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French Sewing Patterns for Kids

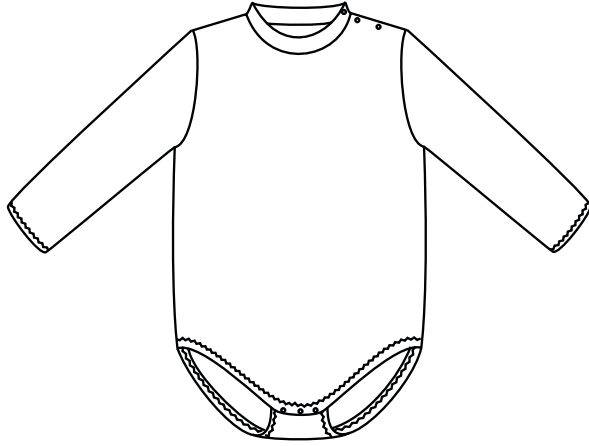
MALMÖ

Swimsuit bonus
Turtleneck version

1, 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months, 3 and 4 years

Skill level: intermediate

FABRICS & TRIMS



- Lycra (swimwear fabric) dull or shiny
- Swimwear lining
- Rubber elastic 6mm wide
- 5 to 6 jersey snaps

[See Paulette's video for the choice of materials \(02:36\)](#)

Cut all the pieces in the swimsuit fabric and in the swimsuit lining, except for the turtleneck piece in the outer fabric only. For the swimsuit lining it is necessary to remove 3 to 5mm of margin all around because the fabric is very stretchy and tends to quickly enlarge. The pieces in outer fabric and lining are now considered as a single piece: they are therefore W/W and if necessary baste the edges together.

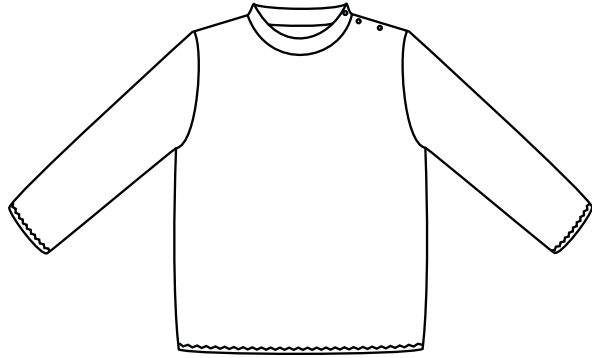
STEPS

R/R: with right sides together
W/W: with wrong sides together

[See Malmö's video to sew the turtleneck \(27:15\)](#)

- 1 Fuse the shoulder placket (optional) and overcast the edge of the plackets.
- 2 Place R/R the front and back and stitch at 7mm the shoulder without button placket.
- 3 Place the two turtlenecks R/R and stitch at 7mm the two short sides as well as the upper edge (the one without marks). Cut the corners and turn the turtleneck inside out.
- 4 Pin R/R the turtleneck to the neckline matching the marks. The turtleneck must end at the fold marks on the front and back plackets. Fold the shoulder plackets R/R according to the fold mark (the turtleneck is therefore sandwiched). Stitch at 7mm all along the neckline. Cut the corners and turn the plackets inside out.
- 5 Place the front shoulder above the back shoulder, matching the front placket with the back shoulder mark. Stitch in the seam allowance at the armhole to hold in place.
- 6 Place R/R the sleeve along the armhole aligning the marks. Stitch at 7mm from the edge and overcast the edges together. Repeat on the other sleeve.
- 7 Place R/R the under-sleeves together then the sides of the body together. Stitch in a single stitch at 7mm the under-sleeve and then the side. Overcast or overlock the edges together. Repeat for the other side.
- 8 Finish the thighs and crotch with the rubber elastic: stitch in the zigzag stitch (or overlock) the rubber elastic all around the thighs and crotch aligning the edges. The rubber elastic is stitched on the right side of the lining. To join the rubber elastic, overlap it over a few millimeters (at a side seam). Fold the rubber elastic against the lining and stitch in a zigzag stitch all along the thighs and crotch.
- 9 Finish the sleeves bottom with the rubber elastic: stitch in the zigzag stitch (or overlock) the rubber elastic all around the sleeves bottom aligning the edges. The rubber elastic is stitched on the right side of the lining. To join the rubber elastic, overlap it over a few millimeters. Fold the rubber elastic against the lining and stitch in a zigzag stitch all along the sleeves bottom.
- 10 Put the three snaps at the crotch, the front is positioned above the back. You can otherwise simply superimpose the front above the back and stitch the crotch instead of snaps. The swimsuit will no longer open at the crotch. Also put snaps on the shoulder and the turtleneck.

