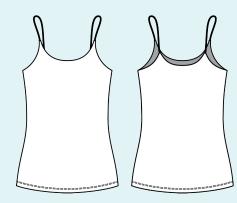
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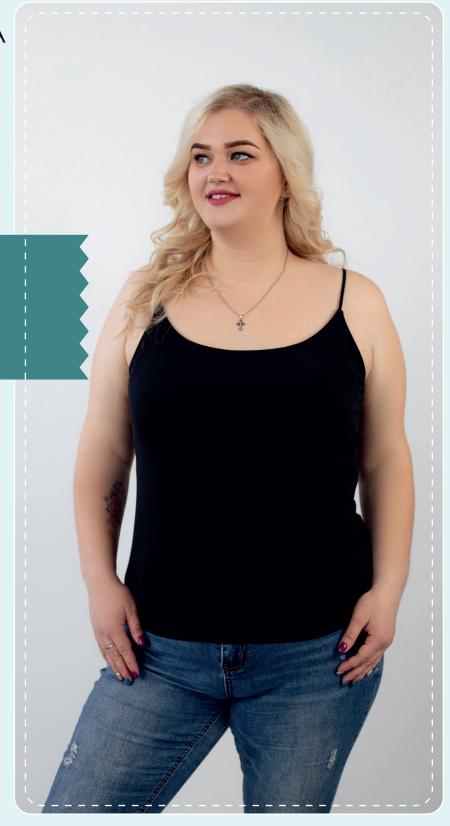
# Instructions for sewing

Slinky Top

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# Materials and notions

- slinky knit fabric,
- elastic for straps 7-9 mm (1/4-3/8") wide,
- matching thread,
- Super Stretch 70-80 needles.

If you are not sure about the fit of the garment, it is recommended to sew a muslin with similar properties (elasticity, thickness, drape) first. This will allow you to adjust the length, width and fit of the garment and save time.

To find out how long a piece of fabric to take, you should place the pattern pieces onto the table, the floor or bedspread, pre-measured width equal to half the width of the selected fabric. Place the pieces, caring the direction of the grain line, their number, i.e., the way you will place them when cutting. Measure the length of the pattern pieces fit, add to this length 5% for the fabric shrinkage - this will be the required amount of fabric for the project. The fabric must be prepared for sewing: washed in warm water, dried, and ironed.

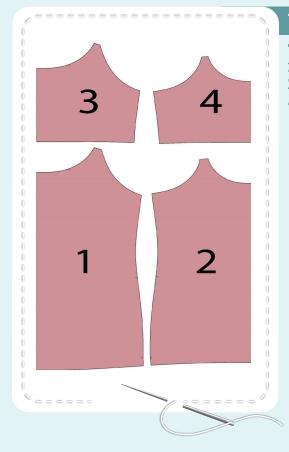
Let us start the cutting. Print and glue all the paper patterns. When printing, do not forget to check the size of the test square.

Put the paper pattern pieces onto the fabric. It's important to check that the grain is straight. Pin the paper pattern pieces to the fabric gently and cut the fabric along the outline. Note: seam allowances are already included . Transfer all the necessary marks from the pattern onto the wrong side of your fabric.



## Now you have

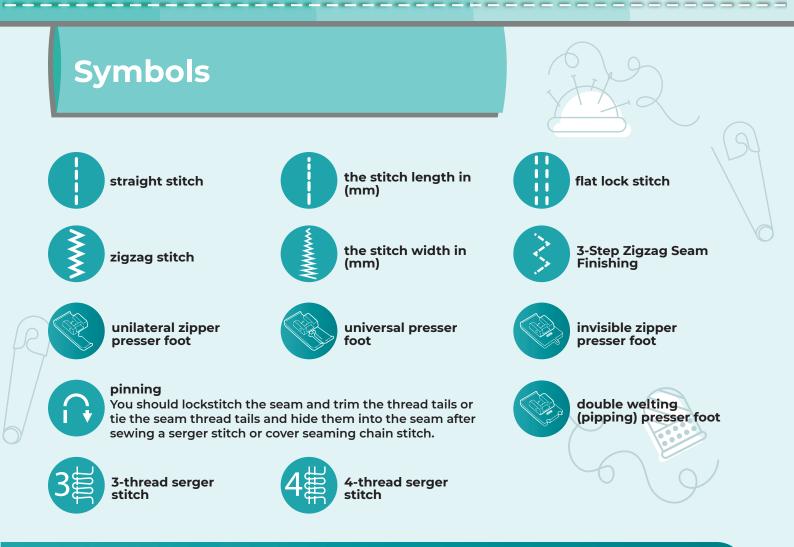
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#### **TOP PIECES**

front - cut 1 on the fold
back - cut 1 on the fold
front facing - cut 1 on the fold
back facing - cut 1 on the fold





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#### **4-thread serger stitch**

If you do not have a serger, you can use stretch stitches available on your sewing machine, or at least, a zigzag stitch.



#### **3-thread serger stitch**

If you do not have a serger, you can replace it with an overedge stitch, or a zigzag stitch.



