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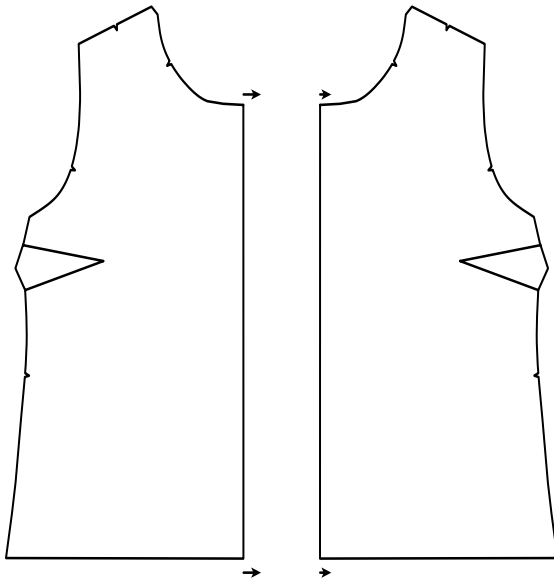
# INSTRUCTIONS



## YOU WILL NEED:

- *Violet pattern*, by Colette Patterns
- One yard  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch single fold bias tape
- Clear tape
- Pencil or pen
- Curved ruler

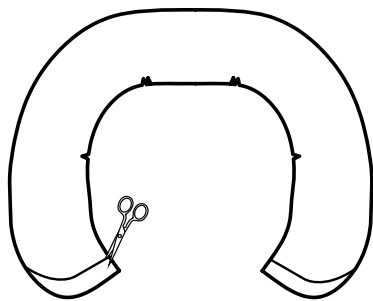
## CUT THE PATTERN



1. Cut the pattern pieces from your fabric as instructed in the original pattern, with the following changes: On the righthand **blouse front (A)**, trim  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the center front. On the lefthand **blouse front (A)**, add  $\frac{7}{8}$ " to the center front.

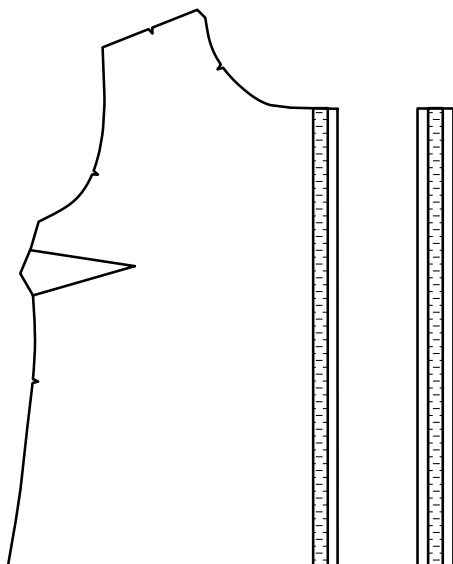


2. Cut a separate placket piece for the righthand side of the blouse by cutting a rectangle  $1\frac{7}{8}$ " wide and the length of the **blouse front (A)** at center.



3. After cutting the collar pieces, trim  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the center front to shorten the collar, blending the curve with a curved ruler.
4. On the **blouse front (A)**, move the collar placement mark  $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the center front.

## INTERFACE THE PLACKET

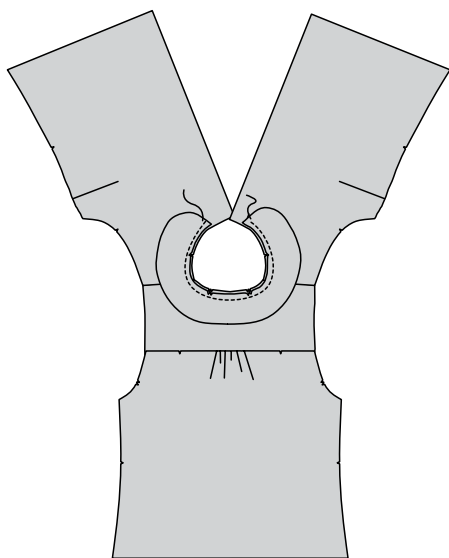


1. Cut two 1" wide strips of interfacing the length of the blouse front.
2. On the lefthand side of the **blouse front (A)**, apply the strip of interfacing on the wrong side of the garment,  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the center front edge.
3. Apply the second strip of interfacing to the wrong side of the separate placket piece you cut.

