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Mandarin-Inspired Blouse

By Alexandra Reynolds

Alexandra Reynolds loves to sew using vintage patterns, and she made this garment from Du Barry 1013B. It was one of the first patterns she purchased, and it remains a favorite. She cut the blouse from a silk jacquard she found at Michael's Fabrics ([Michaels Fabrics.com](http://MichaelsFabrics.com)). The silk was perfect for this kimono-style blouse because of the fabric's classic, yet exotic quality. The blouse has clean detailing in its slashed and self-faced sleeves and ease that is built into the blouse via pleats running down each side of the front and back. She lined the blouse with silk habotai. The pattern includes a long skirt with a unique waistband that she plans to make in the future. Alexandra has had a love affair with vintage garments all her life; she runs an online business offering reproductions of rare vintage patterns at Evadress.com.

