

Emma Blouse

Turn an ordinary basic shirt into a fashionable blouse! We have removed the collar and created a new shape of neckline, sewn pintucks around the waist and sleeves and replaced the buttons. Easy!



Sewing Supplies

- Husqvarna Viking Emma Sewing machine
- A man's dress shirt
- White sewing thread
- 12 pearl buttons
- Bias binding for the neckline
- Pictogram pen

CONSTRUCTION

Try the shirt on and place pins below the bust on both front pieces to mark where the pin tucks will begin. With a pictogram pen, draw two lines to indicate where the pin tucks will start and stop around the blouse as illustrated. Start from the front and form the line under the bust. The pintucks will be at the shortest under the armholes (on our blouse, the pintucks are 4.5" (11 cm) under the armholes). It is easier if you have a dress form or if someone can help you.

With pictogram pen, draw vertical lines between the shaped lines for pintucks with 3/4" (2 cm) space all around the shirt. Start from the front and work your way back. The waist measurement will be 1/4" (6 mm) smaller for each pintuck that you make so calculate the finished width before you start stitching the pintucks, to assure that the finished blouse will not be too small. If so, remove the pintuck marks and make new lines with more space.

Illustration A

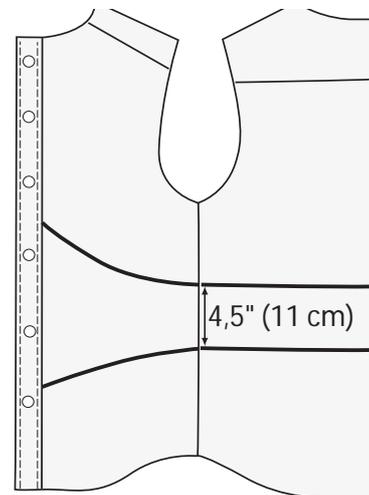


Illustration A

Snap on presser foot A. Select right needle position straight stitch. Fold the shirt on the marks and sew 1/8" (3 mm) wide pintucks along each mark. Sew with the edge of the foot aligned with the fabric for a perfect 1/8" (3 mm) pintuck. Start from the front and work your way back. Sew the same way as you sew a dart, begin and end into a point and sew tiny backstitches at the beginning and at the end for a nice result. Press the pintucks carefully toward the front.

Remove the collar with a seam ripper. Fold and pin the neckline in a v-shaped neckline. Press. Cut excess fabric 1/4" (6 mm) outside the fold mark for seam allowance.

Turn under the upper edge 1/4" (6 mm) of the buttoning edge to the wrong side. Select center needle position straight stitch. Pin the bias strip with the neckline right sides together. Sew and turn the binding to the wrong side. With the edge of the foot along the neckline edge, topstitch all around the neckline.

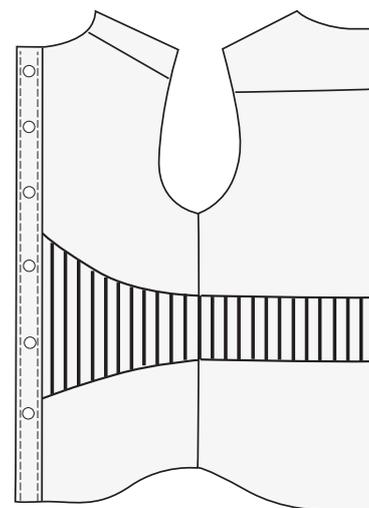


Illustration B

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Cut off the excess length of the shirt and form it into a curved shape. Turn under a 1/4" (6 mm) double hem and stitch in place. Sew a couple of extra buttonholes between the existing ones. We have sewn two horizontal buttonholes on top and the remaining ones vertical. Replace the buttons with new pearl buttons.

Try the blouse and mark horizontal lines for pintucks on the sleeves, the same length, and distance as the pintucks on the shirt body. Sew the pintucks in the same way as you did in the waist.

Illustration C

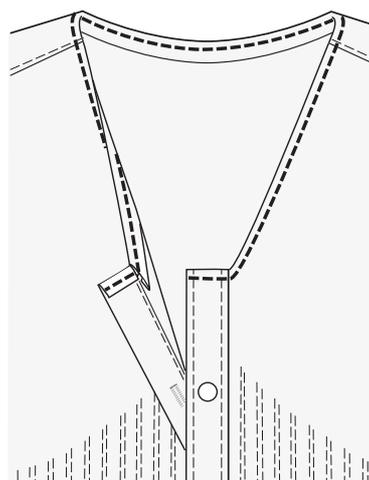


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