

One Stitch at a Time

How to read a pattern envelope

Once you have chosen the pattern, you need to buy the right materials for your project. All this information is on the back of the pattern envelope. It can be in different locations depending on the pattern company.

1. Not all sizes will be in each envelope. Confirm on the front of your pattern that it contains your size.
2. Decide which view you you are making. Each variation of the garment will be labeled. This will determine how much fabric to purchase.
3. The back of the sewing pattern will tell you what type of fabric is appropriate for the pattern. Follow this. This is labeled "Fabrics" or "Suggested Fabrics" on the envelope.
4. Follow your size column to the row with your view. This will tell you how much fabric to purchase. 45" and 60" are common fabric widths.
5. Check in your view row for additional materials necessary, such as interfacing or contrasting fabric.
6. The "Notions" or "Requirements" section indicates other items you will need, like thread, elastic, buttons, zippers, etc.
7. The section that says "Garment Measurements" or "Finished Garment Measurements" tells you the finished measurements of the garment if you follow the instructions correctly. This area can help you decide what size to make.



1609 **3** WOMEN'S DRESS

7 PIECES/PIEZAS

Métrages et Instructions de couture en Français à l'intérieur de l'enveloppe.

6 **3** **4** **5** **7**

Fabrics: Cotton and Cotton Blends, Pique, Poplin, Seersucker, Sateen, Ch Crepe, Laundered Silks-Rayons, Silk Linen, Brocade, Satin, Shantung, Linen Linen Blends. Extra fabric needed to match plaids, stripes or one-way design fab

Notions: Thread, one 22" zipper, hook and eye, A: Five 5/8" buttons.

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BODY MEASUREMENTS (For Sizing Help Visit www.simplicity.com/sizehelp)

Bust	30 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	34	36	38	40	42	44
Waist	23	24	25	26 1/2	28	30	32	34	37
Hip-9" below waist	32 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2	36	38	40	42	44	46
Back-neck to waist	15 1/2	15 1/4	16	16 1/4	16 1/2	16 3/4	17	17 1/4	17

Pattern Size 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22
 Sizes-European 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48

A, C Dress

45***	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
60***	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/4

A Contrast Collar 1/2 yd. of 45" or 60" **B** **5** **7** **Interfacing** 1/2 yd. of 20" to 25" lightweight fusible, such as Pellon®

B Dress

45***	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	3
60***	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/4

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FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS (Includes Design and Wearing EASE)

A, B, C Bust	32	33	34	35 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2	41 1/2	43 1/2	45 1/2
Finished back length from base of neck:									
A, B, C	37 1/2	37 3/4	38	38 1/4	38 1/2	38 3/4	39	39 1/4	39 1/2
A, B, C Width	44	45	46	47 1/2	49 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2

*without nap **with nap ***with or without nap