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FREE PROJECT SHEET **CAFTAN** | SIZE **ONE SIZE FITS MOST** {-30"H X 40"W}



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## MATERIALS

### CAFTAN FEATURING PALOS VERDES

**MAIN BODY & BINDING** 1¾ yard main print {shown Abalone Cove}  
**BORDER** ½ yard {shown Wayfarers}

## CUTTING DIRECTIONS

### MAIN BODY

2 pieces 24"h x WOF  
{trimmed of selvages}

### BORDER

2 pieces 24"h x WOF  
{trimmed of selvages}

### BIAS FACING {TO MAKE ¾" SINGLE FOLD TAPE}

1½" strip cut on bias totaling at least 36"  
\*see tutorial suggestion page 2

## ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS

1. Fold each **MAIN BODY** piece in half widthwise. {fig 1} Lay **BOATNECK TEMPLATE** {pg 3} over top edge on center fold. {fig 2} Pin and cut away the boatneck. Unfold.
2. Create a ¼" rolled hem at the bottom edge of both **BORDER** pieces. {fig 3}
3. To connect **BORDER** we use a French Seam {alternatively, a serger would work great}: With *wrong sides together* - raw edge of **BORDER** along bottom edge of **MAIN BODY**. Stitch ¼" from raw edge. Press open. Fold and press along the seam so *right sides are together*. Stitch ⅜" from the seamed edge. Press seam down. {fig 4}
4. We use a French Seam at the shoulders. Pin shoulders together *wrong sides together* and repeat French Seam steps taken in step 2, stitching from outer edges to neck edges. {fig 5}
5. Open the caftan and make a ¼" rolled hem along both sides. {fig 6}
6. Fold back along shoulder seam *right sides together*, align and pin at seam where border and main body meet. Measure up 13" from that point and use pin as marker. Pin between the two points stitch ¼" from edge backtacking at both ends. Turn right side out. Press seam. {fig 7}
7. **BIAS FACING**: Fold strip in half, press.
8. Pin raw edge of tape to *right side* edge of neckline, overlapping ends ½". Trim excess tape. Stitch ends, press open and pin. Stitch ⅛" from raw edge all the way around.
9. Press seam flat then fold the tape back on seam and pin. Topstitch a little more than ⅛" from seam, catching the tape on the inside neckline.

## DIAGRAMS

fig 1 (each piece)

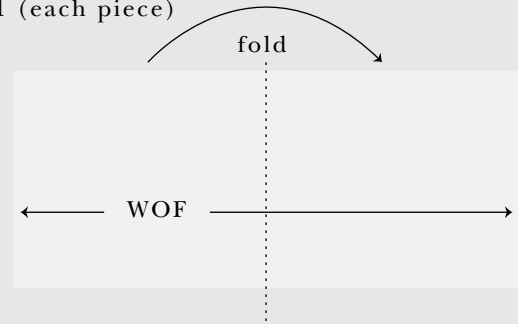


fig 2 (each piece)

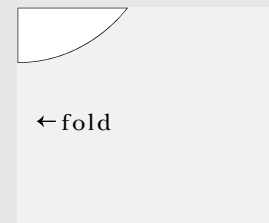


fig 3 (each piece)

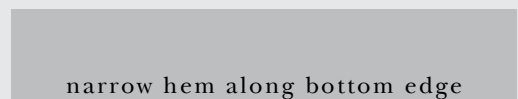
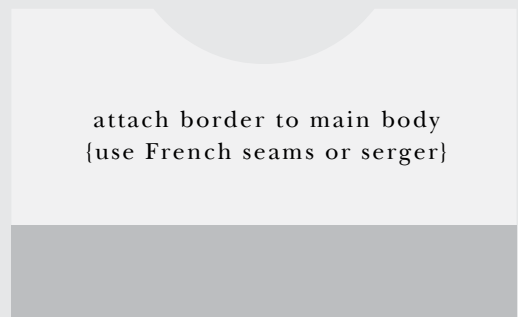


fig 4 (front and back)



## DIAGRAMS

fig 5

stitch shoulders  
{use French seams or serger}

fig 6

narrow hems along sides

fig 7

stitch sides  
(wrong sides together)

fig 8

bind neckline

## RECOMMENDED TUTORIALS

**BIAS TAPE:** We recommend this tutorial to cut the strips, making it 1½" and do not press into double fold bias tape:

[WWW.COLETTIERIE.COM/TUTORIALS-TIPS-TRICKS/CONTINUOUS-BIAS-TAPE-TUTORIAL](http://WWW.COLETTIERIE.COM/TUTORIALS-TIPS-TRICKS/CONTINUOUS-BIAS-TAPE-TUTORIAL)

**FRENCH SEAMS:** We recommend this tutorial to sew French seams:

[WWW.TILLYANDTHEBUTTONS.COM/2013/02/HOW-TO-SEW-FRENCH-SEAMS.HTML](http://WWW.TILLYANDTHEBUTTONS.COM/2013/02/HOW-TO-SEW-FRENCH-SEAMS.HTML)

**FRENCH BINDING FOR NECKLINE:** There is a great diagram on this post that shows the steps we suggest.

[HTTP://WWW.MOLLYTOV.COM/SHORT-SLEEVE-BLOUSE-REFASHION/](http://WWW.MOLLYTOV.COM/SHORT-SLEEVE-BLOUSE-REFASHION/)

## PRINT

