ADVANCED

one size fits all! scarf-vest is 56" or 143cm long and 10" or 25cm wide

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Loving this super-chic accessory; a fabulously high-fashion mix of cozy scarf and slinky vest, designed for medium weight drape-y or knit fabrics. Choose a fabric like faux fur, sweatshirting, sweater knit, double knit, fleece, heavy crepe or rayon.

Lined scarf-vest features a center-front separating zipper, plus optional patch pockets and/or an optional tied belt. Wear this fabulous piece to add an extra layer of warmth at the neck of a coat or jacket, or just to give a little edgy luxury to a simple outfit. This great addition to your wardrobe will also make a gorgeous holiday, birthday or just-for-the-fun-of-it gift for your favorite fashionista.

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SEAM ALLOWANCES & OTHER INFO

Seam allowances are 3/8" or 1cm wide, except for the front zipper allowance, which is 3/4" or 2cm; all seams are sewn right sides together unless otherwise stated.

You can add topstitching to the scarf-vest edges if you wish; the ribbon-tie belt is optional, and is sealed into the side seams.

Skills needed include: making & applying a patch pocket; inserting a separating zipper.

ABOUT THIS STYLE

This fabulous little accessory is really a scarf, to be worn as a vest. It has an unfitted, rectangular shape, with a separating zipper and optional pockets and tie belt.

You can make this fully reversable, or, if you want to use faux fur or similar, make the scarf-vest lined.

Now, you're not going to need to make a muslin for this one (as if!) but do drape the pattern around your neck to check the length on you before you cut your fabric!

FABRIC REQUIRED

You'll need a 16" or 40cm long separating zipper, plus a scrap of fusible knit or tricot interfacing. For the actual scarf-vest, you'll need *in theory* 1 yard/92 cm each of 60"/150cm wide fabric and lining.

In reality, you'll get about 3 lined scarf-vests from this, or without the lining, 2 self-lined scarf-vests.

If you want to add the tie belt, you'll also need enough " or 2.5 cm wide ribbon/webbing to circle your waist 3 times

SEWING WITH FLEECE

Fleece is a super-useful fabric, and it looks great in this style

Try using use a narrow zig-zag stitch, plus a ball-point needle for easier sewing. If you can, reduce the pressure on your sewing machine foot.

If you must press the fleece (and if you're using fusible interfacing then you will) please use the iron on a low heat, with a pressing cloth between the iron & the fleece...try this on a scrap first!

SEWING WITH FAUX FUR

Faux fur is super-glamorous, and it looks great in this style.

When you cut your faux fur, always cut on the wrong side of the fabric, against the direction of the pile.

Watch out for flying fluff, there will be some!

Try using use a narrow zig-zag stitch, plus a ball-point or jersey needle for easier sewing. If you can, reduce the pressure on your sewing machine foot.

Press the seams open using a low heat.

SUGGESTED CUTTING LAYOUT FOR THE SCARF-VEST fold fabric in half, with selvedge to selvedge for this layout... you'll cut either 1 layer each of fabric & lining, OR 2 layers of fabric.



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Start by applying the interfacing.

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Cut some knit or tricot interfacing strips 1" or 2.5cm X 17" or 43cm. Apply these along the zipper edges of the scarf-vest, from the bottom to *just* above the zipper notch.

Cut 2 strips of knit or tricot interfacing about 2 1/2" or 6.5cm X 7" or 18cm, and apply these to the top edges of the pockets.



Prepare the pockets: join the pockets to the pocket linings along the top edges, leaving the seams open between the notches...you'll use this opening to turn the pockets out.



Fold the pockets right sides together, and sew through the fabric & lining to create the pockets.

Clip the seam allowances, press the seams open, and turn the pockets out through the opening. Press flat.



Following the markings on the pattern, pin or baste the pockets into mplace on the outer layer of the scarf-vest.

Apply the pockets with a single row of edgestitching.



5a Join the outer layer of the scarf vest along the top edges to create a long rectangle. Press the seams open.





Join the inner layer of the scarf vest along the top edges to create a long rectangle...leave the seam open between the notches marked on the pattern. Press the seams open.



6 If you would like to use the tie belt, cut your ribbon or webbing in half and apply the pieces to the outer layer between the notches on the outer edges of the scarf vest.



7 Time to apply the zipper...separate your zipper, and lay one of the halves face down on the outer layer of the scarf-vest, with the zipper teeth facing AWAY from the center.

Make sure that the zipper tape starts at the very bottom of the scarf-vest...the zipper tape should end at the notches.

Stitch the two zipper halves into place.



8 Complete the scarf-vest by sewing through all thicknesses, right sides together, all around the outside edges. Press the seams open, clip the corners, and turn the scarf-vest out to the right side.

Topstitch the scarf-vest edges if you wish.

Press flat, then close the opening at the top seam by hand or machine.



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