



Stevie Top or Tunic Dress

Pattern by: Tilly and the Buttons

Instructor: Leslie Kennedy

Location: Treelotta

Class Description:

This pattern provides options so you can make a Stevie that suits your style:

- Length: High-Hip Hemline, or Above-the-knee Tunic Dress
- Neckline Back Closure: Pretty Fabric Ties, or a Button Loop w/Button.
- Optional Front Pocket: Patch pocket with topstitching
- Sleeve Hem Options: Basic single fold hem, or a Turned-Up Cuff

You may choose any of the above options for this class.

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

- Apply interfacing
- Stay stitching
- Finish raw edges of seams using your sewing machine
- Make and sew on a Patch pocket with Top stitching
- Make Ties for Neckline closure
- Make a Button Loop for Neckline closure
- Sew a neckline facing
- Trim, clip and grade seam allowances
- Understitch seam allowances
- Make a cuffed sleeve
- Hem Sleeves and Bottom of garment

Skill level: Beginner

Students should be comfortable with selecting their pattern size, laying out and cutting their project pieces. Students should also be familiar with operating their sewing machine and sewing straight seams.

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NOTE: If you are new to garment sewing, we recommend that you take the [“Intro to Garment Sewing” class](#) 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

- Refer to the pattern for recommended fabrics. Note that quilting cottons typically do not have a soft drape which is something you want to look for when choosing your fabric. A better choice for beginner garment sewists is fabric with a nice drape that can hang softly as you wear it (e.g., lightweight linen, cotton lawn, voile, rayon or chambray).
- Regarding interfacing for this project (used in the neckline facings), select an interfacing that has similar drape as the fabric you are using. Lean towards a lighter-weight interfacing so your garment is not too “stiff” around the neckline.

Pattern Sizing and Format

This pattern has a unique approach to sizing nomenclature of “1-15” which covers US sizes “2-30”. Be sure to check the Body Measurements table in the pattern to choose your size. For example, a US Size 8 (Bust 36”) maps to Stevie’s Pattern Size 4.

The pattern is available in print and PDF formats.

- The paper pattern is available at Treelotta [here](#)
- If you purchase the PDF format, the pattern can be either printed on your home printer requiring some assembly by you of the paper pattern pieces, or it can be printed on a large format printer by a printing service that can handle AO-sized printing jobs.

Please complete before first class:

- Students should plan for 3-4 hours 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 pattern pieces (fabric and interfacing) and gathering your supplies and tools.
- Determine your pattern size and purchase your pattern. Decide which view and options you will be making.
- Read the pattern instructions to get acquainted with the project.
- Launder fabric
- Gather all project supplies as specified in the pattern:
 - Fabric

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- Lightweight interfacing (e.g., something that will not add too much stiffness to your finished garment). Look for an interfacing that has a similar drape to the fabric you have chosen.
- Polyester thread
- Button (if you choose this option)
- A fun garment label to put inside the back of your new top/dress!
- Cut out all pattern pieces (fabric and interfacing) and transfer all pattern markings to fabrics.
 - We recommend tracing your original pattern for your pattern size onto a Pattern Tracing type of material (e.g., Pellon 830 “Easy Pattern”) 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 original pattern for other sizes, or if you find it necessary to grade your pattern between sizes for proper fitting.
- If you are using a fabric that looks the same on both sides, be sure to mark a “W” on what you will consider to be the wrong side.

Enrolled students will receive more details 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 – 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.
- Scissors
- Pins
- Small ruler (~1” x 6”)
- Tailor’s chalk or other fabric marker
- Seam ripper
- Point turner (if you have one).
- Size 70 or 80 sewing machine needles
- Hand sewing needle (and thimble, if you have one).

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.