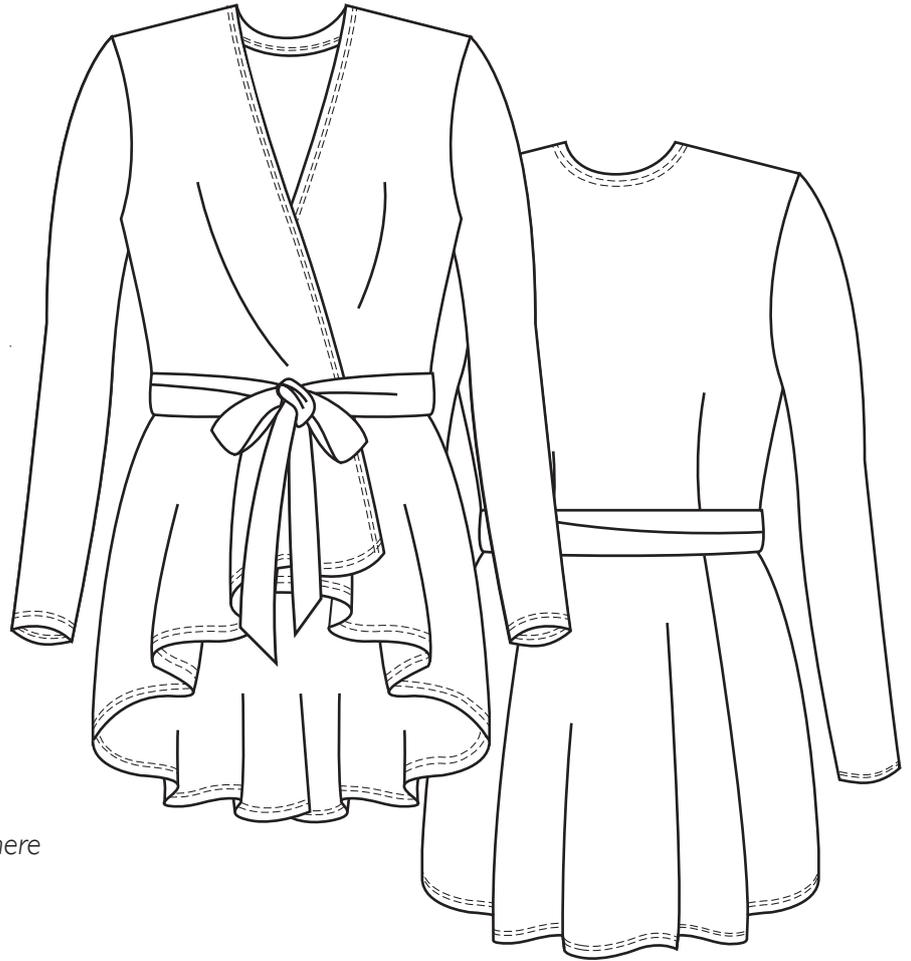




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DIVINE SEWING PATTERNS

Pisco Jacket Instructions



The Pisco Jacket is a dramatic and chic jacket that is remarkably simple to put together. Made from stretch knit fabrics, the Pisco is comfortable layering garment that takes you from day to night with ease.

Featuring a high-low hem, a simple waist tie, and high fashion silhouette.

Skill Level - Intermediate

These instructions are quite simple, but you will need experience sewing knit fabrics, and there is a small section of hand sewing.

Sewing Machine Requirements

- An overlocker (serger) threaded up for stretch knits is required for the main seams.
- A sewing machine with either a twin needle or a ballpoint needle, for the hems.

Material Requirements

This pattern is designed for knitted fabrics, such as interlock, jersey or knitted crepe. Cottons with spandex are a good option for wash-and-wear ease, or for a luxurious cosy jacket, try a wool or merino jersey.

You'll Need...

