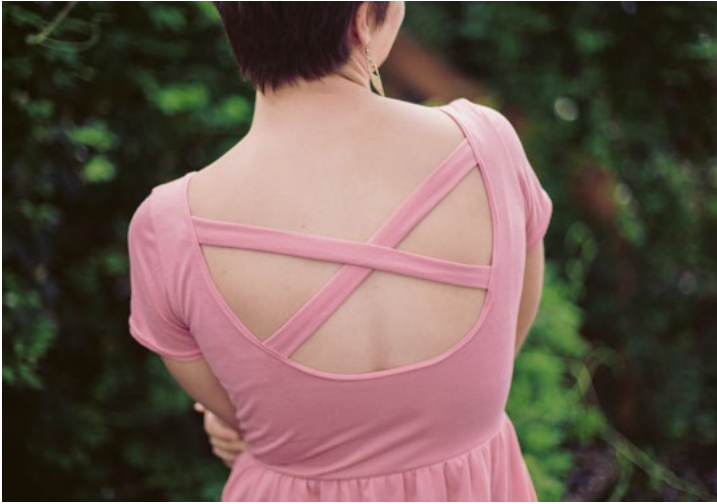


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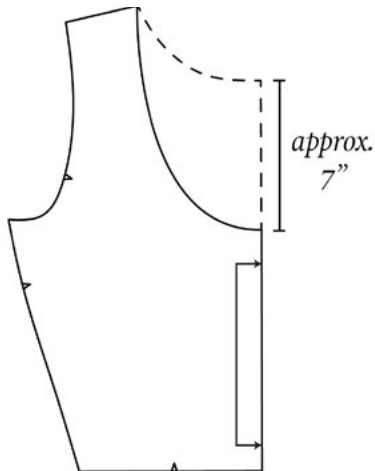
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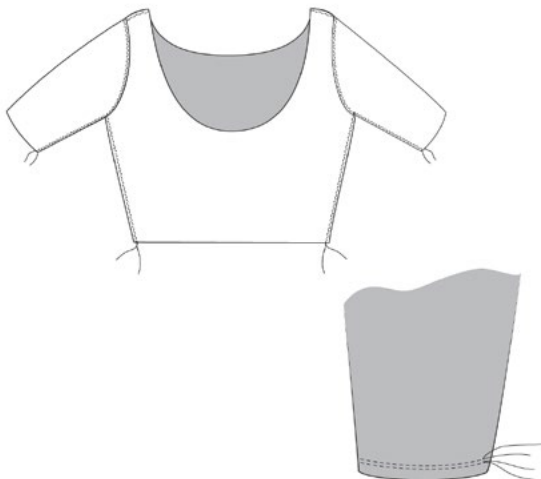
## YOU WILL NEED:

- *Moneta Pattern*, by Colette Patterns
- Large paper for tracing
- Fabric marking device
- Pencil or pen
- Ruler
- Wash-Away Wonder Tape (optional)

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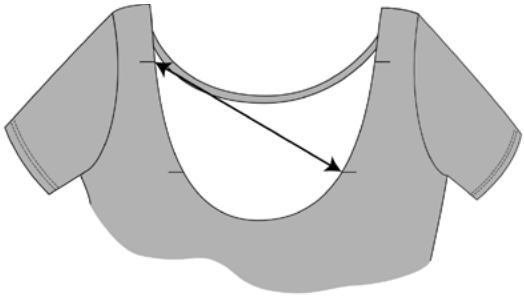
1. On the bodice back, make a mark approximately 7" below the center back neckline. Draw a new back neckline, scooping out a deeper curve. You may wish to hold the pattern piece up to your body or dress form to ensure your back bra strap will be covered.



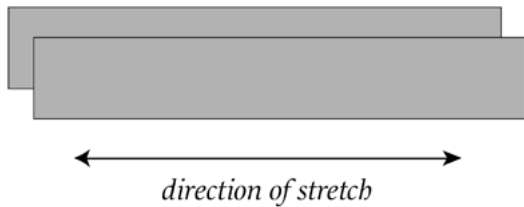
2. Cut your back bodice piece from your fabric as normal. Follow the regular pattern instructions until you have hemmed the sleeves.



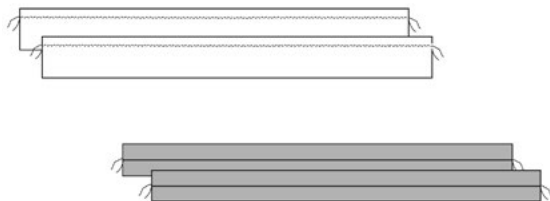
3. Turn under the neckline  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and press. You may wish to adhere the folded under portion using Wash-Away Wonder Tape.



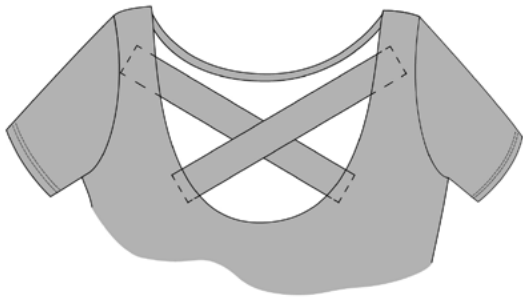
4. Mark the placement of your cross-back straps on the back of the bodice. Measure the distance across the garment from the top-left mark to the bottom-right mark. Make note of the measurement plus 2", and set bodice aside.



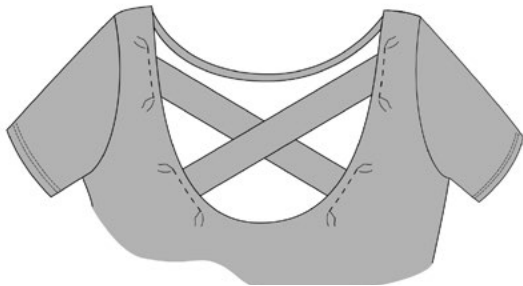
5. Cut two strips of your fabric 3" wide by the measurement you just noted (diagonal, cross-back width plus 2").



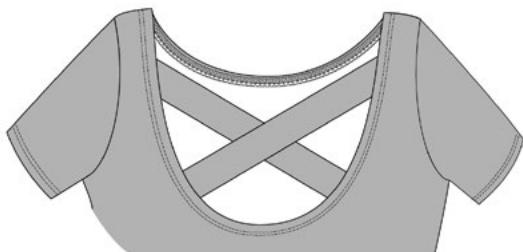
6. Fold each strip lengthwise with right sides together, and sew along the raw edges with a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance. Turn the strips to the right side and press with the seam at the center of one side. The seam side will face your body when the dress is worn.



7. With right sides of the strips to wrong side of the back bodice, pin the strips across the back at an angle. Be sure to overlap the strips where they meet the back neckline at least  $\frac{3}{8}$ " so they will be caught in the stitching. Any excess can be trimmed after sewing.



8. Baste the strips in place with a scant  $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance. You may wish to try on the bodice to check the strip placement and adjust as necessary.



9. Once you are satisfied with the strip placement, use a coverstitch machine or the twin needle on your sewing machine to hem the neckline at  $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Make sure you are catching the strips in your stitching. Trim any excess strip fabric that extends beyond the stitching. Continue with the pattern instructions as normal.

### HEMMING KNITS

If you mainly sew with woven fabrics, hemming a curved area such as a neckline may seem unusual. Knits are much more forgiving when hemming curves, making it possible to finish shallow curves with a turned hem instead of a facing or binding.

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