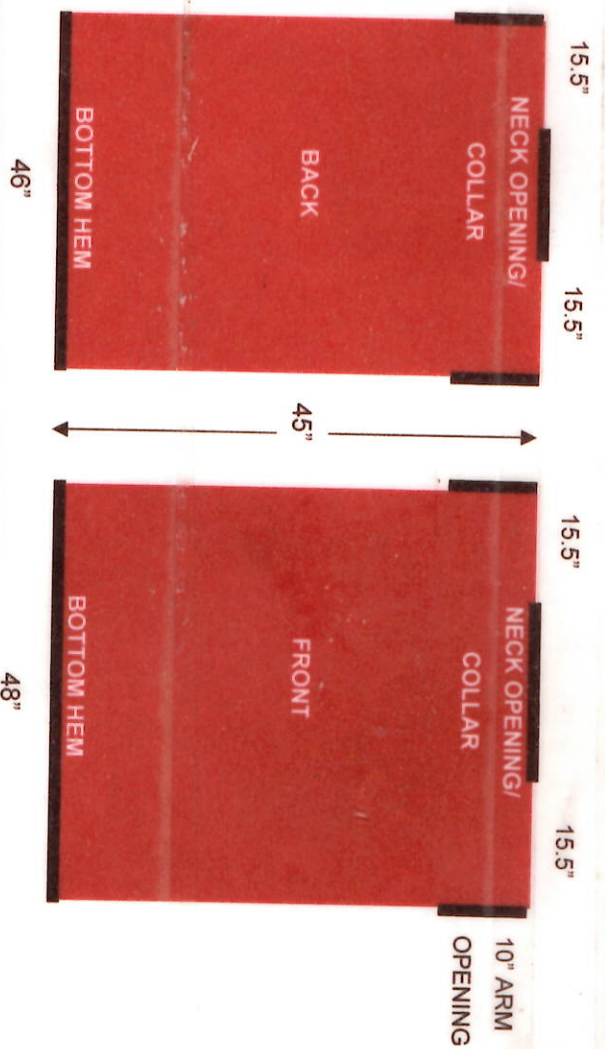


Basic Tunic Pattern



Instructions for a basic tunic:

Start with two rectangles of cloth. One is 46" wide, the other is 48" wide, both are approx 45" long. The two inch difference in width is to allow a collar "drape" in the front – the piece with the longer width forms the "front" of the tunic. The length is approximate, designed to allow for the tunic hem to fall to mid-calf when worn without a belt. This thing is designed to fit you like a tent – do not tailor it to be narrower than the above or shorter than mid-calf (without a belt).

Shoulder seams are stitched first (as in basic steps at left). If sewn on the selvedge then there is no need to zig-zag stitch or otherwise finish this edge of the garment. The hem of the neck opening should be hand-stitched.

Sew side seams, leaving openings for arms, as above diagram. The edges of the armholes should be finished and hand-stitched.

Hand-hem the garment base.

- 1) Cut ends of linen must be zig-zagged, hemmed, or whip-stitched FIRST prior to pre-wash.
- 2) Prewash fabric.
- 3) Iron well.
- 4) Measure and cut the pieces for your tunic.
- 5) Machine zig-zag or machine hem the edges prior to assembly.
- 5) Place the front and back panels together inside out, machine sew the sides and top, then turn rightside out.
- 6) Turn hem edges under twice (very narrow, 1/4" to 3/8"), then iron these folds down.
- 7) Stitch hems by hand (hem, sleeves, collar).

Basic Steps

Fabric can be 100% wool or linen, a deep **blood-red**.

— = openings for arms, neck and hem