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The Faux Cami by Kim Walus

Finished Size: 10" x 8"

Today's fashions suggest using multiple layers of clothing and I for one have issues with wearing multiple layers of clothing. In other words. . . I'm ALWAYS HOT. . . so. . . multiple layers of clothing just don't work for me. Because of this problem with always feeling HOT, I decided to figure out a solution for myself and this is what I came up with.

The Faux Cami is a "Quick and Easy Solution" to the Summer Heat while adding a splash of color to just about any outfit. It's my hope you will find this post useful.

Design Notes: I LOVE white shirts so, I started out with a Moda Bella Solid White and then went out and bought 9 other colors from the Collection of Moda Bella Solids. I also picked out spools of Prescena Thread that matched the colors of the fabric I picked. I used a twin needle by Schmetz to create 10 rows of pin tucking on each Faux Cami.

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Have fun making these customizable Faux Cami's.

Ingredients:



These are the items you will need to make at least One Faux Cami:

- 1 Fat Quarter of any color from the Moda Bella Solids Collection
- 1/3 yard Lightweight Fusible Interfacing-[EK 130 Easy Knit by Pellon](#)
- 8"piece of 5/8" White Grosgrain Ribbon by [Offray](#)
- Snap Kit with Tool -Size 16 Snaps by [Dritz](#)
- Matching Thread by [Presencia](#)
- Twin Needle Size 4,0/80 by [Schmetz](#)
- Tape Measure for making a customized fit

Garnishes (optional):

Add some glitz with Ribbon, Lace or Trim!
I'd LOVE to see pictures if you play around with it.

Instructions:

Part One: Customizing the Fit

1. PRINT the Faux Cami Pattern on card stock and cut it out. Center it on your chest between bra straps to see if it fits. If it doesn't fit. . . you can customize the fit by following the instructions below.

2. Grab a measuring tape and take your measurements. I'm calling this your T-Zone Measurement. Measure across your chest from bra strap to bra strap and make note of the measurement. This will be the horizontal measurement in the letter T.

3. Now find the base of your neck below your chin and from there go down about 2-3 inches and then measure from that spot down to the bottom edge of bra. This will be the vertical line measurement in the letter T.

4. Remember that the measurement needs to take into consideration what feels comfortable to you. You don't want it so high that it chokes you and you don't want it so low that you can't see it.

Important: If your "customized" measurements are bigger than 10" x 8" you will also need to make allowances in the size of your fabric piece. For example: if your T-Zone measurement is 12" x 10" you will want to turn your fat quarter to cut a piece that will measure 12"x20" to allow for the fold. If your T-Zone measurement is smaller, you can use the same size fabric piece as in the instructions just shrink the pattern to fit you and then cut out your pattern.

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Part Two: Fabric • Twin Needles • Thread • Fusible Interfacing



Fabric: Here are the Moda Bella Solids I picked along with the matching Presencia thread. Click on the picture to see the color number on each spool. Fabric Colors top to bottom: Black, Red, Blue, Peach, Aqua, Purple, Green, Pink, Cream, and White. You will not see thread for black and white since I have those colors on hand.



Twin Needles: It's very important that you read your sewing machine manual for any instructions given on threading your machine when using twin needles. My machine has

two spindles for the two spools of thread that are used with twin needles and I bought two twin needles just in case I broke one. Here's a little Tip: You may notice in the picture a single needle in one of the cases, well, that's the single needle I store in the needle case while I'm using the twin needle in my sewing machine. When I'm done I switch the needles out.



Thread: Instead of buying two spools of thread I bought one spool and wound some of the thread on a bobbin for the second spool of thread. I also used an additional bobbin filled with white thread for the bobbin case that way I didn't need to change my bobbin thread every time I changed colors.

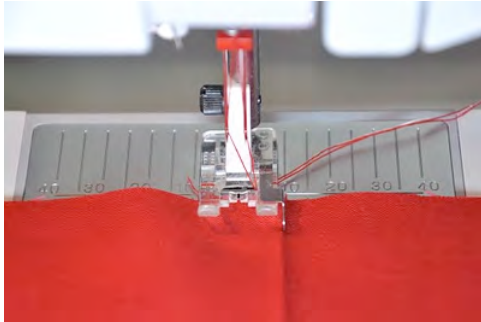


Fusible Interfacing: I used a lightweight Easy Knit Fusible Interfacing by Pellon

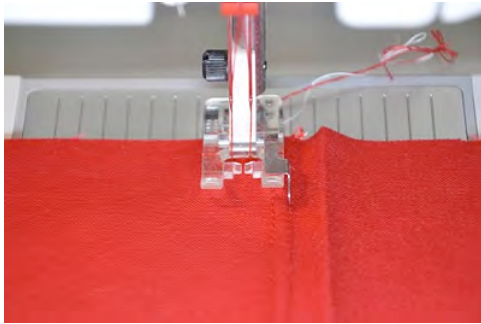
Part Three: Making the Faux Cami

Before you begin sewing, make sure that the twin needle is inserted correctly and that your machine has been threaded according to your machines instructions. You are ready to begin.

