

Easy Linen TUNIC

MAX OUT ON CHIC COMFORT WITH THIS CHIC MAKE

Statement tops are all the rage this summer, but what you really need is a high-impact number that won't take ages to make. This pattern-free tunic affords the ultimate in freedom both on the sewing machine and out on the town, and is guaranteed to work with any body shape. Stitched in a hot favourite fruity shade of lovely linen, the future is most definitely orange!

ESSENTIAL KIT

Main fabric:

Orange linen, 13m x 150cm
Matching thread



Cutting Guide

Refer to diagrams online and use 1.5cm seam allowance, except for neckline, which is 1cm.

Front: Cut a rectangle half the width of fabric x 72cm. Fold in half length-ways and use the guide to cut the neckline.

Back: Cut a rectangle half the width of fabric x 95cm. Fold in half length-ways and use the guide to cut the neckline.

Sleeve: Use a double piece of fabric, 50cm long, and follow the diagram to cut out. Mark, pin the layers and cut both together.

Neck band: Cut a bias strip 5cm x 60cm.



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1 Once you have cut out the fabric pieces using the guide at makeittoday.co.uk, neaten the shoulder and side edges on the front and back. Match the front and back shoulder seams, pin and stitch together with right sides facing, then press seams open.

2 Stitch the ends of the neckband with right sides facing. Turn to the right side, fold in half length-ways and press. Pin the band to the neckline of the front and back pieces, matching the join to the centre back, and sew. Neaten the seam, folding and pressing the edges inside the top so the folded edge turns upwards.

3 Neaten the underarm and top sleeve edges. Open out the front and back of the top. Mark the centre top of the sleeves, match and pin this point to the end of the shoulder seams. Position the sleeves along the outside edges of the top with right sides facing and sew, starting and finishing 1.5cm from the edges.

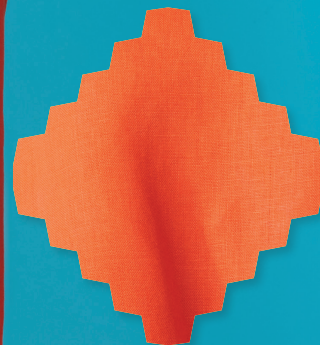
4 Open out sleeves and lay back and front pieces together with right sides facing, pinning the side seams and sleeve underarms. Stitch from the ends to where you started and stopped in step 3. Back-tack and sew the side seams, starting on the other side of this point. The stitch line should end 12cm from the base of the top to give a split.

5 Tidy the base of the top and the sleeve ends, then fold and press up a 1cm hem. Stitch the hems in place around the sleeves, then around the top base and up into the splits to finish.

