Making A Clever Beach Blouse

How would you like to make a cool and comfortable sleeveless blouse to wear to the beach this summer? You can make a pretty one from two colorful towels. It is easy to make, fun to wear, and will be easy to keep clean and fresh.

YOU WILL NEED:

- TOWELS Choose two 22" x 48" terry cloth towels in the same color and design. They may be a solid color or printed.
- 2. THREAD One spool of thread to match your towels.

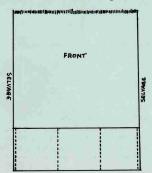


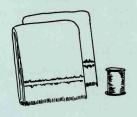
Cut 8 inches from the length of one towel. Make a 1/2-inch hem in the longer part of the towel. Stitch the hem on the machine.

If the towels are fringed, trim fringe from one end of the other towel. Make a 1/2-inch hem on the end of the towel you trimmed. This will be the FRONT.

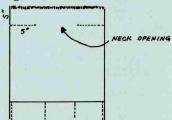
To make pockets, in front of blouse, fold an 8-inch hem to the right side along the hemmed edge of the FRONT. Stitch this pocket in place along the selvage edges.

Measure in 7 inches from each selvage edge and make a row of machine stitching from folded edge to the top edge of the hem. This makes 3 pockets.

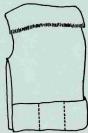




To join shoulder seams, place the FRONT AND BACK with the wrong sides together, matching the fringed ends. Measure down 5 inches from the fringed ends and stitch from selvage toward center making each row of stitching 5-inches long. This should leave 12 inches for a neck opening. Turn down fringed edges for collar effect.



With right sides together, measure 8 or 10 inches-down form the shoulder seam. Stitch from this mark to the top of pockets. This makes the side seams.



A Reversible Scarf

A 3-cornered scarf is easy to make and will be handy to keep your hair neat. Maybe you would like to make several scarfs as gifts for your friends.

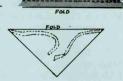
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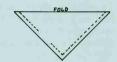
- . Any soft cotton fabric 1 square 17" x 17" and 2 ties, each 1" wide and 10" long
- . Thread the color of your fabric



To Make Your Scarf:

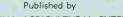
- Press an 1/8" hem along each along each long side of the 2 ties.
- Fold each tie matching the hemmed edges. Machinestitch close to the folded edge.
- Fold the square of fabric to form a triangle with the right sides of the fabric together.
- Pin the ties to the two corners as shown in the picture.
- Make a 1/4" seam around the two cut sides, leaving a 3-inch opening to turn the scarf rightside-out. The ties should be inside the scarf while you are stitching.
- Pull both ties out through the opening and keep pulling until your scarf is right-side-out.
 Stitch the opening closed by hand.
- Press your scarf, making sure the seam is exactly on the edge and doesn't show from either side.







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