

SEW CONFIDENT! JANUARY 2021

MAISON TOP

MATERIALS LIST

- [Maison Top & Jogger pattern](#) (You will be using the Jogger pattern in February)
- Light to medium-weight 4-way stretch jersey knit
 - Yardage for Top: 54/60" 1 ¾ yards XS - M | 54/60" 2 ¼ yards L-XXL
 - Yardage for Joggers: 54/60" 2 ⅝ yards XS - M | 54/60" 2 ¾ yards L-XXL

See instructions for yardage for contracting sleeves, hem band and neck binding.

Jersey, a single knit, is the most basic machine-made knit. It has lengthwise ribs (knit stitch) on the right side and horizontal rows (purl stitch) on the wrong side. Jersey is available in just about any variety of fibers and fabric weights, from stable cotton to tissue-sheer silk to super-slinky rayon fabrics, and may include the addition of 2-10% spandex fibers. Jersey's identifying feature is that it curls to the right side when stretched on the crossgrain.

For the class demonstrations, I will be using a t-shirt weight jersey from one of the kits that is 95% cotton and 5% spandex.

- ½ yard [Fusible Knit Stay Tape](#)
- 1 spool Polyester Thread to match for construction
- 3 spools Isacord thread or other overlock thread to match for finishing edges
- [Fusi-Web](#) (fusible web tape) (You will be using this product throughout the entire year)
- Cutting tools - a [rotary cutter](#) is recommended but using [shears](#) is fine
- [Trimming scissors](#) or snips
- [Glasshead silk pins](#)
- Pattern weights
- Size 26 or larger tapestry hand sewing needle or other blunt end, large eye needle
- [Chakoner](#) or other chalk marker
- Straight edge ruler
- [Seam gauge](#)
- [Seam ripper](#)
- 1 Piece Tagboard or Manila File Folder
- Tailor's ham (optional)
- Sleeve board (optional)
- Steam iron

You will need a sewing machine that has been cleaned and is in good condition. If your machine also embroiders and has a 9mm throat plate, you may want to invest in a 5mm-wide throat plate or a single hole plate. If you have the even-feed feature on your machine, engage it. If not, add a walking foot, if possible.

An overlock machine (serger) is recommended but not required. Coverstitching will be addressed but is not required for the course.

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PREPARATION

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Plan to have the following work done before the start of the video class.

Pattern Work

Download your pattern and tape the pieces together or send it to a printer who will print it on large paper. We recommend [PDF Plotting](#).

Download and print out the instructions included in the pattern file.

Determine your size using your full bust measurement. Refer to page 7 of the instructions to find the Size Measurements Chart. Use this chart to find your full bust measurement and select that size. Then refer to the second chart on that page to review the Finished Garment Measurements.

Compare the finished measurements to your bust size and you will know how much design ease is built into the pattern. This top is meant to be very loose-fitting, but you may select one size smaller if you prefer less ease.

Cutting Out

Pre-wash and dry your fabric in the way that you would launder the finished garment.

If the selvage edges are drawing up the fabric along the edges, cut away the selvage to the point that it no longer changes the shape of the edge of the yardage.

Lay out your fabric single layer on the cutting table with the right side facing up. Determine the straight of grain as best you can. Jersey knits have a rib texture on the right side. If you can see the ribs (they can be really hard to find), draw a chalk line (using a ruler) along a few of the ribs so you can align the foldlines and cut edges of the pattern pieces parallel to the chalk lines.

Using the cutting layouts on page 1 of the instructions, lay out your pattern pieces using pattern weights or pins. Use pins placed parallel and along the foldline to hold the pattern pieces in place. Cut out one-half of the pattern and then flip the pattern along the pin line to cut the other half. Use a rotary cutter to cut out your pieces. Before moving the cut pieces from your table, snip into the seam allowances at the notches — one snip for one notch, two snips for a double notch. Also identify the center front and center back at the neckline with snips into the edge.

Clean and oil your sewing machine, wind a bobbin (remove any other thread that might be wound on your bobbin), thread your machine, and sit back and wait for the class video. You are all set!

Video Access

The class video will be available for viewing January 23, 2021. Details and links for accessing the class video and the follow-up Zoom Q&A sessions will be sent to you prior to the class in a separate email.