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ORANGE LINEN TOP SLEEVE

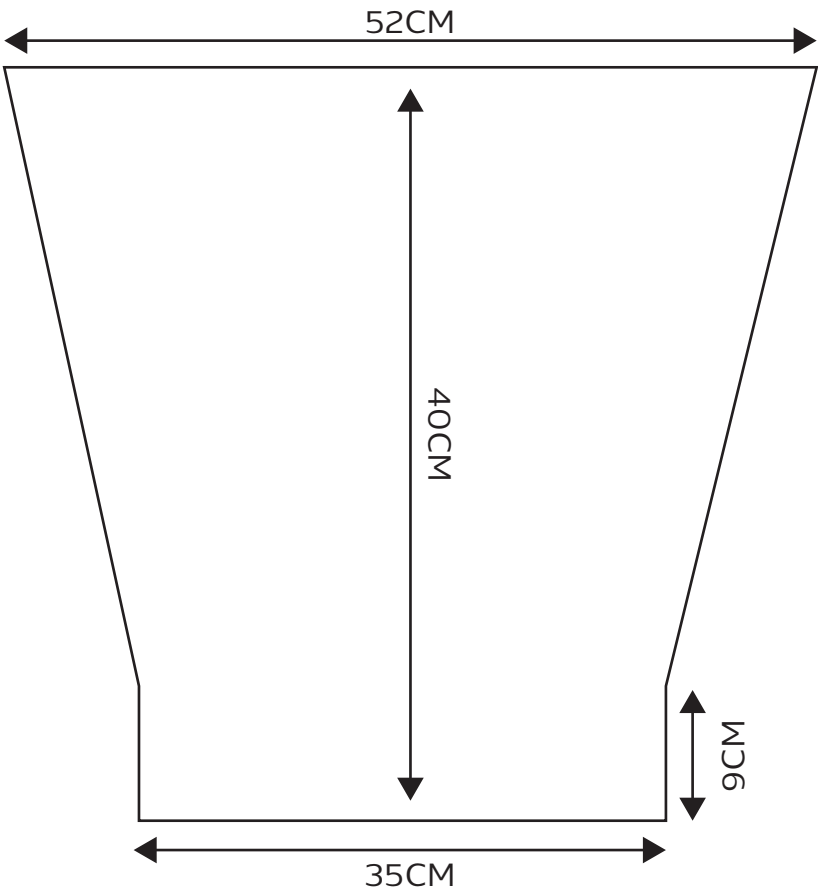
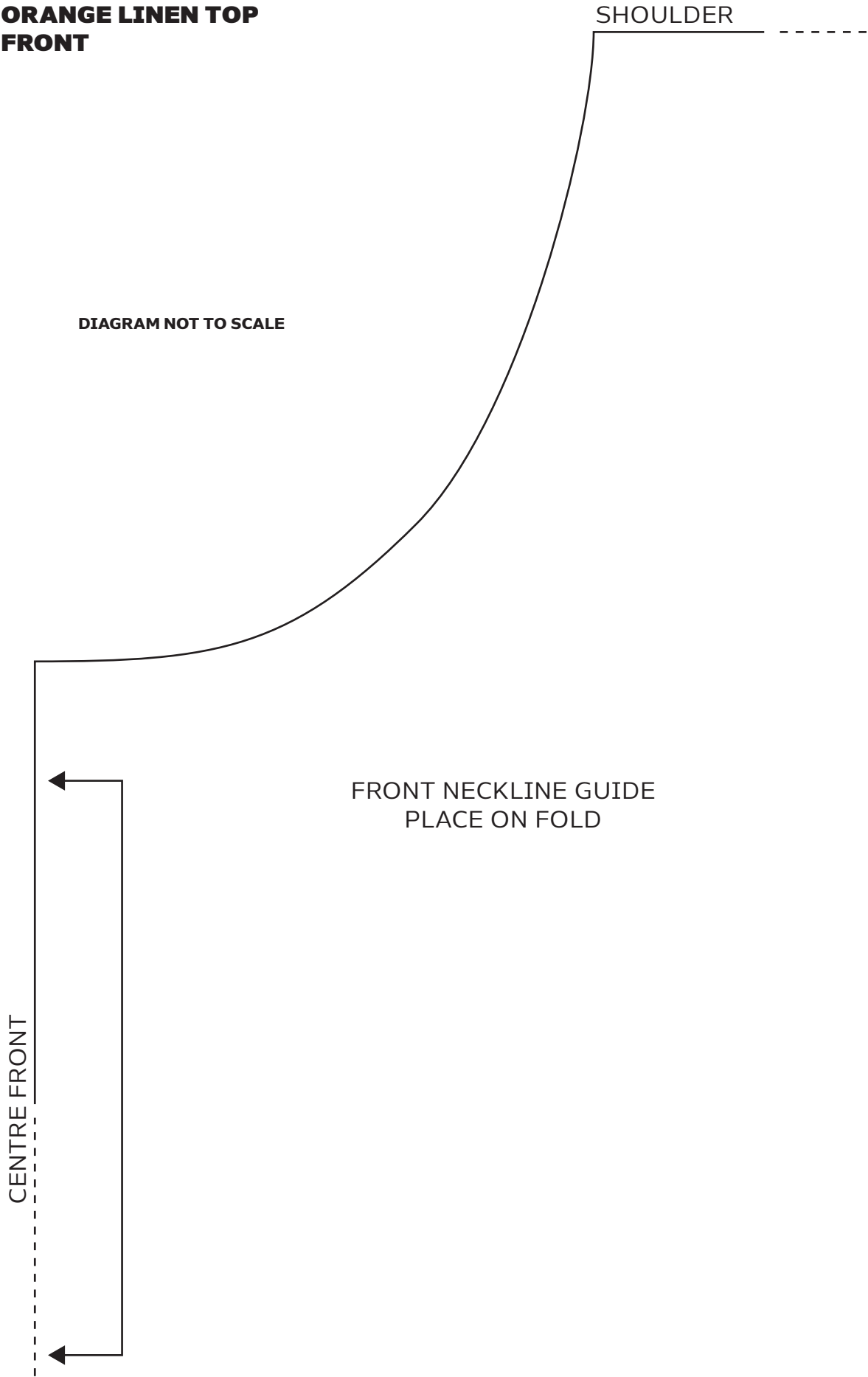


DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE

USE DIAGRAM TO CUT
ONE PAIR OF SLEEVES

**ORANGE LINEN TOP
FRONT**



**ORANGE LINEN TOP
BACK**

SHOULDER

CENTRE BACK

BACK NECKLINE GUIDE
PLACE ON FOLD

DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE