

PATTERN 7686

PATTERN PIECES:

A B	1	Front 2x
A B	2	Back 1x
A	3	Sleeve 2x
B C	4	Sleeve 2x
C	5	Front 2x
C	6	Back 1x
C	7	Front facing 2x
C	8	Back facing 1x

THE CUTTING LAYOUTS ARE ON THE PATTERN SHEET

PREPARING PATTERN PIECES

Choose your size according to the Burda measurement chart: dresses, blouses, jackets, and coats according to your bust measurement and pants and skirts according to your hip measurement. Adjust the pattern pieces, if necessary, by adding or subtracting the number of inches (cm) that your measurements differ from the measurements given in the Burda chart.

ABC

Cut out the following pattern pieces in the required size: for the BOLERO, view **A**, pieces 1 to 3, for the BOLERO, view **B**, pieces 1, 2, and 4, and for the BOLERO, view **C**, pieces 4 to 8.

LENGTHENING OR SHORTENING PATTERN

Our pattern is calculated for a height of 5 feet, 6 inches (168 cm). If you are taller or shorter, you may adjust the pattern to fit your size at the lines marked "lengthen or shorten here". This ensures proper fit.

➔ Make sure that you adjust all pieces of one model by the same amount at the same lines.

How to lengthen or shorten pattern pieces:

Cut pattern pieces along marked lines.

To lengthen, slide the two halves of the pattern piece as far apart as necessary.

To shorten, overlap the two halves of the pattern piece as far as necessary. Even out side edges.

CUTTING

FOLD (— — — — —) means: Here is the center of a pattern piece, but in no case a cut edge or a seam. The piece should be cut double, with the fold line forming the center line.

Pattern pieces that are outlined with a broken line in the cutting layout are to be placed face down on the fabric.

The cutting layouts on the pattern sheet show how the pattern pieces should be placed on the fabric.

A

Lace fabric with one scalloped edge

The scalloped edge of the lace forms the lower edges of the sleeves. Lay pattern piece 4 on the lace fabric – once with the printed side of the pattern facing up and once, facing down – so that the lower edge (marked as scalloped edge) meets the scalloped edge of the lace.

ABC

When cutting from a single layer of fabric, the pattern pieces are pinned to the right side. For double layers of fabric, the right sides are facing and the pattern pieces are pinned to the wrong side. The pattern pieces that are shown in the cutting layout extending over the fold of the fabric should be cut last from a single layer of fabric.

SEAM AND HEM ALLOWANCES must be added: A – no sleeve hem (scalloped edge), **C** – 1¼" (3 cm) for hem (also on piece 7) and sleeve hem, and **ABC** – ½" (1.5 cm) at all other seams and edges.

Transfer all pattern outlines (seam and hem lines) and pattern markings to wrong side of fabric pieces using BURDA dress-maker's carbon paper. Follow instructions included with carbon paper.

C INTERFACING

Cut out interfacing pieces as illustrated and iron to wrong side of fabric pieces. Transfer pattern outlines to interfacing pieces.

SEWING

When sewing pieces together, right sides of fabric should be facing.

Use basting stitches to make pattern markings visible on the right side of the fabric pieces.

Tips for working with fine, sheer fabrics:

Use fine sewing thread and a fine needle to transfer pattern lines and markings to the fabric pieces. Do not use heavy basting thread.

Also use a fine machine needle (size 60 or 70) with a perfect point. Whenever possible, finish both seam allowances together by zigzag stitching on both allowances, approx. ¼" (0.7 cm) from the seam. Trim seam allowances close to zigzag stitching and press allowances to one side.

AB BOLERO

Bust darts

① Stitch bust darts in front pieces, stitching each dart from edge toward point. Knot threads at points of darts. Trim dart allowances to approx. ¼" (0.7 cm) wide, finish edges of allowances together, and press down (1a).

Shoulder and waist darts

② Stitch shoulder and waist darts in back piece, stitching each dart from edge toward point. Knot threads at points of darts. Press darts toward center back (2a).

