

T-SHIRT CONSTRUCTION using Pattern 5025

Cutting: Cut from knit fabric: 1 Front, 1 Back, 2 Sleeves. Neckline facing will be cut during construction.

Suggestion for cutting layout: Knit fabric is a nap fabric and all pattern pieces should face the same direction on the fabric. Refold fabric with selvages toward the center or permanent edge folds toward the center.

Construction: Sew with 1/4" seam allowance. May be sewn using a sewing machine or a serger. Place right sides of fabric together when sewing seams. (Note: It is sometimes difficult to determine right from wrong side of knits. Choose look desired and mark, a piece of tape works well.)

Shoulder Seams and Neckline Facing application

Step 1: Place right sides of Front and Back together matching shoulder seams. Sew or serge seams.

Step 2: Lay sewn Front/Back flat and measure the distance around the neckline, standing a tape measure on the seam allowance at 3/8".

Step 3: Cut the Neckline Facing 1 3/4" wide X 3/4 the length of the neckline measurement PLUS 1/2" seam allowance PLUS 45 degree angle on each end. Sew the neckline together matching 45 degree ends. (ie, Neckline of T-shirt measures 24", Length of strip will be 3/4th of 24=18"+1/2"+ 45 degree angle on each side. The width of the Neckline Facing is 1 3/4".)

Step 4: Divide circle of Neckline Facing and neck edge of garment into fourths and mark divisions with pins. (Note: Shoulder seams are not midpoints between center front and center back.)

Step 5: Pin Neckline Facing to neck edge, right sides together, matching quarter divisions, cut edges and seam of facing to center back.

Step 6: With Neckline Facing on top, sew or serge, stretching facing to fit the seam allowance of the t-shirt. (Note: if facing will not stretch easily, recut facing adding another 1 inch in length to facing. Knits react differently, let them talk to you.)

Step 7: Press the seam allowance of t-shirt toward the facing. Fold facing over the seam allowance and pin in the seamline of the front and back. Stitch facing "in -the-ditch" of the t-shirt, Whew! The hardest part is done.

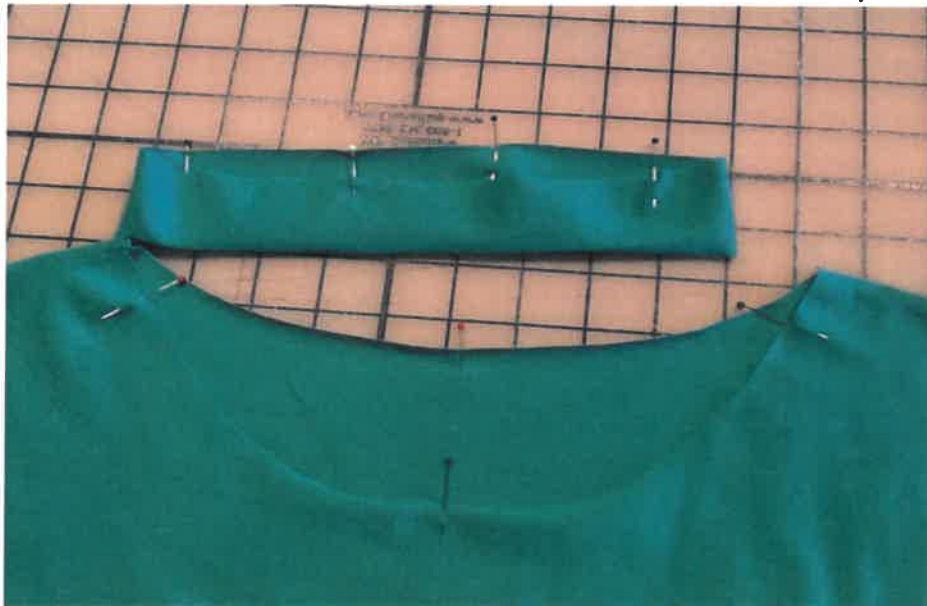
Sleeve application

Step 8: Divide each Sleeve in half and mark center of Sleeve cap with a pin. Matching pin to shoulder seam and matching underarm points, pin Sleeve to armhole, right sides together. With garment on top and Sleeve next to machine, serge or sew, each Sleeve to armhole, stretching armhole to fit Sleeve. Press seam allowance toward Sleeve.

Step 3: Cut the Neckline Facing $1\frac{3}{4}$ " wide X three quarter of the neckline measurement **PLUS** $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance **PLUS** $1"-1\frac{1}{2}"$ ease. Sew the neckline together matching ends. (ie, Neckline of T-Shirt measures 24", length of strip will be $\frac{3}{4}$ th of $24"=18"+\frac{1}{2}"+1"$ or $1\frac{1}{2}"$ ease. The width of the Neckline Facing is $1\frac{3}{4}"$.)



Step 4: Divide circle of Neckline Facing and neck edge of garment into fourths and mark divisions with pins. (**Note:** Shoulder seams are not midpoints between center front and center back.)



Side Seams:

Step 9: Match side seams of Front and Back and Sleeve right sides together. Serge or sew, from bottom of t-shirt to end of sleeve. (Note: do both sides.)

Hems:

Step 10: Press in a ½" hem at lower edge of Front and Back. Ease curve of hem and pin for stitching. Stitch hem at top of fold either with the Cover Stitch or a straight stitch.

Step 11. Press the hem of the Sleeves to the wrong side and stitch at top of hem with the Cover Stitch or a straight stitch.