

Decorative V-Notch for Sleeve Hem



I love 3/4 length sleeves. I'm always trying to think of some way different to finish the hem edge...just for a little more interest. This inverted 'V' came to mind and it's so easy to do. The instructions that follow show using a short sleeve. The technique and concept is exactly the same when applied to the 3/4 length sleeve.

This process features a cut-on hem allowance, which is great because it doesn't have the added bulk of a faced hem edge.

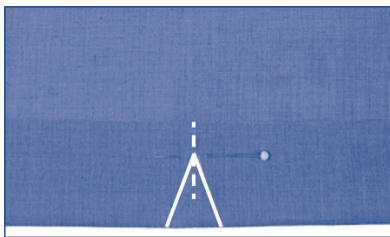
For this blouse, I used the SFD Dress Kit Bodice with the sleeve for woven fabrics, meaning it still has the elbow dart. I simply drew the hem level mid-way between my elbow level and wrist level. Then during construction, stitched the elbow dart in its normal position.

Step 1:

Draw sleeve pattern your desired length. Add 1½" - 1¾" (3.8 - 4.5 cm) hem allowance.

Step 3:

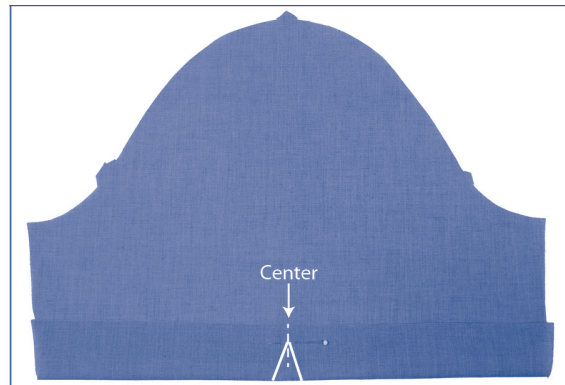
Mark center. Draw an inverted 'V' 1" (2.5 cm) high by ¾" (1.9 cm) wide. Mark with tracing wheel or fabric pencil.



Close up view.

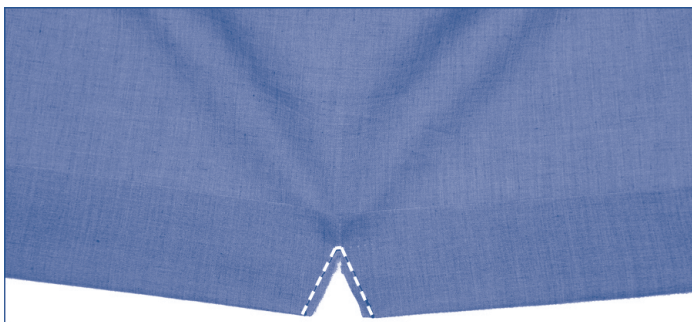
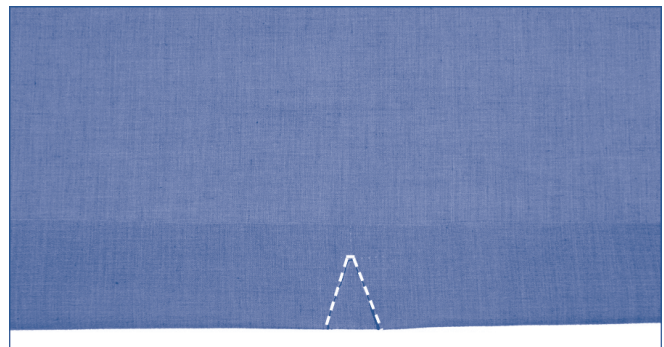
Step 2:

Serge or clean-finish raw edge of hem (or use your favorite technique for prepping the edge).



Step 4:

Fold hem up so that right sides are together. Stitch 'V'. To allow for the turn of the cloth, take 1 or 2 stitches across the 'V' point.

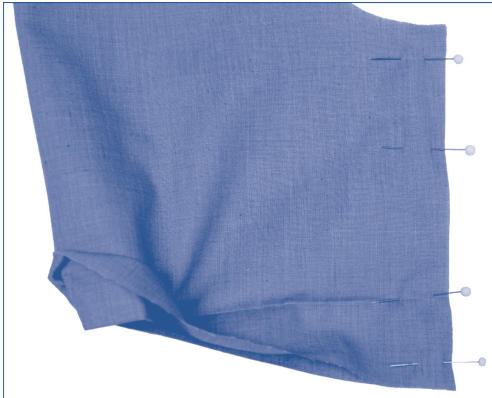
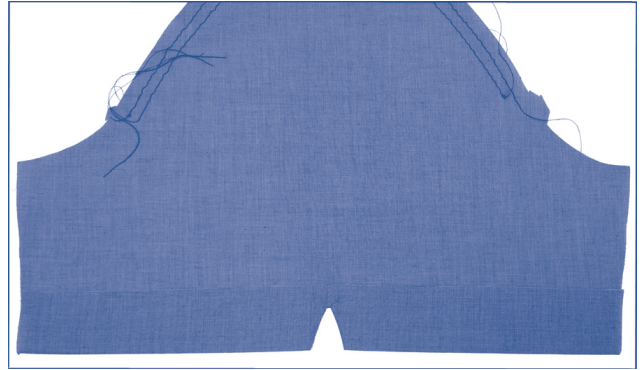


Step 5:

Trim away excess fabric and carefully clip to point.

Step 6:

Turn hem to inside. Use a point turner to help make the 'V' crisp and sharp. Press.



Step 7:

Open out the hem so that you can access the side seams allowing you to place right sides together.

Step 8:

Stitch side seams. Press open. Turn hem to inside. Finish hemming process.



**Finished Close-Up View
Short Sleeve version**



Completed blouse features princess seam lines going up into the shoulder seam on both front and back of the blouse. The princess seams were topstitched by using the Cover Stitch option on the serger, though in this small photo I realize you can't see the detail. The neck edge is finished with a collar and collar stand. There has been a slight shirttail style curvature drawn at the hem level.