Desira

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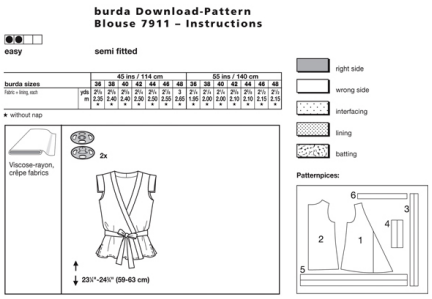
The Desira top, with cute cap-like sleeves, flattering neckline, and belted waist, is the essential wrap top for your wardrobe. Make it as a top or lengthen it into a dress!

Materials

Japanese printed cotton

Step 1



1 Front piece 2x

2 Back piece 1x

3 Neckline placket 2x

4 Placket / Armpit 2x

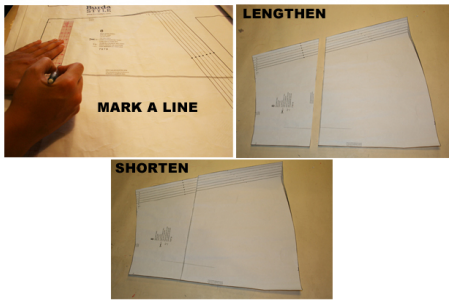
5 Belt 2x

6 Bias straps / Armpit 2x

Step 2

The patterns can be printed out at the copy shop. If you decide to print them at home, follow the instructions:
Paper cut for ANSI A or US Letter 8 Â½â“ X 11â“ (German DIN A4) prints:
The patterns are printed out on 24 sheets with a thin frame. Wait, until all sheets are printed out. Arrange the sheets so that they fit together (see extra page with the overview of the prints). Cut off the single sheets on the upper and right edge along the thin frame lines. Begin with the left lower sheet and then glue the parts in the frame lines together precisely.

Step 3

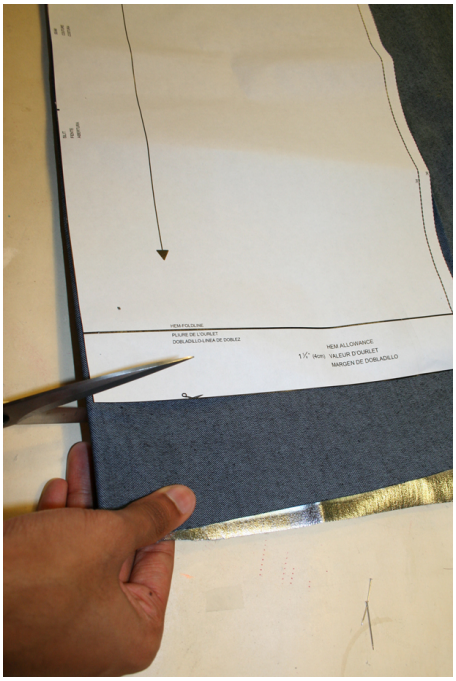


ADJUST PATTERN SIZES
Select your size according to the Burda Size Chart: Dresses, blouses, jackets and coats according to the bust size, trousers and skirts according to the hip width. Change the patterns according to size (inches or cm) if necessary, to fit your measurements if they deviate from the Burda Size Chart. (a)
Cut out the pattern according to your size.
Refer to our â“Adjust patterns for mixed sizesâ“ technique

LENGTHENING OR SHORTENING THE PATTERN PIECES
Our pattern is calculated for a height of 5â“ 6â“ (168 cm). If you are taller or shorter, you may adjust the pattern to fit your size at the lines marked “lengthen or shorten here”. Thus the fit is preserved. Extend all pattern pieces along the cutting lines for the same length. (b)

How to lengthen and shorten pattern pieces:
Cut the pattern pieces along the marked lines.
To lengthen, slide the two halves of the pattern piece as far apart as necessary.
To shorten, overlap the two halves of the pattern piece as far as necessary. Even out the side edges. ©

Step 4



CUTTING OUT
FOLD (â“ â“ â“) means: here is the center of a pattern piece but never a cut edge or a seam. The piece should be cut double, with the fold line forming the centre line. Pattern pieces that are outlined with a broken line in the cutting diagrams are to be placed face down on the fabric. (a)

