



Fabric Review: Dreamy Photinia Top in Dyed Muslin

Description



Dyed FS Muslin White Lightweight Cotton

Double gauze and I have a love-hate relationship. I love to wear it, hate to sew it, and I just can't quit it. I find most of my issues with trying to navigate the notoriously lovely cloud-like wrinkled texture when choosing a size to cut, pressing, interfacing, deciding to prewash or not, buttonhole disasters etc. And this is where [Fabrics Store's muslin fabric](#) comes in to save my day! This muslin has a similar visual texture when washed, is lighter in weight, soft and lovely to wear, but is much less of a beast to sew with. In fact, it's a dream to sew compared to my frenemy double gauze. I wouldn't go so far as to say it is a direct replacement for double gauze, but it is a great option for me when I just don't have the energy to deal with the drama of a tricky fabric.



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Another lovely thing about muslin? It takes dye well, which made my multi-day adventure with 5 bottles of RIT dye and my kitchen sink extremely fun and rewarding. I can't even begin to track the dye recipe that got me to my end result, and I probably did upwards of 10 scrap dip dyes while fiddling around sloshing a bit of this color and glugging a bit of that color into my mix. But what I do know is that I was having an absolute blast through the whole project. Every new dunk and dry felt exhilarating and although 4 out of 5 of them didn't get me to my goal, every one of them was a lovely color in its own right.



Photinia top made with dyed FS Muslin White Lightweight Cotton

Once I achieved a lovely copper penny color, I decided to move ahead and sew a [Photinia Top by Fibre and Cloth Studio](#). The pattern is just lovely and simple with so many options and variations to choose from. I sewed the elastic neck and extended sleeve view, which worked like a dream with this fabric. I wore it hot off the machine and began to immediately plot how many versions of this exact fabric/pattern combo I can justify to myself and my closet. If you are looking for a fabric and a pattern that is simultaneously cozy and breezy, this is your combo.

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