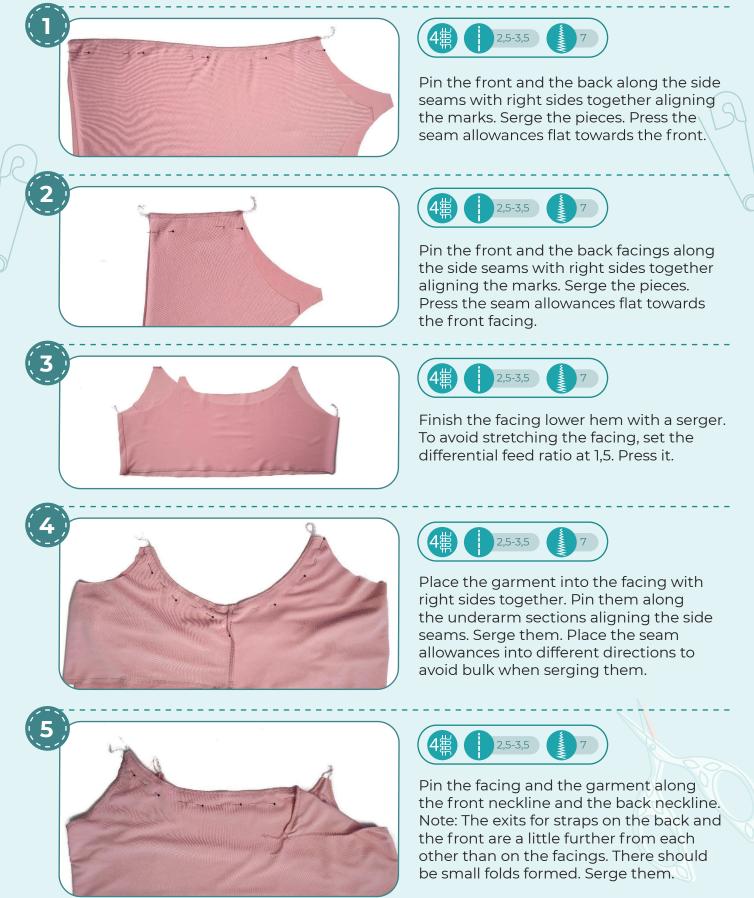
#### flat lock stitch

If you do not have a coverstitch machine, the flat seam can be performed with a) a twin needle on a sewing machine, b) decorative stretch seam on a sewing machine, c) finish the seams with serger and stitch them with a straight stitch.

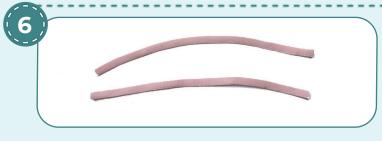
### **Top construction**











Cut 2 pieces of elastic for the straps with the length indicated on the front pattern.

Thread the strap ends between the bodice and the facing with a pair of tweezers or a safety pin. Make sure the straps are not twisted in the finished garment.





Align the strap edges with the bodice top points. Tuck the seam allowances towards the facing. Pin or hand-baste them. Stitch them 7 mm (1/4") in from the edge.







Edgestitch the armscye seam allowances, the front and the back necklines towards the facing 1 mm (1/16") away from the seam. Begin and finish stitching as close to the straps as possible. Turn the garment out and press it forming a roll towards the facing.

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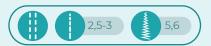
Mark the facing edge on the side seams.



Turn the facing out to the wrong side. Fold both facings towards the front along their attaching seam. Align the side edges. Stitch the facing to the side seam along the serged stitching but stop 25 mm (1") before the fold. Repeat the process for the opposite facing side.



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Fold the garment lower hem 20 mm (13/16") towards the wrong side and press it. You can hand-baste the edge. Hem the garment with a coverstitch machine. Tie the seam thread tails on the wrong side and hide them into the seam. Press the garment.

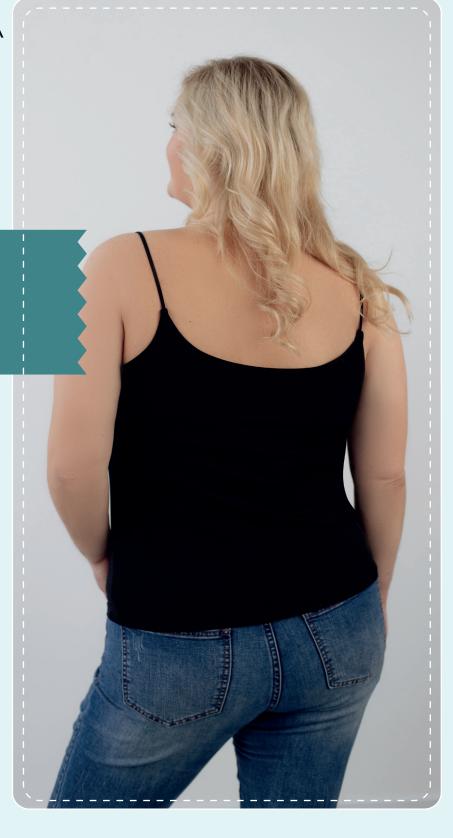
Remove the basting stitches, trim, and hide the thread tails and press the garment once again. The top is ready!



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