

117 Blouse

Burda sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42

Back length approx. 68 cm (27 ins)

Materials

Cotton poplin,
width: 150 cm (59 ins)
length: 1.45 – 1.45 – 1.50 – 1.55 – 2.00 m
(1 3/4 – 1 3/4 – 1 3/4 – 1 3/4 – 2 1/4 yds).

Invisible zips, one zip 60 cm (24 ins) long and two zips, each 22 cm (9 ins) long.

Recommended fabrics: Blouse fabrics with some body.

Preparations

Print the pattern out on letter or A4 sized paper. It is **very** important to not scale or fit any of the pages, you must print the document in **actual size**. Your pattern will print on multiple pages, which you will then tile together. Arrange the sheets on a large, hard and flat surface matching up the numbers and letters (i.e. 6A to 6A). Cut or fold one of the sides and match the edge to it's corresponding side. Then, tape down in place so paper is secure.

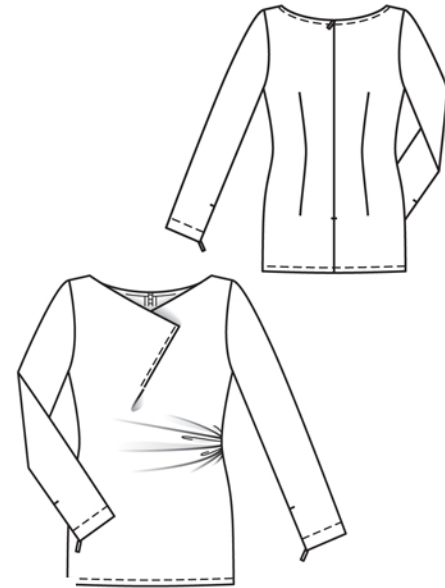
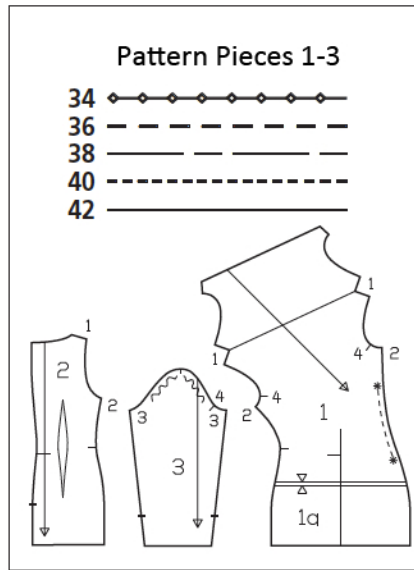
Trace the pattern pieces from the pattern sheet following the lines and markings for the correct size and the correct style (117). This pattern also includes pattern pieces, lines and markings for style 118 that should be ignored.

burda style magazine patterns do not have seam allowance included.

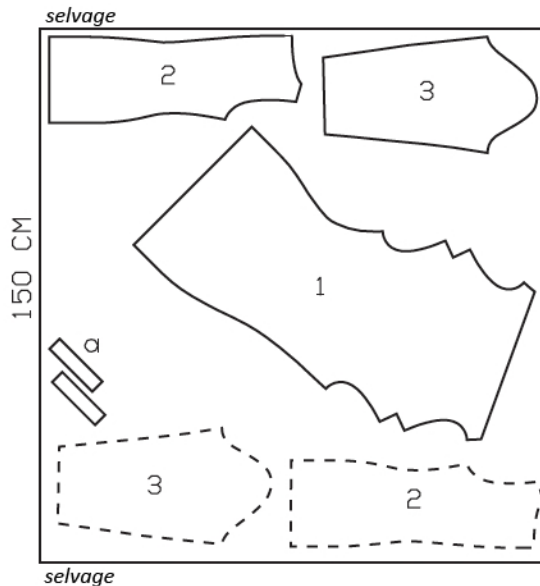
Seam and hem allowance to be added:
Seams and edges 1.5 cm (5/8 in), hem 2 cm (3/4 in), sleeve hems 4 cm (1 5/8 ins) (flare sleeve hem allowance).

Cutting Out

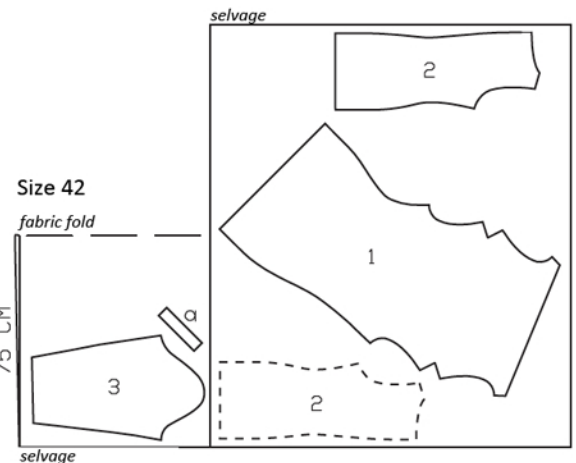
- 1 front 1x
- 2 back 2x
- 3 sleeve 2x
- a) 2 bias strips for back neck edge, 17 – 17 – 18 – 18 – 18 cm (6 3/4 – 6 3/4 – 7 – 7 – 7 ins) long, 4 cm (1 5/8 ins) (incl. allowances).



