

Step-by-step Batwing

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I went through each step on how I made my Batwing Top (using the burdastyle pattern). Note: I didn't do cuffs on the sleeves.

Step 1 — Mark, Stay-stitch, Clip



After cutting the fabric from the pattern, on the **WRONG SIDE** of your front piece, mark the centre of the "v" shape on the neckline. Then, stay stitch about 2" on either side and carefully slip from the "v" to your dot, making sure not to cut through your stay stitching (about 1/4" down)

Step 2 — Stitch Shoulder Seams



Match the front and back pieces from the edges of the neckline to the bottom of the shoulders. Stitch right sides together using an overlock stitch (or a narrow straight stitch with a basic machine).

Step 3 — Fold Neckband in half, Press



Fold the neckband in half and press a crisp crease

Step 4 — Marking and Matching Centres



Mark the centre of the neckband with a pin (fold in half and mark the folded edge) and mark the centre of the neckline on the back piece. Match the markings

Step 5 — Pinning the Neckband



Pin the neckband all around, matching its edges with the edges of the neckline on the front and back piece. (You should have extra neckband on both sides)

Step 6 — Stitching the Neckband



Stitch the pinned edges (overlock stitch again) and fold them out (as it would look on the right side) to make sure everything is ok

Step 7 — Creating the V (disregard the photo...)



This step is crucial to the v-neck and it seems I didn't photograph it properly :(Anyways, you can see that in my photo, I had the neckband folded down (right side of neckband facing right side of top) and I pinned the excess to make it true with the centre fold of the shirt. DON'T DO THIS. I fixed it afterward, but I didn't photograph it so basically you do the same thing only the neckband should be folded UP opposed to down. Pin.

Step 8 — Stitch the V



Stitch the line you created with the pin in the previous step with a straight stitch. Make sure your neckband edges are aligned so when you fold it up they will match

Step 9 — Check



Fold your neckband up to check to see it lays flat and aligns nicely

Step 10 — Stitch Sides



Pin, then overlock stitch the sides (from the bottom of the sleeve to the bottom of the shirt) right sides together, of course.

Step 11 — Pinning the Hem



I chose to do an invisible hem by machine on the bottom of the top and the edges of the sleeves (I didn't do the cuffs)

Step 12 — Stitching the Hem



Invisible hem by machine for the bottom and the sleeves

Step 13 — Press



Press all your edges and you're done!

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