



PATTERN REVIEW: Loren Dress in Black Linen

Description



LOREN Dress made with FS BLACK Signature Finish Midweight Black Linen

Since I left New York City and moved to the French countryside a year ago, it felt like I've lived in boots and jeans for months now, renovating my beautiful old house and taking care of the garden, going on long walks in the woods and exploring my new region. So I was very excited to make something more feminine and elegant to wear this summer, namely the Fabrics-store's [LOREN dress](#), which I fell in love with the moment I saw it! It was hard to choose between all the versions the pattern offers, but I went for a short sleeveless dress in size 6. I decided to use one of my favorite FS linens – [FS BLACK Signature Finish Midweight Linen](#).

With its hot-washed soft texture, beautiful drape and the perfect opacity, I knew it would be ideal for the kind of dress I wanted – something comfortable and easy, but also chic and elegant at the same time. A dress that could take me from morning to night, from chilling in my garden to an outdoor party or a glass of wine in a local bistrot. I'm sure I'll be wearing my Loren a lot this summer!



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The pattern was so easy to work with. The instructions are clear and well-illustrated and the construction is pretty clever. The only modification that I did is to shorten the bodice by $\frac{3}{4}$ " so that it suits my petite stature. I also decided not to make the belt as I knew that I would never wear it. The waist is actually already fitted with two pleats on each side of the center front creating a flattering silhouette. But what I love most about Lauren is the perfect illusion of a full button-up front. The buttons are purely decorative as the two fronts are simply overlapped and stitched together along the center creating a faux button closure. I found this detail so interesting and clever, it totally transforms this simple slip-on dress into a sophisticated and tailored piece of clothing.

Loren was a quick and easy project and I will definitely be remaking this dress in a more casual linen to wear in summer with the shorter hemline.

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