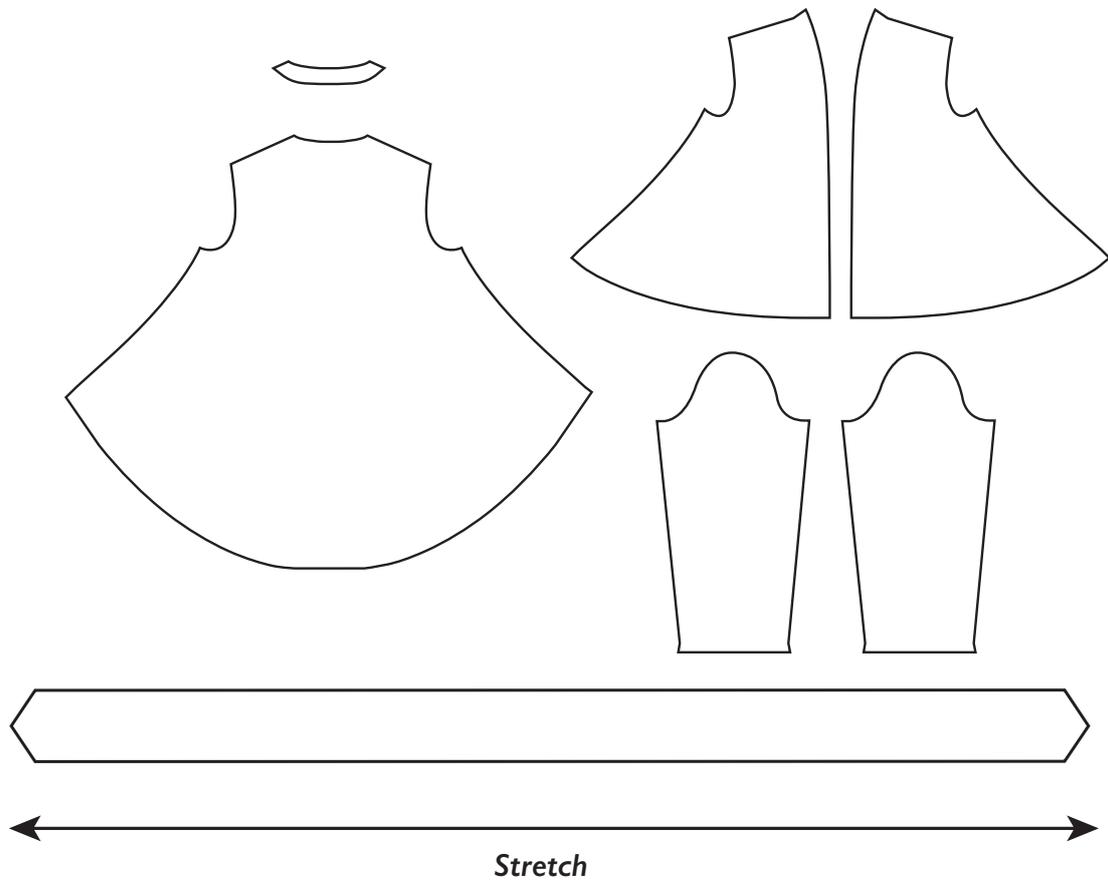
- 2m (2.2 yards) of stretch knit fabric with a width of 150cm (60")
- A hand-sewing needle
- A twin-needle or ballpoint needle for your sewing machine.

A couple of things before you begin...

- The Pisco pattern pieces include 6mm seam allowance, which is the stitch width of most overlockers and sergers.
- Your overlocker or serger should be threaded up for stretch knits. This is usually a 3-thread stitch, but check the recommendations of your machine.

Let's begin!

Step 1. Cut the pattern pieces from your chosen fabric. When cutting knit fabrics, make sure the stretch will go horizontally around the body, as shown in the diagram below.



Step 2. Let's start sewing! Begin with your overlocker (or 'serger' for American sewers) threaded up for stretch knit fabrics, and fitted with a stretch needle (aka. a ballpoint needle). Most of the seams of this jacket will be sewn with the overlocker.

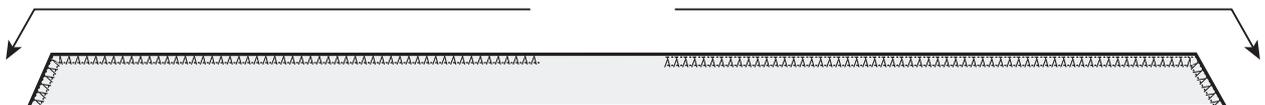
To begin, take your **Belt** pattern piece. Fold it along its length, with the right sides of the fabric folded together, as shown below.



