

### 123 Caftan

Burda sizes 34/36, 38/40, 42/44

Back length approx. 90 cm (35 1/2 ins)

### Materials

Silk satin, 2 panels each approx. 100 cm (40 ins) long, 140 cm (55 ins) wide.

2 small fabric-covered buttons.

Petersham ribbon, 1.5 cm (5/8 in) wide, for tie band and 1.60 – 1.65 – 1.70 m (1 3/4 – 1 7/8 – 1 7/8 yds) long.

A piece of interfacing.

### Preparations

Follow the diagram to make a full-sized pattern piece for the front and back (a).

Add seam and hem allowances:  
Edges and hem 2 cm (3/4 in)

### Cutting Out

a) front and back from diagram 1x, on a fold.

Cut the remaining pieces from the side edge of the fabric:

front slit facing, 25 cm (10 ins) long, 6 cm (23/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances),

2 facing strips for casing slits, 7 cm (23/4 ins) long, 4 cm (15/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances),  
bias strip for neck edge, a total of 72 cm (28 1/2 ins) long, 4 cm (15/8 ins) wide (incl. allowances),

bias strips for 2 loops 10 cm (4 ins) long, 2 cm (3/4 in) wide (incl. allowances).

Tip: To cut the long bias strip from the side edge of the fabric, cut 3 pieces, each approx. 40 cm (16 ins) long, and stitch together along the 40 cm (16 in) long edges (stitching 5 mm / 3/16 in from edge) to make a larger piece of fabric. Press allowances open. Cut the bias strip from this fabric – first cut 2 pieces and then stitch them together to form one long strip.

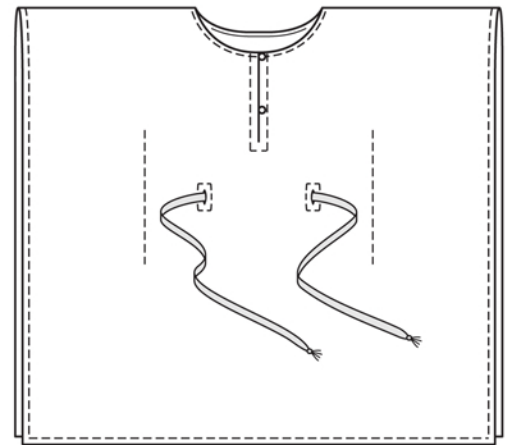
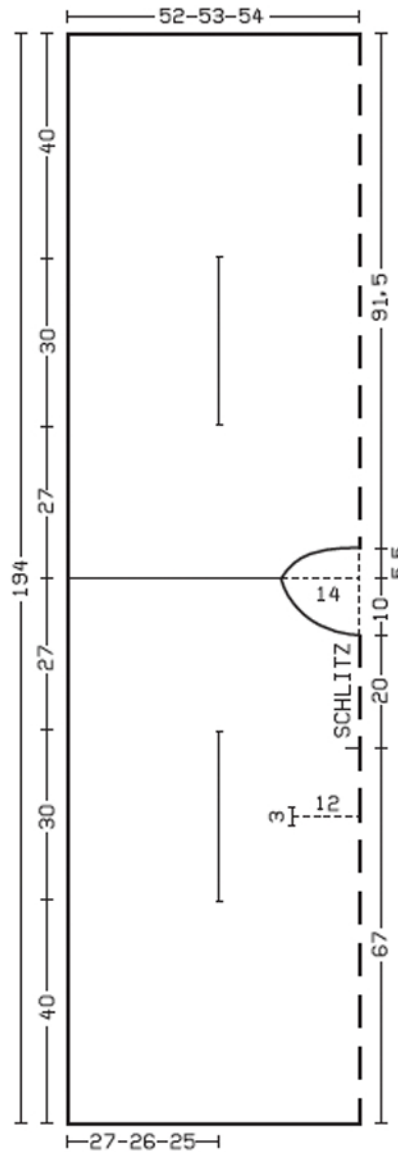


Diagram: Measurements in cm

Interfacing: Iron a strip of interfacing, 2 cm (3/4 in) wide, to wrong side of centre front, to the length of the slit opening. Iron small pieces of interfacing to wrong side of fabric, over the marked casing slits.

### Sewing

Sew loops: Fold bias strip for loops lengthwise, right side facing in. Stitch 3 mm (1/8 in) from fold edge. Turn right side out. Do not press fabric tube flat. Cut fabric tube into 4 equal pieces. Form loops. Cut fabric tube into 2 equal pieces and form each into a loop.

Front slit and neck edge: Mark slit at centre front with basting stitches. On wrong side of fabric, mark loop positions, each 1.5 cm (5/8 in) long, to the right of the slit: place top loop below marked neck edge and mark second loop 12 cm (4 3/4 ins) below the first loop. On facing piece, press long edges and lower end to wrong side, 1 cm (3/8 in) wide. Pin facing to front, over marked slit, right sides together. Fold bias strip for neck edge lengthwise, right side facing out, and press. Pin folded bias strip to neck edge so that fold edge of strip lies on garment piece, 1 cm (3/8 in) past seam line, and ends of strip lie on facing. At centre front (wrong fabric side), stitch closely around marked slit, on right edge of slit leaving seam open between loop marks.

Then continue stitching along marked neck edge. Slash slit between lines of stitching and clip diagonally into bottom corners. Trim seam allowances on neck edge. On right edge of slit, lay loops between front and facing, slide ends through openings, and pin to slit edge. Size of loops must match your buttons. Stitch seam openings closed. Turn facing and bias strip to inside and press edges. Topstitch 1.5 cm (5/8 in) from slit edges and stitch horizontally across lower end of slit. Topstitch 7 mm (1/4 in) from neck edge.

## Sewing Continued...

On outer edges, press allowances to inside, turn raw edges under, and stitch.

On front, sew small slits for the casing, as follows: Pin facing strips to front, over the 3 cm (1 1/4 in) long slit marks, right sides together. Work from wrong side to stitch closely around slit marks. Cut slits open. Pull facing strips to inside. Press slit edges. Turn edges of facing strips under, to a width of 1.2 cm (1/2 in), and baste. Stitch from outer side, catching facing strips.

Fold front and back on marked shoulder line, wrong side facing in. Pin marked stitching lines together and stitch together.

Fray each end of petersham ribbon to make fringe ends, 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) long. Wrap thread around ribbon at beginning of each fringe.