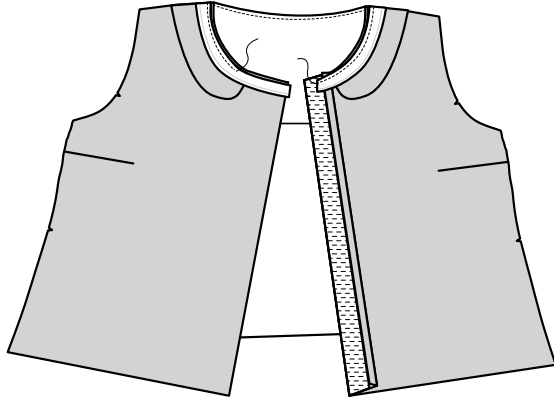
## LABEL YOUR PIECES

To keep things clear, write "left" and "right" labels on two pieces of masking tape and use those to label the right sides of the **blouse front (A)**. It's important to keep track of which is the right and wrong side, and which is the righthand and lefthand side of the blouse front.

## ASSEMBLE THE BODY



1. Construct the body of the blouse and the collar separately, as instructed in the original pattern. Pay close attention to which side of **blouse front (A)** goes on the lefthand and righthand sides.
2. Machine baste the collar to the neckline, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



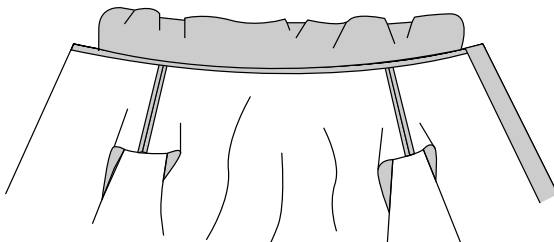
1. On the lefthand side of the **blouse front (A)**, create a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " fold along the center front edge, folding toward the wrong (interfaced) side. Press in place.
2. Create a second 1" fold along the center front edge, folding toward the wrong side of the blouse. Press in place.
3. Unfold bias tape. With right sides together, pin bias tape to the neckline, aligning the raw edges. Lap the bias tape over the folded placket by about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
4. Stitch the bias tape to the neckline, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. When you get to the other (righthand) side of the neckline, stop stitching about 1" before reaching the edge of the collar. Allow the bias tape to reach all the way to the center front edge.

### MAKE YOUR OWN BIAS TAPE

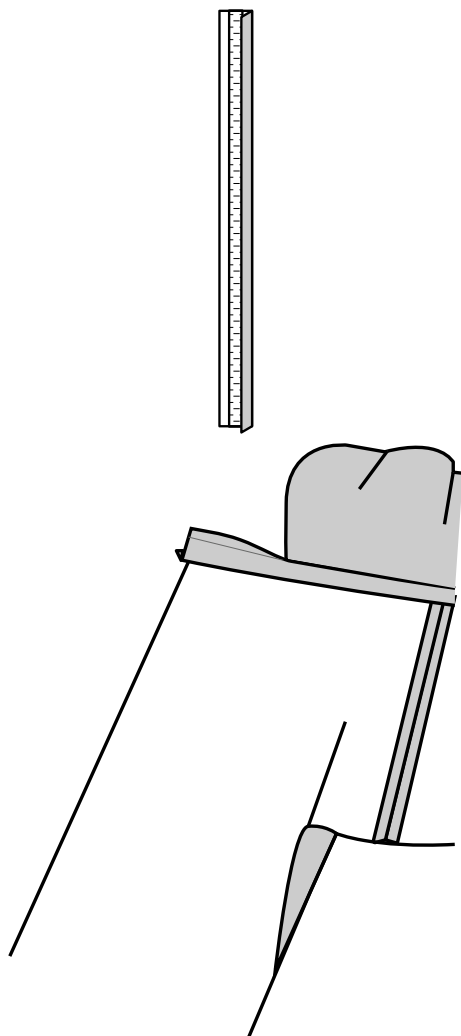
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Making your own bias tape gives you the freedom to trim your project the way you want. Make matching bias tape or incorporate a fun color or pattern. Learn more at:

