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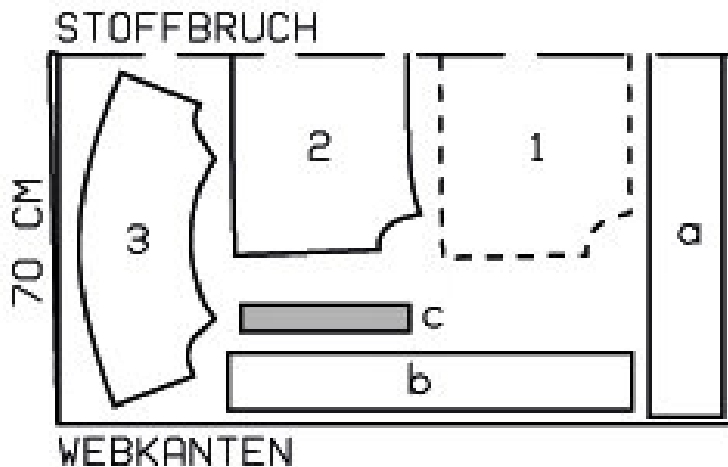
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Materials

Batiste

Step 1 — Preparation



118 34/36-42/44

Trace the pattern pieces from the pattern sheet. Follow lines and details for style 118.

Seam and hem allowances:

Seams and edges 1.5 cm (5/8 in), narrow edges of band 1 cm (3/8 in).

Step 2 — Cutting Out



- 1â—front, on a fold 1x
- 2â—back, on a fold 1x
- 3â—sleeve 2x

- a) neck band, 138 cm (54 1/2 ins) long, 14 cm (5 1/2 ins) wide, finished width 7 cm (2 3/4 ins),
- b) 2 waistband pieces, 68.5 â— 72.5 â— 76.5 cm (27 â— 28 5/8 â— 30 1/4 ins) long, 11 cm (4 1/2 ins) wide, finished width 5.5 cm (2 1/4 ins),
- c) 2 sleeve bands, 28 â— 30 â— 32 cm (11 1/8 â— 12 â— 12 3/4 ins) long, 5 cm (2 ins) wide, finished width 2.5 cm (1 in).

Interfacing: See pattern layout.

Step 3 — Right side of fabric

Place right sides of fabric together to baste and stitch.
Secure start and end of seam by backstitching.

Step 4 — Side Seams

Lay front right sides together with back. Pin side seams. Stitch (1). Neaten seam allowances together and press onto back.

Step 5 — Sleeves

Fold sleeves lengthwise right side facing in. Pin sleeve seams. Stitch (2). Neaten seam allowances together and press to one side.

Step 6 — Hem and Sleeve Hems

Press hem allowance to inside, turn in to half the width and stitch a narrow hem (3).

Step 7 — Stitch on the sleeves

Pin sleeves right sides together with edges of armholes. Match sleeve seams and side seams. Match markings 4 on sleeve and front and match seam lines. Stitch (4). Neaten seam allowances together and press open, from upper edges to beginning of curve.

Step 8 — Gather edge of neckline

To gather edge of neckline on front and back pieces and on sleeves, stitch a line of machine basting (longest stitch setting) to each side of marked seam line, from sleeve joining seam to sleeve joining seam. Hold bobbin threads and push the fabric together along the threads until front and back each measure 46 cm (18 1/8 ins) and sleeve edges 23 cm (9 1/8 ins). Knot threads. Distribute gathering evenly

Step 9 — Neckline band, elastic shirring

Fold band in half lengthwise, wrong side facing in. Press. Mark 4 points on open edges to help stitch on the neckline band properly: Mark one point 24 cm (9 1/2 ins) from narrow edge (incl. 1 cm / 3/8 in seam allowance). Mark a second point 23 cm (9 1/8 ins) from the first mark. Clip into seam allowances of joining edge at these points by about 5 mm (3/16 in). Unfold band again. Lay a piece of shirring elastic on wrong fabric side of band, exactly within the pressed crease. Stitch over elastic at a zigzag setting, beginning and ending 1 cm (3/8 in) before ends of band (= width of seam allowance). The zigzag stitch should be just wide enough not to catch the elastic or you will not be able to pull it to shirr the fabric (6).

Fold band again on fold line, with wrong side facing in, and pin open edges together. For the rest of the shirring, mark 7 more lines on one half of band (= inside half) at intervals of 9 mm (a scant 3/8 in). Lay shirring elastic on the marked lines and zigzag stitch over it. Pull the elastic to shirr the neckband to the following length, for

size 34/36: 68 cm (26 3/4 ins),

size 38/40: 71 cm (28 ins),

size 42/44: 74 cm (29 1/4 ins).

Knot elastic securely.

Stitch narrow edges of bands together, 1 cm (3/8 in) wide, with inside half of band facing out (7). Spread seam allowances apart and sew to upper edge of band, with a few stitched by hand.

Lay neckband right sides together with upper edge of blouse. Pin marked points to sleeve inset seams, matching seam of neckband with centre back seam. Stretch neckband to fit upper edge of blouse, pin in place, and stitch (8). Neaten seam allowances together and turn down.

Step 10 — Sleeve bands

Gather lower sleeve edges to fit sleeve bands. Join ends of each sleeve band. Stitch sleeve bands to lower sleeve edges. Press allowances of joining seams and of other long edges of sleeve bands onto bands. Fold sleeve bands half to inside and baste to joining seam. Topstitch sleeve bands close to joining seams.

Step 11 — Hem Band

Stitch right side seam. Work 6 rows of smocking on hem band as on neck band. Pull elastic to 70 — 78 — 86 cm (28 — 31 — 34 ins). Stitch left side seam. Baste edges of hem band together and stitch to lower front and back edges, stretched to fit, matching side seams.

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