

Twisted Tank Alternate Construction

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A variation to the construction technique for the twisted tank. The shoulder seams and hem are sewn in a way to fully enclose all seams. It is a beautiful finish, especially with silky fabrics.

Step 1 — Centre Back Seam of Lining



Construct the garment as per 1st paragraph in "Sewing" instructions, except leave an opening in the centre back seam lining starting about 2 inches from the bottom. Opening should be about 5-6 inches.

Step 2 — Shoulder seam construction



Proceed with sewing instructions until you get to the shoulder seam part. Flip the shoulder edge as shown in the diagram and place over the back shoulder edge as shown in pic. My variation is shown in the next step.

Step 3 — Enclosed shoulder seam Part 1



Pinch front and back shoulder seam as if to create a normal seam.

Step 4 — Enclosed shoulder seam Part 2



Whilst holding all four layers of the fabric, isolate the lining layer of the back shoulder edge. You should now be pinching three layers of fabric.

Step 5 — Enclosed shoulder seam Part 3



Pin the 3 layers to prepare for sewing

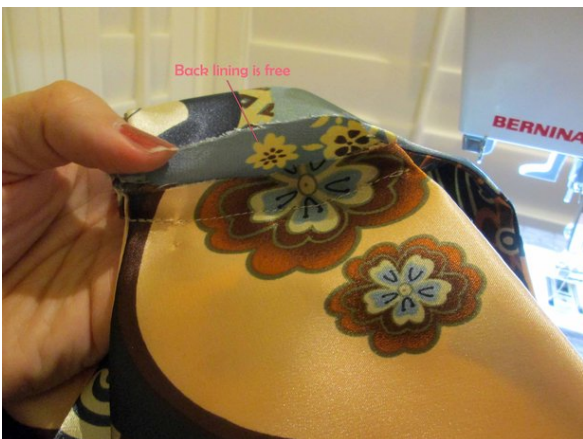
Step 3 — Enclosed shoulder seam Part 1

Step 6 — Enclosed shoulder seam Part 4



Sew the shoulder seam, keeping the back lining free. You may even choose to hand sew this step to maintain accuracy. The side seams and neck seams should be fairly well lined up.

Step 7 — Enclosed shoulder seam Part 5



Here is what the seam should look like. Back lining is free

Step 8 — Enclosed shoulder seam Part 6



Tuck in the seam allowance of the back lining into the "pocket" as shown.

Step 9 — Enclosed shoulder seam - finale



Slip stitch the opening closed. The shoulder seam is now done and fully enclosed.

Step 10 — Enclosed hem seam Part 1



Turn entire garment (together with lining) inside out and have the center back seam facing you. Bottom edges will still be raw edges. Put your hand through the gap in the center back lining. Reach toward the

bottom edge and go towards a side seam. Pinch the bottom edges as if to make a seam and hold on to the pinch. Note: I pinch where a side seam is so that I can line up the main and lining side seams in preparation of the next step.

Step 11 — Enclosed hem seam Part 2



Whilst still pinching, pull the bottom edge through the centre back lining opening. I immediately stick some pins in and start a few inches of sewing. Then keep pulling more bottom edges through the opening and continue stitching the bottom seam until you complete a full circle. Snip threads and pull your garment out the right way.

Step 12 — Closure



Once garment has been pulled back to its correct state, you may slip stitch the back lining opening closed. Press all seams for a neat finish.

Step 13 — The End



Enjoy your new twisted tank with enclosed seams!

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