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One yard/metre of fabric, like one cookie, is never enough

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New Online Sewing Project

We have just introduced a new Online Sewing Project:

The Little Black Dress: (LBD)

Every woman should have their very own LBD...to some it's long and dramatic; to others it's short, sexy and sassy; and occasionally it's just cute and very simple.

We will kick-off with a princess-line fitted pattern from the Lutterloh Pattern collection (our Master Pattern). We will discuss which style to select to your body shape and fabric suggestions.

The fun starts then - designing some of the styles and how to create your own personal combination to get the perfect LBD.

Full instructions and helpful hints to sew your LBD together will be provided.

Cost of this project is US\$39. To enrol for this Project, just click [HERE](#) and follow the easy payment instructions on our secure website.

A full round of Online Sewing Classes and Online Projects will also commence on 23 August 2010. more info on the Classes/projects go onto: [Projects](#) or [Classes](#)

RIBBED NECKLINES

The most common use for ribbing is to finish edges of knit sport wear garments. Ribbing can be used as an edge for several styles of necklines, including turtleneck, mock turtleneck, crewneck and scoop neck. It is also used on sleeves, lower edges of T-shirts and sweatshirts, and waistlines of pants and skirts. The cut width and cut length of the ribbing varies, depending on where it will be used and the style you want.

To use **ribbing yardage**, cut a crosswise strip of fabric, fold it in half lengthwise, and apply it so the fold becomes the finished edge.

- If you use ribbing yardage, the cut width of the ribbing is equal to twice the desired finished width plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) for seam allowances.
- If you use pre-finished ribbed bands, the cut width is equal to the desired finished width plus one $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam allowance.
- If matching ribbing is not available, self-fabric, cut on the crosswise grain, can be substituted for ribbing yardage. Use a knit fabric that stretches at least 15% (38cm).

The **cut length** for ribbing can also be determined by measuring the garment opening at the seam line. Ribbing is usually cut two-thirds of the measurement plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) for seam allowances. If self-fabric is substituted for ribbing, cut it three-fourths of measurement plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) for seam allowances.

Pin-fit ribbing or self-fabric around the body for straight, close-fitting edges, such as hiplines, wrists and ankles. For ribbing crosswise for double thickness, and pin ribbing so it lies flat, without gaping: do not distort the ribs. add $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) for seam allowances.

Self-fabric may be used instead of ribbing. For turtlenecks, cut the self-fabric the length of the neckline measurement plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm); for crew necks, mock turtlenecks and scoop necks, cut the fabric three-fourths of the neckline plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm).

Types of Ribbed Necklines:

Crewneck garments (a) usually have ribbing with a finished width of 1" to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (2.5cm to 3cm); the neckline seam falls $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2cm) below the natural neckline. Cut the ribbing two-thirds of the neckline measurements plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) for seam allowances.

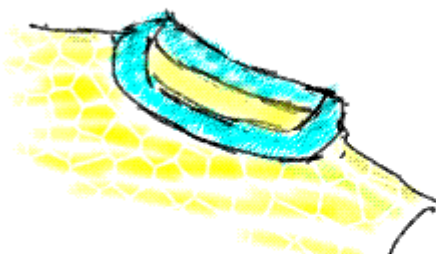
Turtleneck garments (b) have ribbing with a finished width of 4" to 6" (10 to 15cm). The neckline seam falls at the natural neckline. Cut the ribbing the length of the neckline measurement plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) for seam allowances.

Mock Turtleneck garments (c) have a finished width of 2" to 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (5 to 6cm). The neckline seam falls $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) below the natural neckline. Cut the ribbing three-fourths of the neckline measurement plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) for seam allowances.

Scoop-neck garments (d) have rounded necklines with the edge of the ribbing falling lower than the natural neckline in the front and, sometimes, in the back. Cut the ribbing two-thirds of the neckline measurements plus $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm). The finished width of the ribbing varies from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" (2 to 2.5cm).

Types of Ribbed Necklines

a - crewneck



b - turtleneck