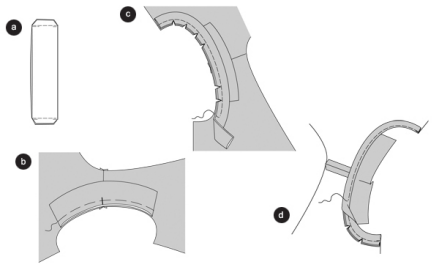
The cutting diagrams on the pattern sheet show how the pattern pieces should be placed on the fabric.
For a single layer of fabric, the pattern pieces are pinned to the right side of the fabric. For double layers of fabric, the right sides are facing and the pattern pieces are pinned to the left side. The pattern pieces that are shown in the cutting diagram, extending over the fold of the fabric, should be cut last from a single layer of fabric. (b)

Step 5

SEAM AND HEMLINE ALLOWANCES are included on an average:
5/8â“ (1.5 cm) for all edges and seams. Use BURDA carbon paper to transfer all pattern lines and markings to the left side of the fabric pieces. You will find instructions in the packet.

SEWING
When sewing the right fabric sides are facing.
Transfer all lines on the pattern using a basting stitch to the right fabric side.

Step 6



Blouse
Shoulder seams
Position the front piece onto the back piece, with right sides facing. Baste shoulder seams (seam 1). Stitch. Neaten allowances and press apart from each other.

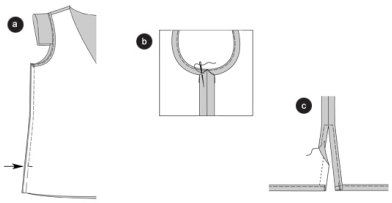
Cap Sleeve / Armholes
Fold cap sleeve along the FOLDLINE, with wrong side out. Position and stitch the side edges together. Trim allowances, cut the corners on an angle to turn out pointed corners. Turn right side out. Baste edges, press. Baste the open edges on top of each other. (a)

Pin the sleeve onto the armhole, right sides facing. Do this for space between the cross notches only (seam 3 and 4); the cross notch of the sleeve meets the shoulder seam. Trim the allowances and allow only 1/2â“ (1.2 cm). Fold bias straps (piece 6) lengthwise, inside out. Press. (b)

Baste the bias strips onto the armholes, with seam allowances matching. Stitch bias strip at approximately 1/2â“ (1.2 cm), enclosing the allowance. Trim allowances and cut clips in to allow more flexibility. ©

Fold and baste bias straps inwards,, over the seam allowance, press. Fold the sleeve outwards. Topstitch armhole, thereby enclosing the bias strap and the sleeve. (d)

Step 7

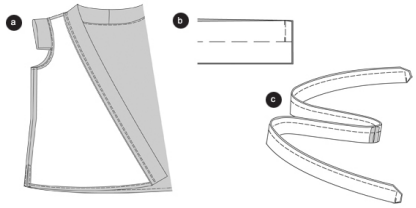


Side seams / slits
Position front pieces onto the back pieces, right sides facing, baste side seams (seam 5), stitch until you reach the slit sign (arrow). Secure seam ends. Keep slits basted. Neaten allowances, and fold and press apart. Open the basting stitches at the slits (a). Stitch the allowances of the armhole by hand onto the diagonal straps (b).

Seam / slits
Position the allowances onto the slits

Fold and press seam, fold again and baste. Stitch seam narrowly. Fold slit allowances inside again. Stitch slit edges 1/2" (1.2 cm) wide.©

Step 8



Neckline Facing
Position facing pieces on top of each other, the right sides facing, stitch center back seam. Press allowances apart. Fold the placket along the FOLDLINE, right sides together. Stitch the lower edges on top of each other. Trim allowances, cut the corners at an angle (see drawing 1). Fold placket inside out. Baste edges.

Baste facing onto the neckline and the front edges, matching at center back notch, with raw edges aligned, right sides facing (seam 2). The cross lines meet the shoulder seams. Stitch. Trim allowances, neaten altogether, and fold and press inside the blouse. Topstitch to enclose the allowances.(a)

Belt
Position the belt halves on top of each other, stitch center seam until you reach the fold line. Secure thread ends. Fold and press the allowances apart.(b)

Fold the belt at the FOLD LINE, right sides facing. Baste the edges on top of each other and stitch. Trim allowances, cut the corners at a slant. Fold the belt inside out through the opening of the middle seam. Baste edges, press and stitch narrowly. Sew the open seam part by hand. ©

Sew SNAP FASTERNER buttons onto the placket edge seam â“ sew it on the inside of the right front piece and on the outside of the left front piece. Pin the right front piece onto the left one, the centers facing. Mark the sewing lines and stitch by hand.

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