1. Cut 1 piece of fabric measuring 11" x 17"
2. Match up the 11" ends and then press the fold (piece will measure 11" x 8 1/2")
3. Open up the fabric to reveal the pressed fold line.
4. Place the fabric on your sewing table with the pressed fold line going in a vertical position.



5. Sew your first pin tuck by lining up the edge of your presser foot along the pressed fold line.



6. Now line up the edge of your presser foot along the first pin tuck line and sew a second pin tuck. Make sure to make your pin tuck lines as straight and even as possible.

7. Continue this process until you have completed 10 rows of pin-tucking.

8. Fold fabric in half again along the previously pressed line. Give it a light press. You will notice a slight uptake in the top fabric at the bottom edge of fabric. It's normal and the 10" x 8" pattern will fit just fine.



9. Cut out the Faux Cami template at the end of this PDF.

10. Lay the pattern along the fold line. Cut out fabric.



11. Take the fusible interfacing that measures 10" x 8" and lay down your pattern. Cut out one piece of fusible interfacing.

12. Open up the fabric fold to reveal inside (wrong side) of Faux Cami. You will fuse the interfacing to the inside of the back side of Cami. Refer to pictures. Press with iron to adhere interfacing.



13. Fold the Cami closed. The interfacing should now be fused inside the cami.



14. Serge or zig zag the 4 raw edges of the Faux Cami.

Part Four: Attaching the Ribbons and Snaps

Since most of us are visual learners I thought it would be fun to make a video tutorial for the Faux Cami Tutorial. The video is called, "How to Attach a Snap":

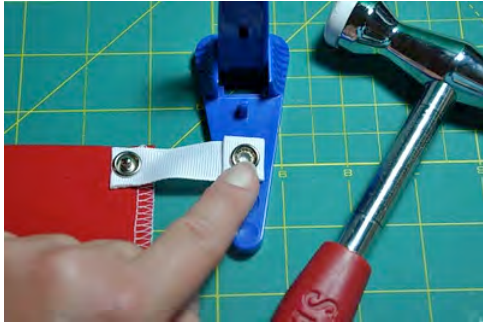
{<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVRoGAHhG4I>}



1. Follow manufacturers instructions for attaching snaps. Before putting the two sides of snaps together you will be adding the ribbon in between both snaps.



2. Take the pronged snap and place in the upper front right corner of the cami and push prongs through to the back. Then place it on the snap tool in the #16 hole.



3. Now take the 8" ribbon and cut it half. Take one piece and fold under one end of the ribbon by 1/2" and place it over the prongs making sure the prongs poke through the ribbon. Place the other half of the snap (the one with the knob) over the ribbon and close the snap tool. Use a small hammer and give it a few good whacks.

4. Now take the other raw edge of ribbon and fold it under 1/2" and then fold again. Take another prong and push it through the front side of ribbon. Place in snap tool. The folded ribbon faces up when the back of cami is facing up. Now place the donut looking snap on top of the prongs and close snap tool. Give it a few whacks with a hammer.



5. Repeat this process for the ribbon on the opposite side of Cami.

6. Snap in your Faux Cami to your bra straps, and off you go.

Have fun with your cami's and try decorating them with ribbon, trim, or even a bit of glitz.

Stay COOL!!!

Yield:

2 Faux Cami's from each fat quarter (based on the pattern measurement of 10" x 8")

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● Snap Placement

← Place on Fold →

← 10" →

Faux Cami

Designed by Kimberly Walus

Need: 1 Fat Quarter

cut out 1 piece of fabric
measuring 11" x 17"

Need: 1/3 yard fusible interfacing.

Cut 1 piece of fusible interfacing
measuring 11" x 8"

Your T-Zone Measurement:

To customize fit of the Faux Cami measure across chest between bra straps and then measure from mid to upper chest down to the bottom edge where bra ends. This is your T-Zone measurement.

T-Zone Measurement for this pattern:

10" across chest between bra straps
8" down from mid chest to bra edge

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8"
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