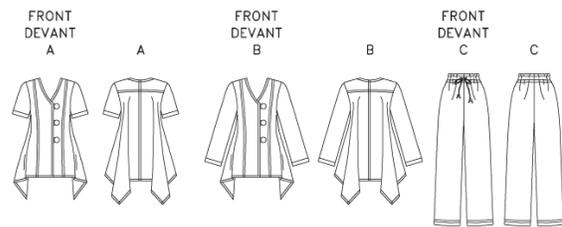


## Sewing Secrets

### Vogue 8639



**What we like:** This pattern is easy to fit! The new Custom Fit line from Vogue has individual pattern pieces for each cup size, for each pattern size. So, you can actually buy the size that fits you and then select the cup size that is appropriate! What a concept! Also, because the jacket is so loose, you don't have to worry about fitting through the waist or hips. The hem is also nicely flattering. The pants pattern is a nice bonus, giving you an extra pattern for easy elastic waist pants.

**Timing:** If you finish all your seams and hems on the machine, you can make this jacket in 3 hours.

**Fabric selection:** What an opportunity to use some of the burn-outs! Or, any cotton or linen would be fabulous. Using the really light weight summer fabrics makes a delightful jacket that can be worn anywhere – to work or to play – without adding heat.

**Sizing:** Buy the correct size for the width of your shoulders in the back. Then, select the right cup size and you are done! Easy!

**Cutting:** If you have a particularly beautiful print that is fairly wide, you can cut the back and the back yoke on the fold, thus avoiding a seam down the middle of the back. This works for all 54-60" fabrics. It also works for 45" fabric for the smaller sizes.

They show the back yoke cut on the bias, but I wouldn't recommend that, unless it works well for your fabric. Instead, just put the center back of the yoke on the fold, lining up the stitching line with the fold of the fabric, and cut on the straight of grain.

**Sewing:** If you want to avoid the topstitching, you can use a French Seam in the side seams and a Flat Felled seam for inserting the sleeves (using hand stitching to finish the seam). All of the other seams will be encased by the facings, so you are done.

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