Shoulder seams and side seams

③ Lay front pieces on back piece, right sides facing. Baste shoulder seams, matching seam numbers (1), and side seams, matching seam numbers (2). Stitch all seams. Trim seam allowances. Finish edges of allowances together and press toward back.

Bias tape / Outer edges of bolero

➔ Trim allowances on front edges, neck edge, and lower edge of bolero to ¾" (1 cm) wide. Press bias tape in half lengthwise, wrong side facing in.

④ Baste bias tape to outer edges of bolero, right sides facing, matching raw edges. Turn ends of bias tape under at one side seam. Stitch bias tape in place, stitching ¾" (1 cm) from fabric edges.

Trim seam allowances. Press bias tape over seam allowances and topstitch close to seam, thereby stitching bias tape to allowances (4a).

⑤ Turn bias tape to inside. Press seamed edges. Sew bias tape in place by hand or topstitch ¼" (0.7 cm) from seamed edges, thereby catching bias tape (5a).

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AB

6 To ease each sleeve cap, stitch two closely spaced lines of machine basting from ● to ●.

Stitch **darts** in sleeves, stitching each dart from edge toward point. Press darts down.

A

Sleeves

7 Fold each sleeve lengthwise, right side facing in. Baste **sleeve seams**, matching seam numbers (3), and stitch. Trim seam allowances. Finish edges of allowances together and press to one side.

B

Sleeves

➡➡ Trim allowances on lower edges of sleeves to $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) wide.

Finish lower edges of sleeves with bias tape as described and illustrated for step 4.

8 Fold each sleeve lengthwise, right side facing in. Baste **sleeve seams**, matching seam numbers (9), and stitch, also stitching ends of bias tapes together.

Trim seam allowances. Finish edges of allowances together and press to one side.

Turn bias tape to inside and sew in place as described and illustrated for step 5.

AB

Setting in Sleeves

To ease each sleeve cap, slightly pull bobbin threads of machine basting.

9 Pin each sleeve to armhole edge, right sides facing. When setting in sleeves, 4 points are important for proper fit:

➡➡ The seam marks (4) on sleeve and bolero front must match. Sleeve seam and side seam must match. The seam mark on sleeve cap must match shoulder seam. The eased fullness must be distributed evenly so that no tucks form. Working from the sleeve side, baste sleeve to armhole edge and stitch.

Trim seam allowances. Finish seam allowances together and press toward sleeve.

C

BOLERO

Bust darts

10 Stitch bust darts in front pieces, stitching each dart from edge toward point. Knot threads at points of darts. Press darts down (10a).

Stitch **shoulder darts** in back piece, stitching each dart from edge toward point. Press dart toward center back.

Stitch **shoulder seams and side seams** as described and illustrated for step 3, matching seam numbers (5/8). Trim seam allowances. Finish edges of allowances together and press to one side.

Facings

11 Pin front facing pieces to back facing piece, right sides together. Stitch shoulder edges together, matching seam numbers (6).

Press seams open. Finish inner edge of facing.

12 Baste facing to front and neck edges, right sides together, matching seam numbers (7) and matching shoulder seams. Stitch. Trim seam allowances, trimming diagonally across corners. Clip curves.

13 Open facing. Press allowances toward facing. Topstitch facing close to seam, thereby catching allowances.

Hem

14 Finish lower edge. Turn hem allowance to inside, baste, and press. Sew hem in place loosely, by hand.

15 Turn facing to inside and sew to hem allowance. Sew facing to seam allowances of shoulder seams (see illustration 16).

Sleeves

Stitch to ease sleeve caps as described and illustrated for step 6.

Fold each sleeve lengthwise, right side facing in. Baste **sleeve seams**, matching seam numbers (9), and stitch. Trim seam allowances. Finish edges of allowances together and press to one side.

Hem sleeves as described and illustrated for step 14.

Set in sleeves as described and illustrated for step 9.

16 Sew hook and eye to front edges, at bust level, so that front edges meet when bolero is closed.