached at the bust level, and the bigger one – at the waist level).

Run two lines of topstitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart.





2. Pin the two fronts to the back right sides together at the shoulders.



3. Sew at a 5/8" seam allowance then finish with a flat-felled seam as explained in [this tutorial](#). Fold the extension towards the back.



All major seams (shoulder, sides and sleeves) are sewn using this technique for a neat and sturdy finish.

4. Now pin and stitch your interfaced front and back facing pieces right sides together at the shoulders with the standard 3/8" seam allowance. Press the seams open.

Finish the outer edges with your preferred method (using a serger or a zigzag stitch) to prevent the fabric from fraying.



5. Take your upper and under collar pieces and pin the two right sides together along the outer edges. The upper collar is slightly larger to allow for the turn of the cloth so try your best to spread the excess amount of fabric of the upper collar evenly. It's not much and shouldn't be a problem. Make sure the center back notches match up.



6. Stitch the collar together at a $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) seam allowance, grade the edges down to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", snip the corners to reduce bulk.



7. Turn the collar right side out, pop out the corners and press making sure

the upper collar juts out a bit making your seam invisible.

Run a line of topstitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge.



8. Pin the finished collar between the right sides of the bodice and the facing along the neckline from one notch to the other. The upper collar should be touching the right side of the facing. Make sure the center back and shoulder notches are aligned.



9. Now pin the facing to the jacket along the front opening. You'll notice that the facing is missing the bottom seam allowance. This is intentional as it would allow to reduce bulk when hemming.



10. Stitch the pinned edges at a $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) seam allowance. Trim the seams down to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", clip along curves to release the tension and turn right side out. Topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge along the front opening and neckline.

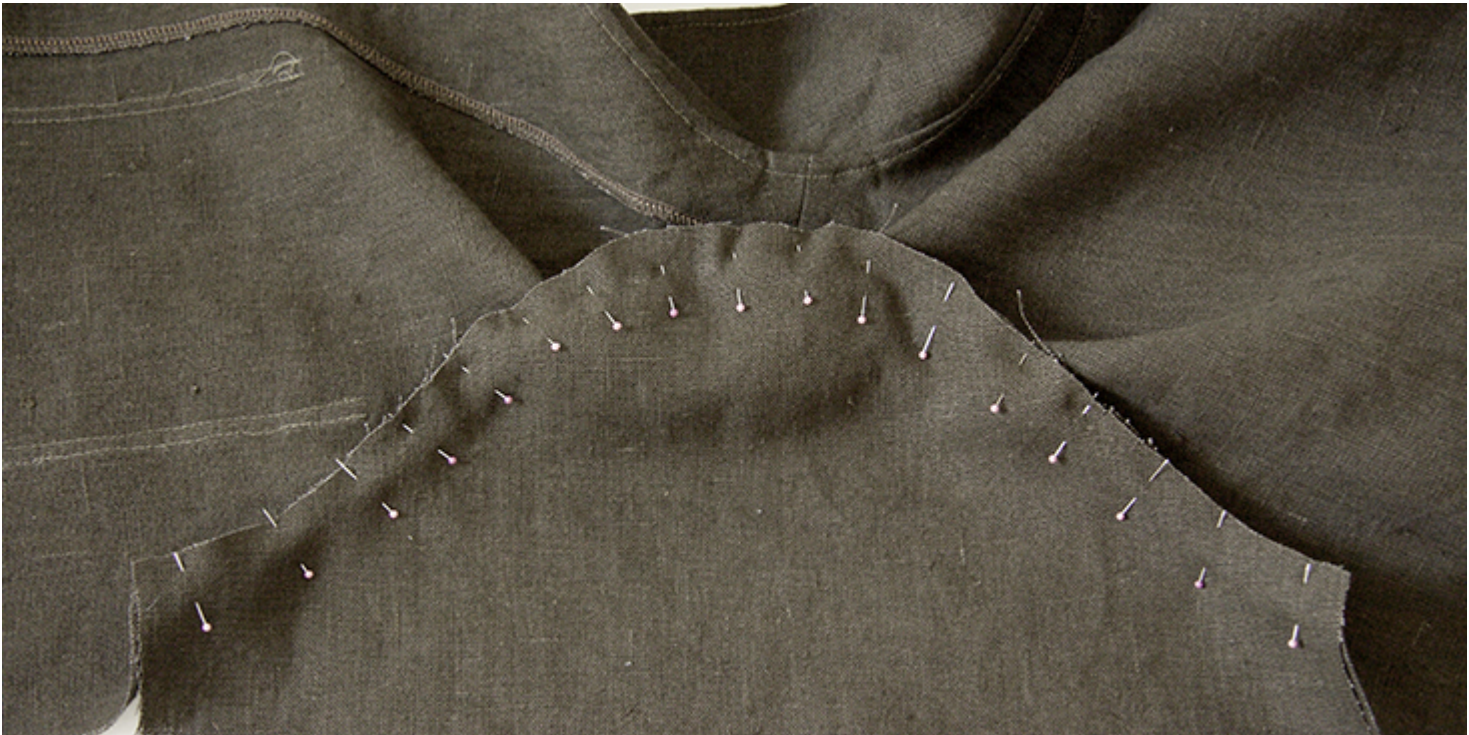


11. Stitch the facing to the bodice along the outer edge to secure it in place and create a decorative detail.



Next up – the sleeves!

