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Ramie dress

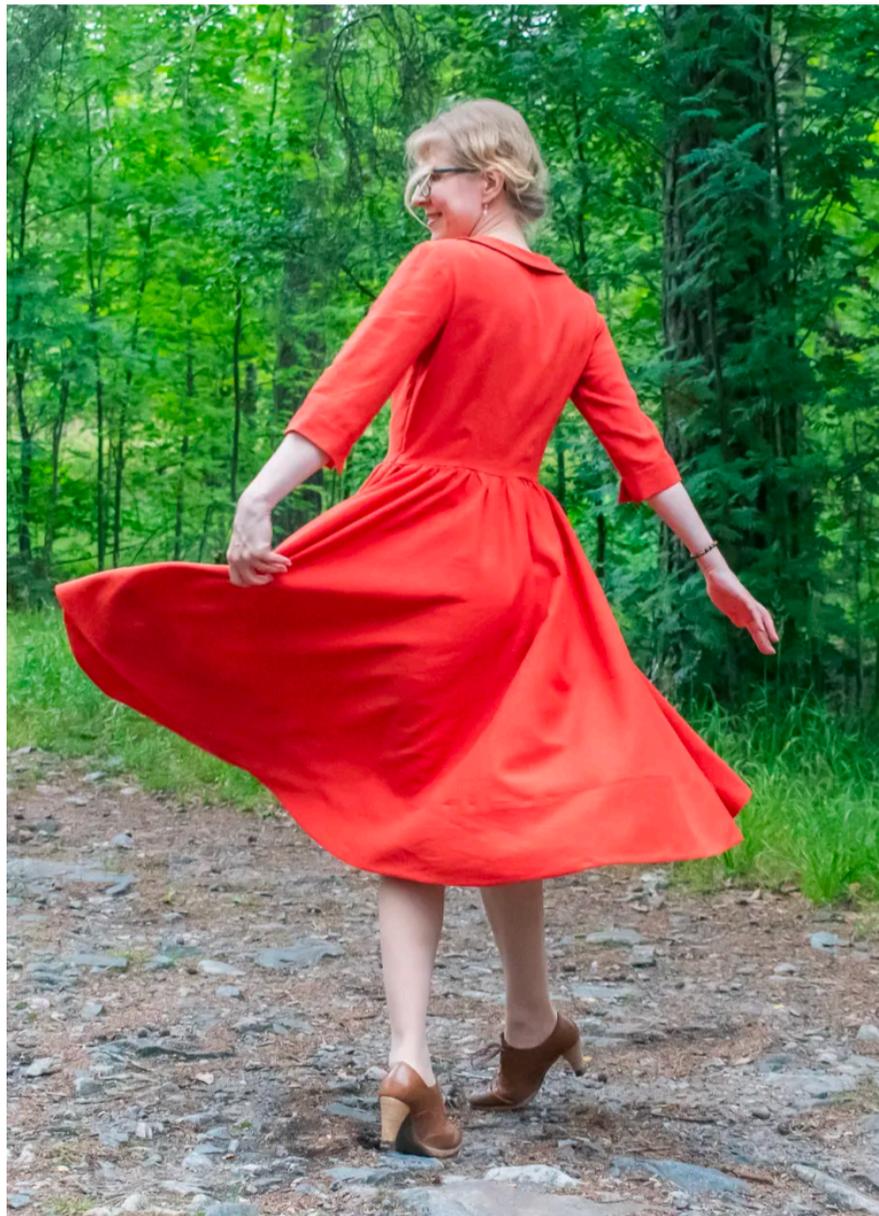


Ramie-dress

Ramie-dress is a cute and girly dress that I drafted to myself a few years ago. It has buttons at the front, a side zipper, 3/4 sleeves and a half-circle skirt plus a Peter Pan collar. Due to many people asking this pattern in their size, I now publish this pattern in sizes 34 to 44, but the pattern has only been tested in size 36.

The instructions below are rudimentary and this pattern is meant for people that have experience in sewing and dress construction. I also recommend making a mock-up of the bodice (and maybe the sleeves as well) before cutting into your expensive fabric.

I am not responsible for any damages, frustration or ruined fabric caused by using this pattern!



Pdf-pattern

The pattern is available in both A4 and US-letter sizes. When printing, make sure that your printer prints in 100 % size. Do not scale to the paper size! The first pattern page has a



square that should measure 10 cm x 10 cm (4"x4") Tape the pattern pieces together and cut out the size you need.