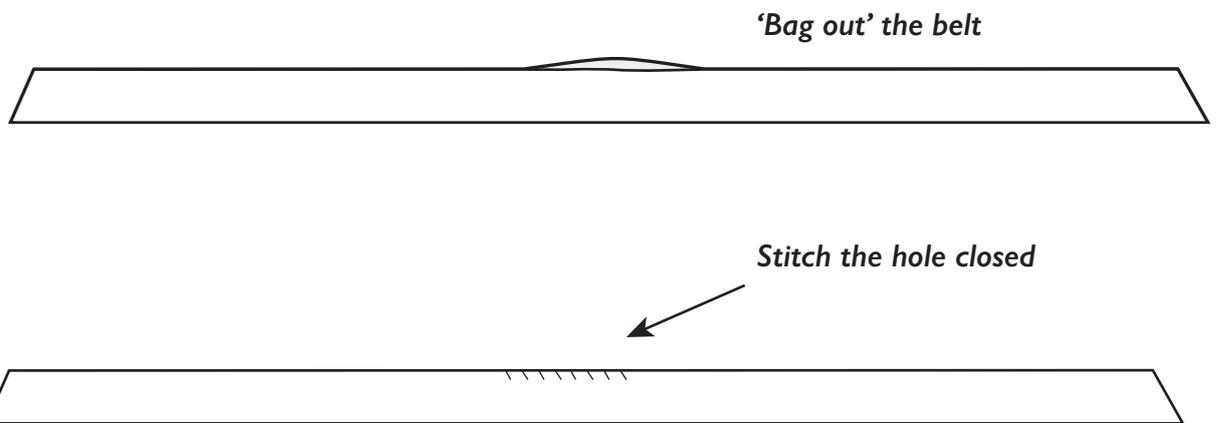
Fold belt lengthways

Stitch along the outer edge of the folded belt piece, leaving a 10cm (3-4") gap somewhere along the seam.

Stitch along the outer edge, leaving a small gap.