[See Paulette's video for sewing rubber elastic at thighs \(39:32\)](#)



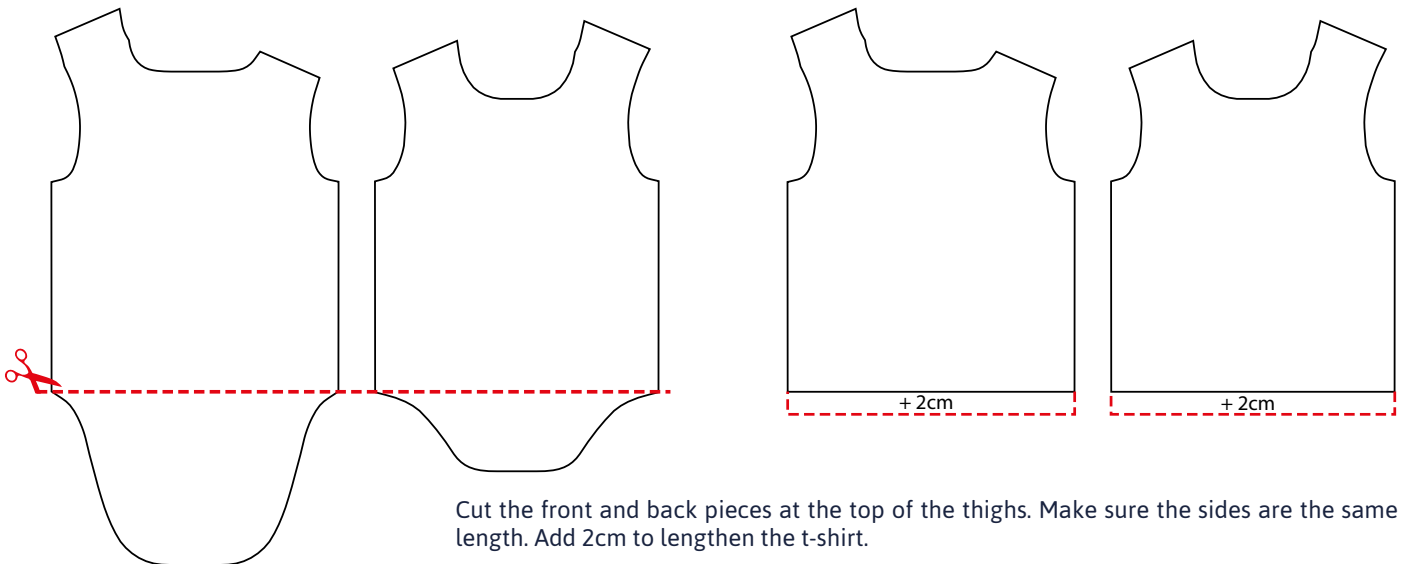
FABRICS & TRIMS

- Sun protective lycra (swimwear fabric) dull or shiny
- Swimwear lining (optional)
- Rubber elastic 6mm wide
- 2 to 3 jersey snaps

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The swimsuit lining is not compulsory to make a sun protective t-shirt. Cut all the pieces in the swimsuit fabric and in the swimsuit lining, except for the turtleneck piece in the outer fabric only. For the swimsuit lining it is necessary to remove 3 to 5mm of margin all around because the fabric is very stretchy and tends to quickly enlarge. The pieces in outer fabric and lining are now considered as a single piece: they are therefore W/W and if necessary baste the edges together.

PATTERN ADAPTATION



Cut the front and back pieces at the top of the thighs. Make sure the sides are the same length. Add 2cm to lengthen the t-shirt.

STEPS

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See Paulette's video for sewing rubber elastic at thighs (39:32)

- 11 Follow steps 1 to 7.
- 12 Finish the body bottom with the rubber elastic: stitch in the zigzag stitch (or overlock) the rubber elastic all around the body bottom aligning the edges. The rubber elastic is stitched on the right side of the lining. To join the rubber elastic, overlap it over a few millimeters (at a side seam). Fold the rubber elastic against the lining and stitch in a zigzag stitch all along the body bottom.
- 13 Finish the sleeves bottom with the rubber elastic: stitch in the zigzag stitch (or overlock) the rubber elastic all around the sleeves bottom aligning the edges. The rubber elastic is stitched on the right side of the lining. To join the rubber elastic, overlap it over a few millimeters. Fold the rubber elastic against the lining and stitch in a zigzag stitch all along the sleeves bottom.
- 14 Put snaps on the shoulder and the turtleneck.

If you do not have rubber elastic, you can replace all the finishes with rubber elastic (sleeves and body bottom) with a double needle hem. In this case, add the hem value (about 2cm) at the bottom of the sleeves, front and back on the pattern.

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To make the panties, we advise you to use the SIRAH pattern, available in PDF on the french website ikatee.fr (in french only). The assembly is identical, you just have to replace the traditional elastic with the rubber elastic so that the jersey is resistant to salt and chlorine.

[Buy the PDF pattern SIRAH \(in french only\)](#)

