

A flattering jacket and blouse

Petite Plus Wrap Jacket & Blouse 203 (PetitePlusPatterns.com)

This pattern line is designed with the petite, fuller figure in mind. It fits those with narrow shoulders, D-cup bust, and a rounded tummy. The Wrap Jacket with two-piece sleeves and the sleeveless blouse are fairly easy to construct for a tailored look, and with 1/8-inch seam allowances, trimming is minimal. The wrap blouse can be made with or without sleeves. The instructions are well written and are easy for even a beginner to follow. The pattern also includes a quick way to sew the notch collar in four easy steps as well as a fitting guide. The guide explains how to choose a size and then lists the adjustment order. Each adjustment is clearly illustrated along the way. (Sized 12–24 for busts 38–50 in.) + ■

Tested by Marion Imbruglio, Portland, Connecticut



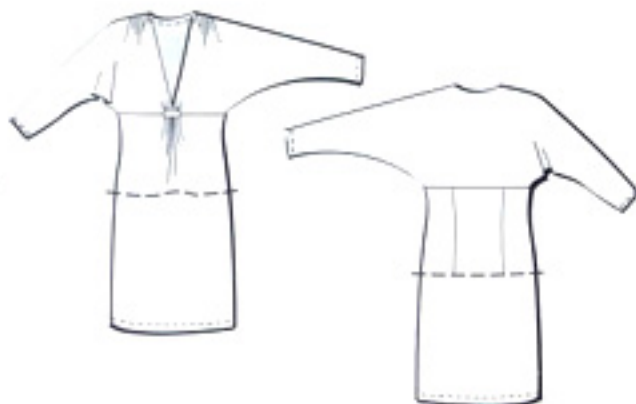
STYLE TIP: Make these pieces from coordinating fabrics for the perfect workday outfit.

A feminine dress and top

Burda 7625 (BurdaFashion.com)

Whether you make it as a knit top or a dress, this striking design has a deep V-neck and bat-wing three-quarter-length sleeves. The back is fitted with darts, and the front features ruching at the shoulders and center front. The simple style works up quickly, and the empire waist is punctuated with a simple tab at center front. When our tester first saw the pattern envelope, she didn't like the design, but once it was sewn, she found the cut and style very appealing. This cut looks great in a wide range of colors from plain to glitzy and is wonderful for all sorts of two-way stretch knits that drape well. (Sized 8–20 for busts 31.5–42 in. and hips 33.5–44 in.) ● ★

Tested by Shirley McCollough, Palm Desert, California



STYLE TIP: Accentuate the gathers with a jeweled adornment at center front for dramatic impact.

JACKET: PETITE PLUS WRAP JACKET 203

Skirt: Torrid (Torrid.com); Shoes: Via Spiga (Zappos.com); Bag: Tignanello (Macys.com); Jewelry: Lucky (Macys.com)