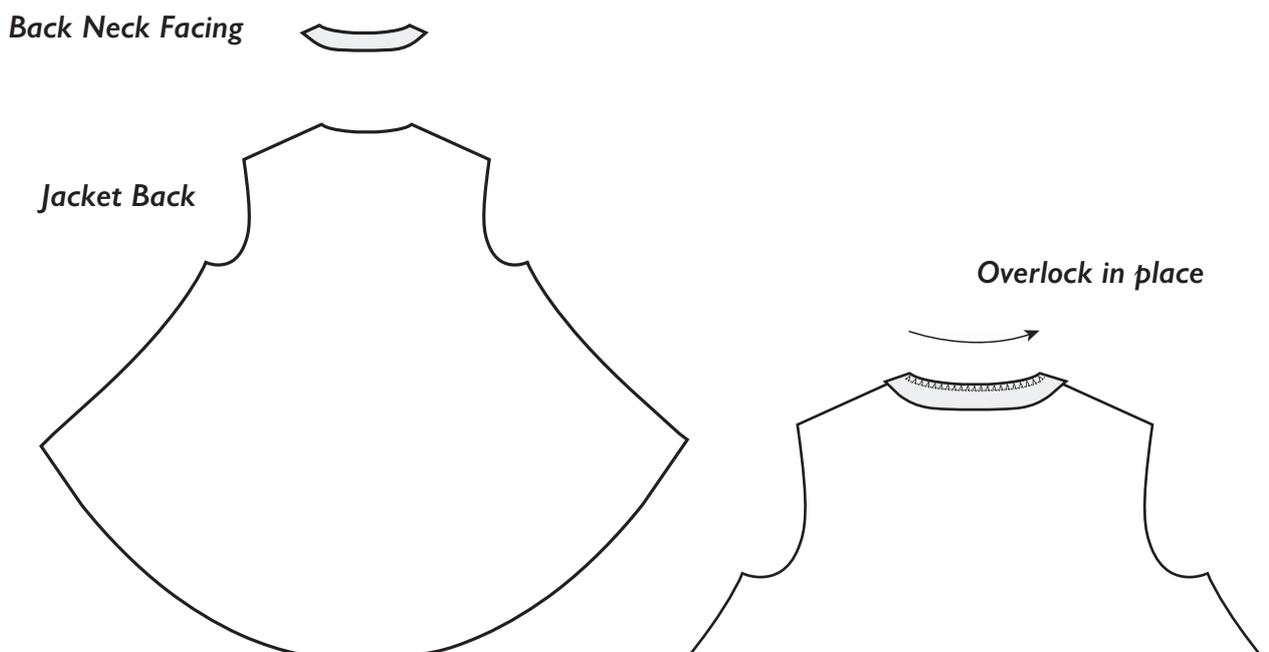


Step 3. Turn the belt right side out through the gap you've left in the seam. Using a hand sewing needle, stitch the gap closed by hand. For a tidy finish, a slip-stitch or a ladder stitch would be perfect here. When you've finished, set the belt aside.



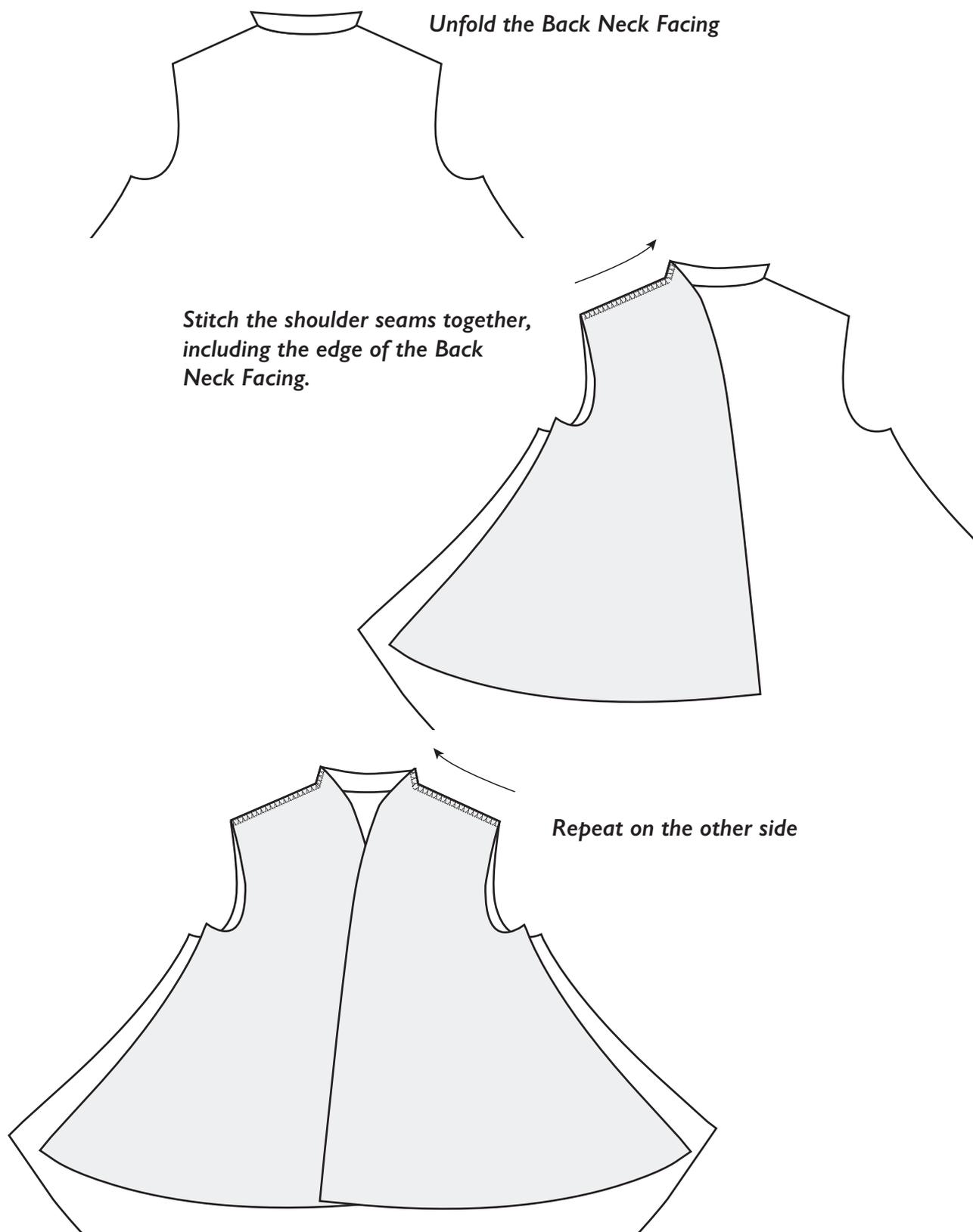
If you're intimidated by hand sewing, don't fret! This little row of stitches won't be very visible in the finished garment, as they'll be hidden in the middle of your back.