The size chart

Choose your size based on your bust measurement. You can adjust the waist if your waist is bigger or smaller compared to the measurement given for your size. You can do this for either making the bodice pieces wider or smaller at the side seams or by adjusting the vertical darts on the bodice.

	34	36	38	40	42	44
Bust (cm)	80	84	88	92	96	100
Waist (cm)	64	68	72	76	80	84
Bust (inches)	31	33	35	36	38	39
Waist (inches)	25	27	28	30	31	33

General

The pattern is perfect for lightweight linen, ramie, cotton or viscose fabrics. It is not suitable for knits.

I haven't measured the amount of fabric this pattern takes. A good way of estimating the amount of fabric needed is to layout the pattern pieces on the floor as you would on the fabric and measure the space taken by the pattern pieces.

Wash and iron your fabric before cutting. I recommend iron-on facing for the under collar, undercuts and buttoning bands, plus on the side seam where you place an invisible zipper. Measure the length of the zipper so that it starts about 20 cm below your waist and ends about 5 cm below your armpit.

The pattern includes 1,5 cm (5/8") seam allowances that are indicated with a double line. Note that some of the pieces are cut on the fold. You need 2 for all the pieces (with the second piece mirrored when necessary) except for the cuffs that you need 4 of.

The hem facing has been drawn on the skirt piece. You can either trace this pattern piece or cut the skirt pieces first and then separate the facing piece from the pattern and cut the pieces for the facing.

Cut the under-collar with seam allowances that are 3 mm smaller than on the upper collar. Then treat the upper collar and under collar pieces as they were the same size. This way the outer seam on the collar rolls neatly underneath the edge of the collar and doesn't show.

You also need bias tape to finish the neckline edge. Cut about 3 cm wide tape diagonally from the fabric left over and use that.

Finish the seams with a serger/overlocker, with zig-zag stitch or by hand overcast stitch.

You can add pockets to the skirt side seams if you so wish. However, I haven't included that step in the instructions.

Instructions

1. Sew the darts on the bodice pieces.
2. Sew the right side seam and the shoulder seams.
3. Fold the buttoning bands in place, press and sew the folds in place.
4. Line up the upper and lower collar pieces at the long edge and sew together. Narrow the seam allowances and notch. Turn to the right position and press. Baste the neckline edges together.
5. Sew the collar to the neckline.
6. Sew the edge of the bias tape to on top of the collar seam. Narrow the seam allowances. Turn the raw edge of the bias tape under the seam allowances and stitch near the edge finishing the neckline.
7. Line the centre fronts of the bodice pieces and baste together at the buttoning bands. The right bodice goes on the top.
8. Sew the skirt side seams leaving the top of the left side seam open for the zipper.
9. Add two rows of gathering stitches to the skirt waistline and gather the skirt waist. Adjust the size of the skirt waist and pint to the bodice aligning the centre front, centre back and the sides. Attach the skirt to the bodice.
10. Sew the invisible zipper to the left side seam.
11. Decide how many buttons you want. I used 6 buttons that I covered with the dress fabric. It is a good idea to place one button very close to the widest point on your bust. The highest button goes about 1 cm from the neckline. These positions help you to determine a good placement for the buttons.
12. Mark the position of the buttonholes to the right buttoning band. Sew the buttonholes and open them. Poke through the buttonholes with a magic marker, erasable pen or a piece of chalk to mark down the position of the buttons. Attach the buttons.

13. Sew the sleeve seams.
14. Sew the three outer edges of the cuffs. (The short edges form a slit). Trim the corners, turn around and press. Align the cuffs to the sleeves so that the edges meet at the side seam. Attach the cuffs to the sleeves.
15. Gather the sleeve-caps to the armholes with two rows of gathering stitches. Make sure that the notch on the sleeve goes toward the back and the top notch aligns with the shoulder seam.
16. Attach the sleeves to the armholes.
17. Let the skirt hang overnight. Then put on the dress and as a friend to level up the hem. Alternatively, you can use a dressform but wearing the dress gives a more accurate result.
18. Sew the hem facings together to form a circle.
19. Sew the hem facing to the skirt hem. Narrow the seam allowances and notch. Press to the inside.
20. Notch the top edge of the skirt facing and press under. Stitch the facing in place. You can do this by machine or by hand.
21. Enjoy your dress!

If you make this dress, please send me a picture! You can tag me on Instagram [@withmyhandsdream](https://www.instagram.com/withmyhandsdream) or you can email me contactme@withmyhandsdream.com

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