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Guidelines to Follow in Making Blouse Sloper

(read carefully)

1. **Measure several favorite blouses you have in your closet and find out the circumference you like.** That measurement will include ease. Do not measure your bust, because many women measure their bust and don't know how to interpret that number into a garment. So by measuring the actual garments you like, you will discover what you like and then the sizes on the back of Silhouette patterns are the finished garment measurements, not the body measurements. Make the size according to the finished garment that you like. Within each size, choose the cup sizing that corresponds to your bra cup size. Choose any Silhouette pattern numbers 100-975.
2. You will only cut out fronts, backs and one sleeve. Lay out the tissue pattern on muslin and cut out. Add 1" extra at each side seam, for a total of 4 extra inches. This will be just for styling, depending on what you like. The purpose of this paper is to save you time and make this easy. Do not read the instructions inside the pattern envelope except if you need to understand how to assemble the pattern pieces, do not make changes to the original tissue unless you talk to me first. Basically you want the front and back and one sleeve. Collars are not necessary unless you are looking to check styling. If you are using a pattern for knits only, then use a cheap knit that is very similar to the finished knit you want to use.
3. Mark stitching lines at the side seams and the shoulders. You are to baste on the original stitching lines.
4. Baste darts, **Do not backstitch.**
5. Machine baste, side seams and shoulders and sleeves. **Do not backstitch.** Do not stitch sleeve into armhole.
6. You're done!! **Approx.** cutting and sewing time: 2 hours.

Optional: You are welcome to bring any blouse patterns you may want to make and we'll show you how to achieve the same fit with any blouse pattern.

Class Supplies:

Pins, scissors, french curve, and misc. sewing notions, **and the muslin blouse shell.**