Step 4. Now we will start assembling the jacket. Take your **Back Neck Facing** and place it right-sides-together with the neckline of the **Jacket Back**. Overlock along the neck seams to attach the facing.



Step 5. *Unfold the Back Neck Facing so it sits flat. Now, take one of your **Jacket Front** pieces and place it right-sides-together with the **Jacket Back**. Using your overlocker, stitch the shoulder seams together. Continue sewing past the neckline so that the **Back Neck Facing** is also stitched.*

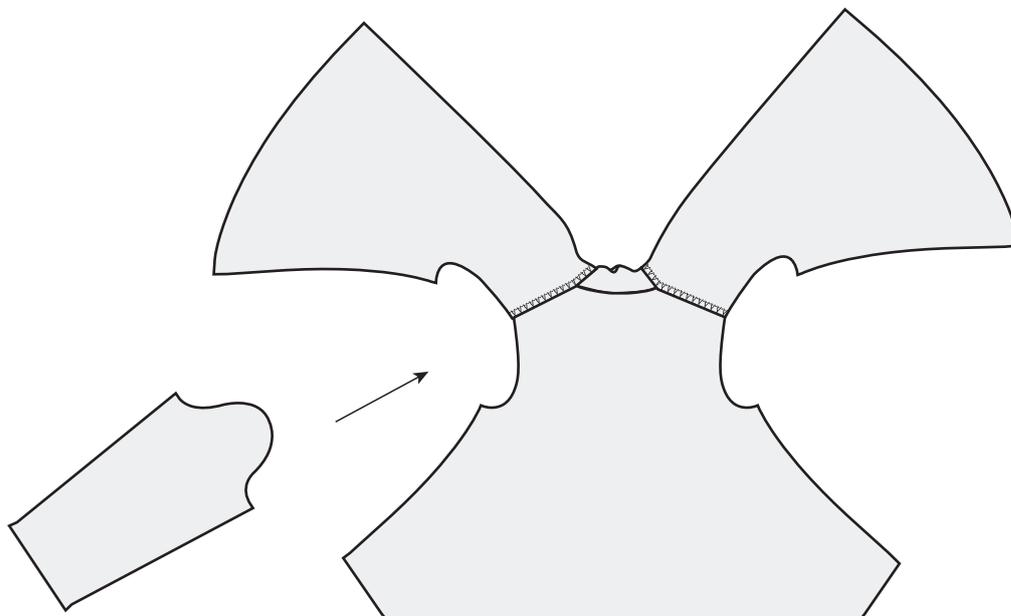
Repeat on both sides.



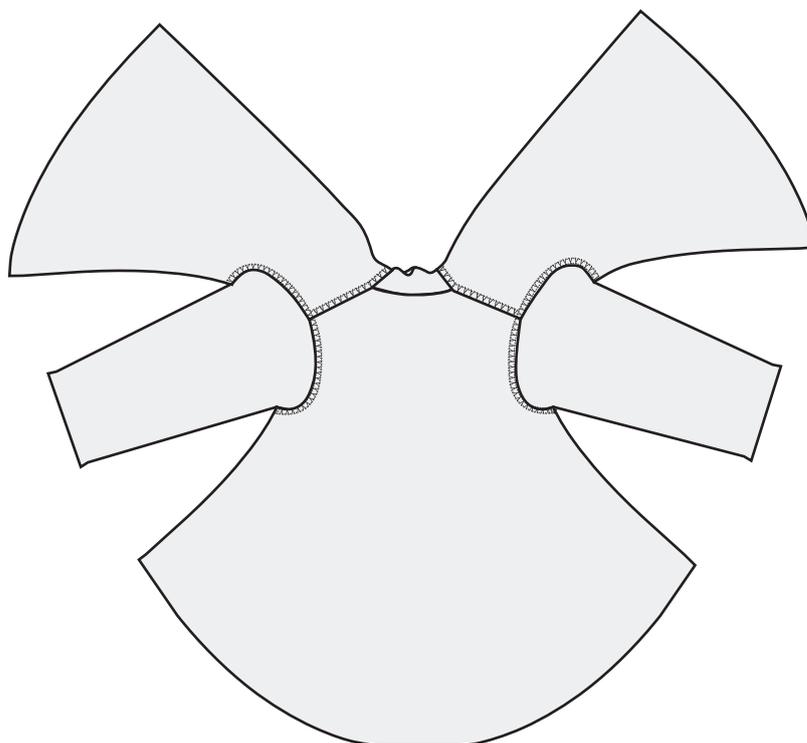
Step 6. Now, we will insert the sleeve into the Jacket. It's much easier to do this now before the side seam is closed. Since this is a knit jacket, and not a tailored jacket, you don't need to do a 'set in' sleeve.