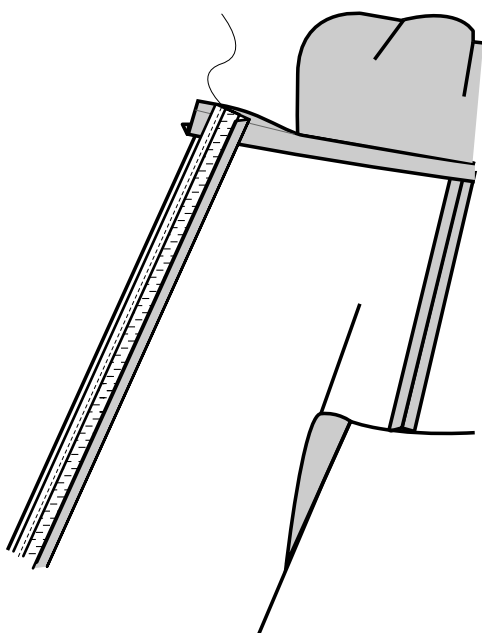
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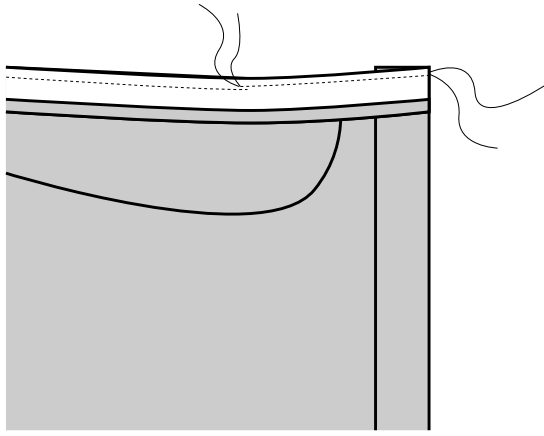
5. Fold the lefthand turned-under placket to the wrong side and press. The fold of the placket should now cover the end of the bias tape.
6. Fold the bias tape to the wrong side of the neckline, folding in the remaining long raw edge of the bias tape. Press.



1. On the separate placket piece, fold one long edge in  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and press.

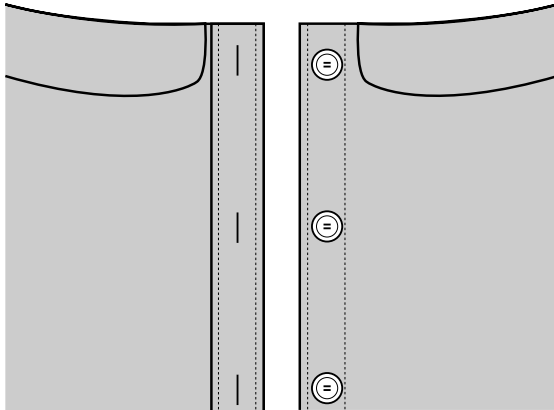


2. On the wrong side of the blouse, open the upper edge of the bias tape away from the blouse in the 1" gap you left on the righthand side.
3. With the right side of the placket facing the wrong side of the righthand **blouse front (A)**, align the raw edges at the center front. The bias tape should be sandwiched between the placket and the **blouse front (A)**, with no raw edges showing.
4. Stitch the placket to the **blouse front (A)** along the center front. Do not stitch along the neckline yet.
5. Turn the placket to the right side of the blouse. Turn the bias tape as well, so that the right side of the bias tape faces the right side of the placket.



6. Stitch the bias tape, placket, and blouse front together at the neckline across the remaining gap.
7. Turn the bias tape to the inside of the blouse, tucking the short raw edge beneath the placket. Press.

## FINISH BLOUSE



1. Understitch the bias tape to the neckline seam allowance, getting as close as you can to each of the plackets.
2. With the collar turned away from the blouse, edgestitch the remaining fold of the bias tape to the blouse, getting as close as you can to each of the plackets.
3. Finish blouse as instructed in the original pattern, through the hemming.
4. Once hemmed, topstitch along the placket on each long side,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each of the folds.
5. Create vertical buttonholes on the righthand side of the placket.
6. Hand sew buttons in place on the lefthand side of the placket.

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