

PATTERN REVIEW: Julia Wrap Top in Midweight Bleached Linen

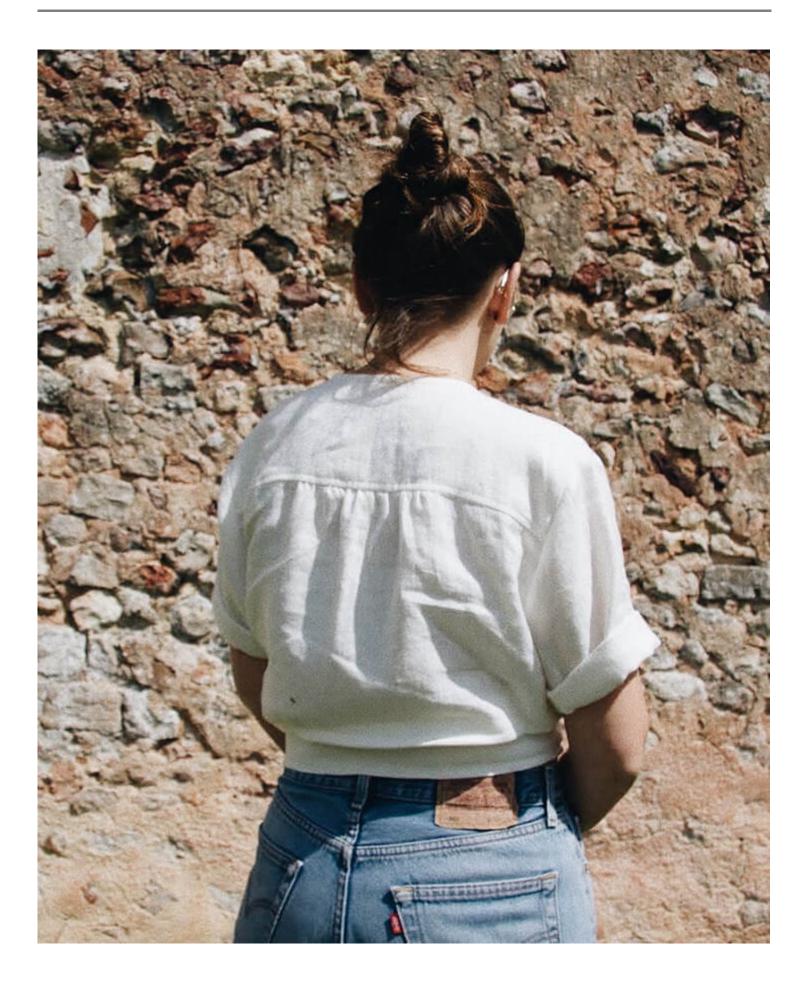
Description



JULIA Top made with FS BLEACHED Signature Finish Medium weight Linen

I am, admittedly, a creature of habit. Once I discover a style that works for me, I just add more of it to my wardrobe. This is exactly what happened when I discovered the beauty of a wrap top! For me, nothing beats the wrap top when it comes to comfort and ease. It just so feminine and flattering on any body-type as it hugs your curves in all the right places.

That is why I was very excited to make the <u>JULIA Wrap Top Pattern</u> the minute I laid my eyes on it. It is an original Fabrics store design that offers six styles in one pattern: a tiered maxi skirt with two different lengths and color options and a wrap top with three sleeve lengths. It's no surprise that I chose to sew the top. And I'm very glad that I did! I'm so pleased with how it turned out that I'm sure that it will be worn, loved and cherished, long into the future.



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The pattern offers three beautiful variations of the same top: with a cuffed ³/₄ sleeve, with short sleeves and sleeveless. I wanted something to transition from spring into summer, so I picked the short-sleeved version. The top itself is pretty relaxed and sits at your natural waist. Due to front and back gathered details and the elasticated back waist, it has a very flattering shape and clever construction. Being a patternmaker myself, I know how tricky it can be to draft a wrap pattern that hugs your neckline just right, without gaping and too much fullness. With Julia top I wouldn't change a thing!

I cut a straight size 6 and didn't make any adjustments to the pattern. It was pretty simple to make and the sewing instructions were very excellent and easy to follow. I would definitively recommend this pattern to advance beginners and beyond.



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Since I was looking for a casual summery top, I decided to make mine in white softened linen. I opted for my favorite Fabrics store linen – <u>FS</u> <u>BLEACHED Signature Finish</u> Mediumweight linen. It is slightly off-white and has the softest texture as a result of a special "hot wash" process that makes it look so effortless and chic. Neither sheer or heavy, it was just the right fabric for this project.

If like me you are a wrap style lover, I would definitively recommend giving this pattern a go. I personally can't wait to make more!

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