Use your overlocker to stitch the sleeve head into the armhole of the jacket.
The sleeve piece is symmetrical, so there's no front or back to it.

Repeat with both sleeves.



Your jacket should now resemble the diagram below.



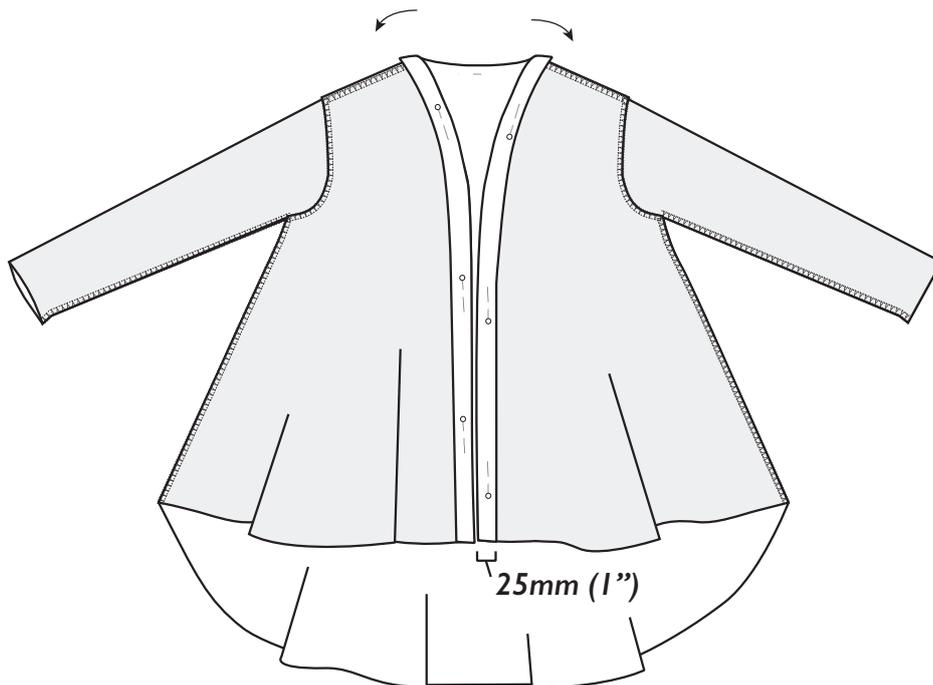
Step 7. Awesome, now let's close the side seams. With your jacket inside out, start at the hem and overlock the Front side seam to the Back side seam. When you reach the armhole, turn the garment and continue stitching down the sleeve seam.

Stitch up the side seam and continue stitching down the sleeve.