Sizes, 34-40



Right side faces in on a double layer of fabric; right side faces up on a single layer of fabric. Lay the asymmetric front on the right fabric side, with printed side of pattern piece facing up. Pieces shown with a broken outline should be placed on the fabric with their printed side facing down.



Sewing

Gather left side front edge between asterisks, to a length of 5 cm (2 ins).

Stitch back darts and press toward centre back.

Fold bias strips for back neck edge lengthwise and press. Pin folded strips to neck edges so that fold edge of each strip lies on garment piece, 1 cm (3/8 in) past seam line. Stitch along neck edges. Trim seam allowances. Turn bias strips to inside and press edges. Topstitch 7 mm (1/4 in) from neck edges.

Sew invisible zip in place and to stitch centre back seam, see the "Helpful Hint" on next page. Turn in top ends of zip tapes and sew to neck edge, together with seam allowances.

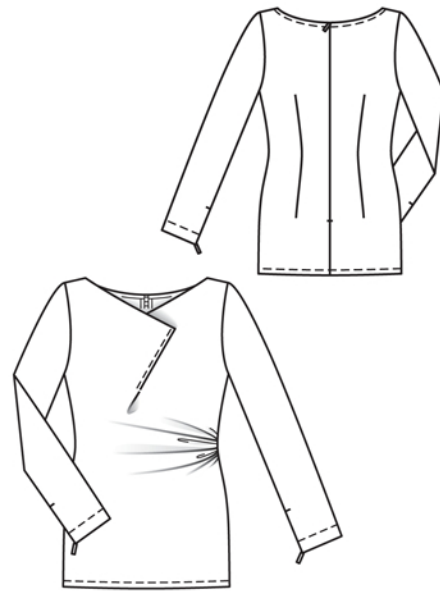
Neaten inside edge of front self-facing. Baste back shoulder edges right sides together with front shoulder edges. Lay front self-facing on back, along fold line, and pin to shoulder edges. Stitch shoulder seams. Trim seam allowances and clip into corners. Pull back out of front. Lay facing on front and baste to armhole edges and to side seam edges. Press shoulder seams. Stitch side seams. Press seam allowances open.

Sew invisible zips to slit edges of sleeves, from hem line to slit mark. Stitch sleeve seams from upper edge to slit mark. Trim zips approx. 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) above slits and bind ends with scraps of fabric. Press sleeve hem allowances to inside, turn raw edges under, and stitch 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) from lower edges.

Set in sleeves, easing sleeve caps.

Press hem allowance to inside, turn under by half width, and stitch.

Mark centre of front neck edge. Try on blouse and fold front at centre of neck edge, with wrong side facing in. Lay fold toward left half of front and pin in place, approx. 14 cm (5 1/2 ins) long, beginning at upper edge. Take off blouse and hand-sew fold edge in place as pinned, with running stitches, stitch length: 5 mm (3/16 in).





These special zippers come in various lengths. The zipper should be at least 2 cm (3/4 in) longer than the slit. It is sewn in place before the seam below the slit is stitched. A special presser foot is required to sew the zipper in place.

Sewing the zipper in place:

Open the zipper and push the coil back with your thumbnail to reveal the seam marking between the tape and the coil. Place the open zipper right side down on the right fabric side of one slit edge.

In order to stitch the zipper in place exactly along the marked seam line, you must first calculate the distance between the tape edge and the fabric edge as follows: width of seam allowance minus 1 cm (3/8 in) tape width = distance from edge of fabric. This will yield a value of 5 mm (3/16 in) if the width of the seam allowance is 1.5 cm (5/8 in).

Pin the top end of the zipper tape in place, the calculated distance from the edge of the fabric. The bottom end of the zipper will extend past the marked end of the slit. Place the presser foot on the zipper so that the coil is in the notch to the right of the needle (1). Stitch zipper in place, from the top to the marked end of the slit. Close zipper.

Place the other zipper tape face down on the opposite slit edge and pin in place at the top. Open zipper again. Place the presser foot on the top end of the zipper so that the coil is in the notch to the left of the needle (2). Sew the zipper in place, from the top to the end of the slit. Close zipper.

Now stitch the seam below the zipper, from bottom to top. Turn the loose lower end of the zipper out of the way, over the seam allowance. Stitch as close as possible to the last stitches of the zipper seams. Trim away excess zipper and bind the end with a scrap of fabric.