winged wrap/cardigan

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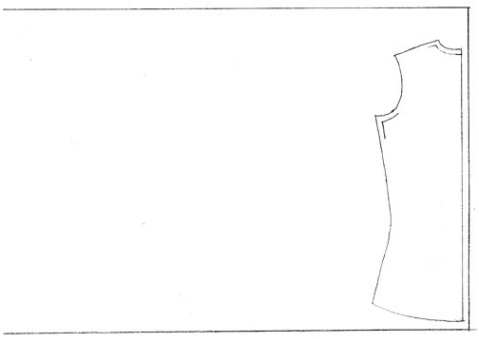
This is another easy design based on any t-shirt pattern with fitted sleeves you'd like to use. The describtion I give here is for jerseys, however I wouldn't recommend using very stretchy knits. If you want to make something similar in a drapey non-stretch fabric, use a blouse pattern or something like that as a base (without stretch, the back width needed will be more, and you'll need wider sleeves). As the only parts of the t-shirt pattern body that will be used in the final pattern are the back and shoulders, choose your size based on the fit of those (so for example, full busted ladies may want to go down a size)

Materials

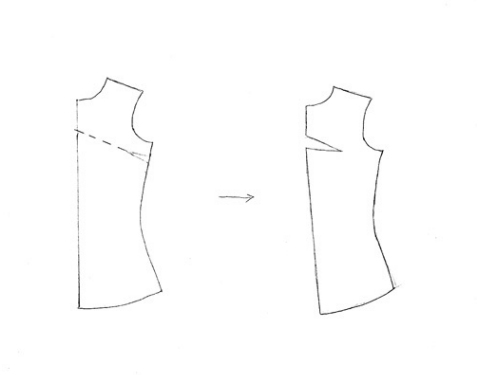
basic fitted t-shirt pattern (like Burdastyle's Lydia), measuring tape, paper, ruler. Fabric need will depend on your choice of length of the cardigan and amount of drape at the front, but for a version close to mine, you need about 2 metres. This design is unsuited for fabrics with an ugly 'bad side'

Step 1



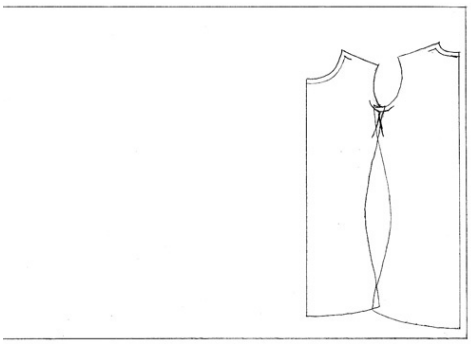
Copy the pattern piece for the back of the body onto a piece of paper, keeping it 1,5 away from the edge. Draw the stitchlines in on the pattern piece at the armhole as shown (assuming you're using the Lydia pattern, which has 1,5 cm seam allowence included. if you are using a pattern without seam allowence, simply ignore all references to it)

Step 2



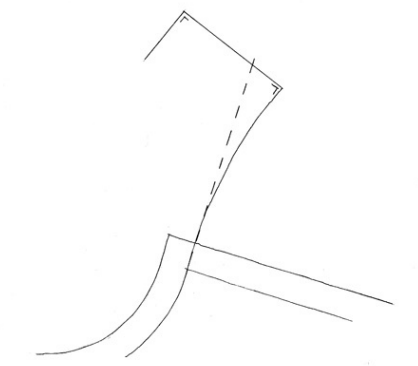
If you are using a pattern with bust darts, move them to center front as shown. This is done so you can match up the side seams in the next step. Because the front of this pattern is large piece of draped fabric, the dart can be ignored when it is at center front

Step 3



Now, match up the real underarm seams of front and back (so beware of the seam allowences) and position the center front so it's parallel to the center back (when you've just moved a bust dart to center front, the lower center front should be parallel to center back). Mark the real neckline (if using a pattern with seam allowence) on front and back.

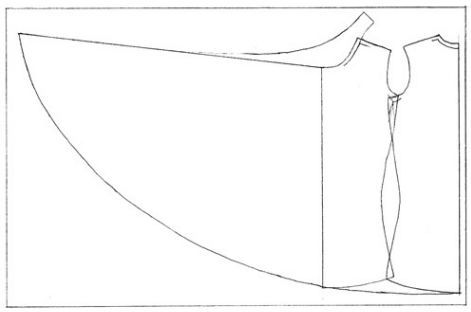
Step 4



At this point, it is time to draft the collar. Measure the real back neckline (so without seam allowences). Draw a help line extending the top of the front neckline as shown (dotted line). Starting along that line, draw a lightly curved line the length of the back neckline

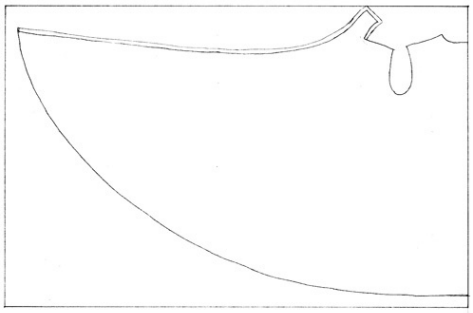
(measured from the real corner of the front neckline, of course). Then draw the center back seam of the collar at a 90 degree angle to the upper part of the curved line. I made it 6 cm long. At the end of the center back seam, make a short line at a 90 degree angle to it, this will be the start of the front drape.

Step 5



Draw a line from the neckline at the front to the left of the paper and up. How long you make this is up to you (I used about 80 cm), as is the angle, drawing it up a bit will give extra curve and drap at the bottom. Make a nice curve between the short line with which you just finished drafting the collar, and this line. Now, make a curve from the front tip to the center back.

Step 6



Add seam allowence to the collar and ‘front’, the 1,5 cm you left at center back is now the seam allowance for the back. This is your finished pattern. Cut it out (it is wider than 70 cm, so you’ll have to cut it out of a single layer of fabric), also cut the sleeves.

Step 7

To sew the cardigan, start with the shoulder seams. They have to be stitched to the same point you marked when drafting the collar (on the front shoulder, this point is now 1,5 cm ‘inside’). Make a small cut in the seam allowence at the point where front shoulder meets the collar, cutting from the corner in the seam allowence to the stitched shoulder line. Then, stitch the collar to the back neckline (all of this is similar to the construction of a sawl collar). Sew the center back seam (of body and collar, which are now lined up together). Narrowly hem the outside edge (or finish it in another way like using a serger’s rolled hem, or applying ready made satin bias tape, depending on the kind of fabric you’re using)

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