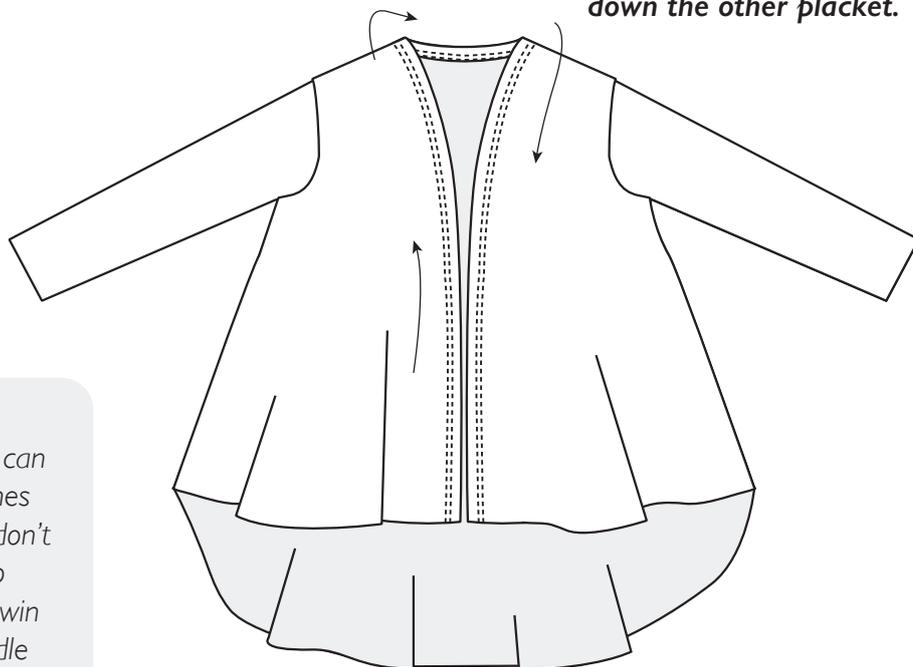
Step 8. Next we will finish the opening of the Jacket. Fold the Back Neck Facing back down and pin it in place.

Along the front opening of the jacket, there is a 25mm (1") allowance for the placket. Fold this back and pin it in place too.



Step 9. Now, using your sewing machine threaded up with a twin needle (as shown) or a ballpoint needle, stitch the placket and Back Neck Facing in place. If you're using a twin needle you will need to sew from the outside.

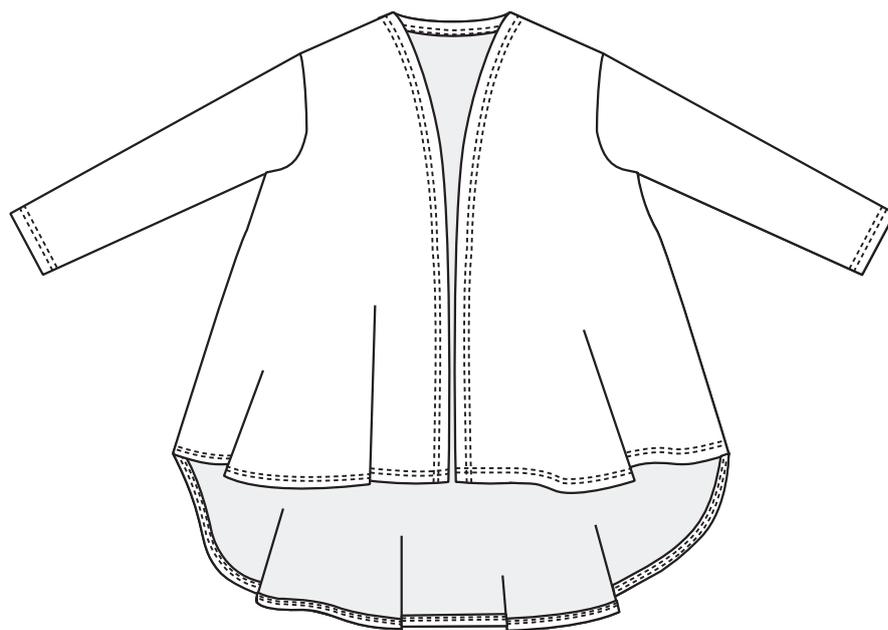
Stitch up one placket, around the back of the neck, and down the other placket.



Note!

Stitches using a twin-needle can stretch, while standard stitches cannot. In this garment we don't need the hems to stretch, so either type will work, but a twin needle will be easier to handle on stretchy fabric.

Step 10. Finally, use your twin needle or ballpoint needle to hem jacket and the sleeves with a 20mm (3/4") hem allowance. Take your time and keep a light tension on the hem as you sew, to help stitch around the curved hem.



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