## Norman Jumpsuit

Pattern by: Style Arc

Instructor: Leslie Kennedy

#### Location: Treelotta

#### **Class Description:**

The Style Arc Norman Jumpsuit is an Intermediate (or experienced Confident Beginner) pattern that features a V-Neck in the front and back with facings, short shoulder straps, a low armhole cut and very wide legs. Optional features include in-the-seam side pockets and/or a strip of elastic along the back waistline. The jumpsuit length is intended to be just above the ankles (described in the pattern as "7/8 length"). This is a loose fitting pull-on style, intended to be worn with a top underneath. It also looks nice worn with a pretty belt!

Skills and techniques that will be covered in this class include:

- Sewing with wovens
- Topstitch, Understitch, Staystitch, Edge Finishes and Hemming
- Interfacing (referred to as "Fuse" in this pattern)
- Neckline facings
- Shoulder strap insertion
- In-the-seam side pockets
- Elastic gathering at back waistband

# Skill level: Intermediate (or Confident Beginner with some Garment Sewing Experience)

Students should be comfortable with selecting their pattern size, laying out and cutting their project pieces, and have some previous experience sewing garments. Students should also be familiar with operating their sewing machine, sewing straight seams and finishing seam allowances (e.g., zigzag, overlock).

<u>NOTE:</u> If you are new to garment sewing, we recommend that you take the <u>"Intro to Garment</u> <u>Sewing" class</u> that is offered periodically by Treelotta. The Intro class will give you a good foundation or refresher as you build your knowledge and skills for successful garment sewing.



#### **Fabric Suggestions**

- The pattern recommends these fabrics:
  - Washed Linen, Cotton, Crepe
- Other fabrics that work well are:
  - <u>Linen-Rayon blends</u>, light-midweight <u>canvas</u> or <u>wovens</u>, <u>lightweight denim</u> or chambray

A more drapey fabric, such as a linen-rayon blend, will fall closer to the body and have more of the swish factor. A more structured fabric like midweight canvas or woven is going to hold its shape and stand away from the body a bit more. Both are great choices, it just depends on what you are going for.

Another thing to consider when choosing a fabric is the weight of the fabric. You will need about 3.5 - 4.5 yards of 58" wide fabric depending on your size. Due to the length of this garment and the wide legs, a heavier fabric may feel like the garment is pulling down on your shoulder straps.

NOTE: If you want to try a fabric that has a narrower width than 58", bring in your pattern pieces before purchasing your narrow width fabric to confirm how much additional yardage you will need.

If you want to add a fun pop of color, make your facings out of a contrasting fabric color.

#### Pattern Sizing and Format

This pattern is available in sizes 4-36, and it is available in print and PDF formats.

- Find the print version of the Norman Jumpsuit Pattern at Treelotta.
- If you purchase a PDF version: Treelotta now offers you the convenience of an AO-sized pattern printing service. Find more information here: <u>https://www.treelotta.com/shop/c/p/AO-Copyshop-Printing-x89075081.htm</u>

When choosing your pattern size, look at the Bust and Waist on the "Finished Measurements" chart. Because this is a pull-on jumpsuit, you need to be able to pull the bust/waist up and over your hips to put on the garment. For example, if you have a 40" hip measurement, you may want to choose the Size 12 (bust/waist are 41-3%").

#### Please complete before first class:

□ Students should plan for <u>3-4 hours</u> for pre-work to be completed at home before the class begins. This pre-work includes tracing your pattern for your size, cutting out your fabric pattern pieces, gathering your supplies and tools, and testing your sewing machine.

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- □ Purchase your pattern and determine your pattern size.
- □ Read the pattern instructions to get acquainted with the project.
- □ Launder and press your fabric
- □ Gather all project supplies as specified in the pattern:
  - □ Fabric(s)
  - □ Light-to-midweight fusible interfacing for the neckline facings and shoulder straps
  - $\Box$  6" length of 1-1/4"-wide Elastic (1-1/2" wide will also work.) This elastic will be exposed inside the garment; "Soft Elastic" is a good option.
  - □ Polyester thread or high quality cotton thread that matches your Fabric
  - □ A fun garment label to put on your garment!
- □ Cut out all pattern pieces and transfer all pattern markings to fabrics.
  - □ We recommend tracing the pattern pieces for your pattern size onto a Pattern Tracing type of material (e.g., Pattern Ease") rather than cutting directly into your pattern - especially if you purchased a Paper version of the pattern. Creating this traced copy will allow you to reuse the pattern for other sizes, or if you find it necessary to grade your pattern between sizes for proper fitting.
  - □ When cutting your fabric pieces, be sure to follow the "Lay Chart" diagram in the pattern instructions that aligns with the size you are making.
  - Be sure to also cut out the interfacing for the neckline facings and the shoulder straps.
- □ IMPORTANT!!! If you are using a fabric that looks the same on both sides (such as a linen), be sure to mark a "W" on what you will consider to be the wrong side.

Enrolled students will receive <u>more details</u> about 4 days prior to class which will specify any other prep work to complete before class. Come ready to sew!

#### Sewing Tools & Supplies:

- Sewing machine & Presser Feet (e.g., Zigzag Foot, Optional: Overlock Foot, Edgestitch foot, ¼" foot)
  - Bring your own machine or contact Treelotta in advance if you would like to rent one of their machines for the class.
  - Please test your sewing machine before coming to class to make sure it is working order.
- Size 70 or 80 sewing machine needle
  - Size 70 for lighter fabrics
  - Size 80 for mid-weight fabrics
- Hand sewing needle and thimble (if you use one).
- Scissors & thread snips

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- Pins
- Small ruler (~1" x 6")
- Tailor's chalk or other fabric marker
- Seam ripper
- Optional: <u>Stiletto</u>
- Optional: <u>A fun garment label</u>!

### **Treelotta Class Policies**

We are a fragrance-free shop: As a courtesy to individuals who are sensitive to fragrances, we would ask that you refrain from wearing any perfumes, scented lotions or body sprays, or strong scents in general. Thank you.

**Class cancellation**: Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least three days in advance to receive store credit. Out of consideration for our instructors, cancellations less than three days before class (or no-shows) will be charged full price. If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us to let us know by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration of fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be canceled by the instructor. In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

Classes start on time. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

**Parking**: Parking is available on the street in front of the shop as well as in our parking lot behind the shop. For after-hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Recreation Center lot (which is across the alley from the parking lot behind our building). Please do not park in this lot on weekdays from 9-5 as you will likely be ticketed.