12. Pin and stitch (at a 5/8" seam allowance) the sleeves to the armholes right sides together matching the notches.

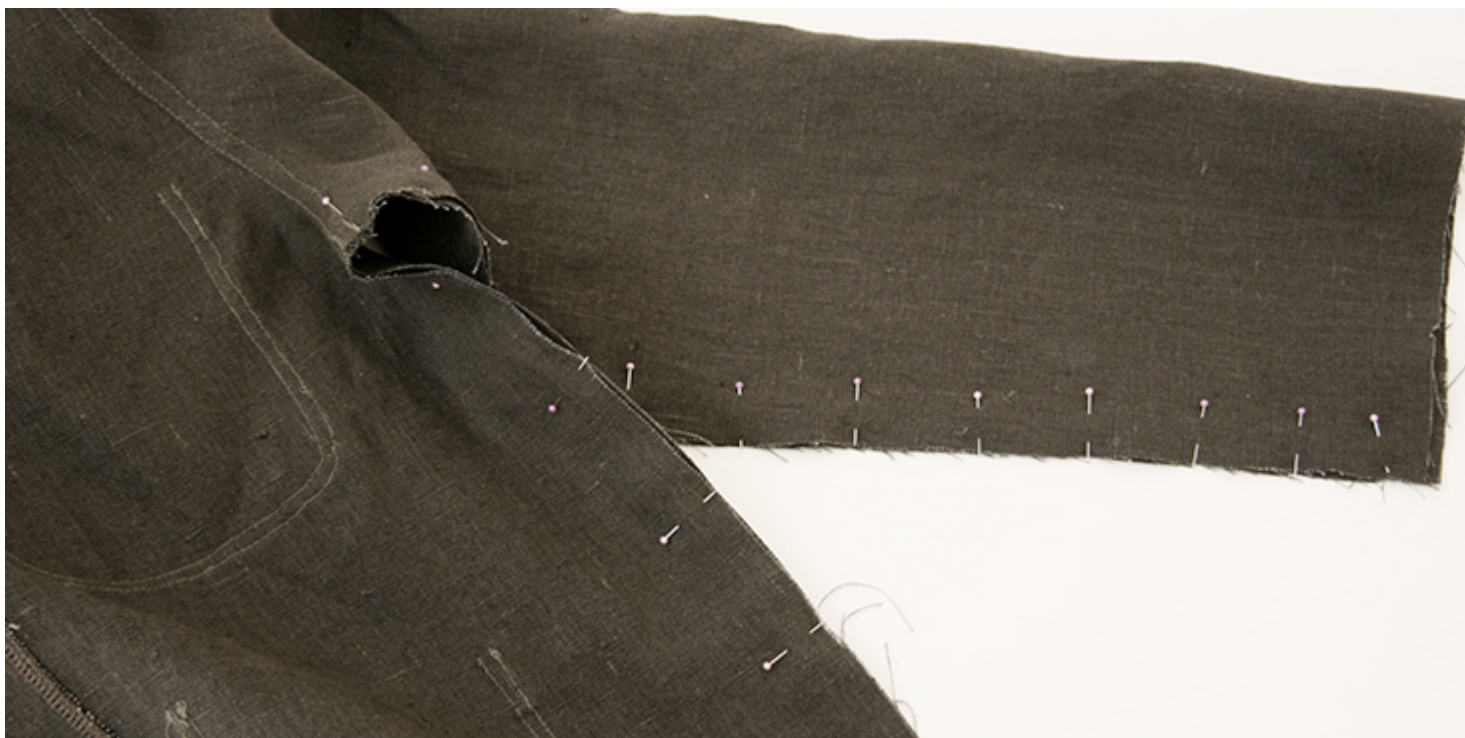


13. Finish the seams with [flat felled seams](#). Fold the seam towards bodice.



14. Pin (matching underarm seams) and stitch the side seams and the underarms all in one seam at a 5/8" (1,6 cm) seam allowance then finish

with flat-felled seams folding the extension towards the back.



15. Finish the sleeve opening with a rolled hem. Fold the fabric twice to the wrong side ($\frac{3}{8}$ " to 1"). Press, pin and edgestitch.



16. Fold the hem twice to the wrong side ($\frac{3}{8}$ " to 1"), folding your hem over the facing. Press, pin and edgestitch.



17. Lastly, sew the buttonholes and attach the buttons. Remember, that the buttonholes are sewn on the right front, whereas the buttons – on the left front.

For the buttonholes, you can follow our detailed tutorial [HERE](#). As for the buttons, check our tutorial [HERE](#) for instructions. Overlap the button bands and place a pin into the center of each buttonhole. This is where you'll need to attach the button.



We love seeing what you make! Don't forget to share your pictures and tag your creations with #FabricsStorePaolaPattern hashtag.

To make this jacket, opt for one of our heavy-weight linens. We have a large variety of colors in our store. Browse [our selection of linen fabrics](#) and find the fabric that inspires you for this project!

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