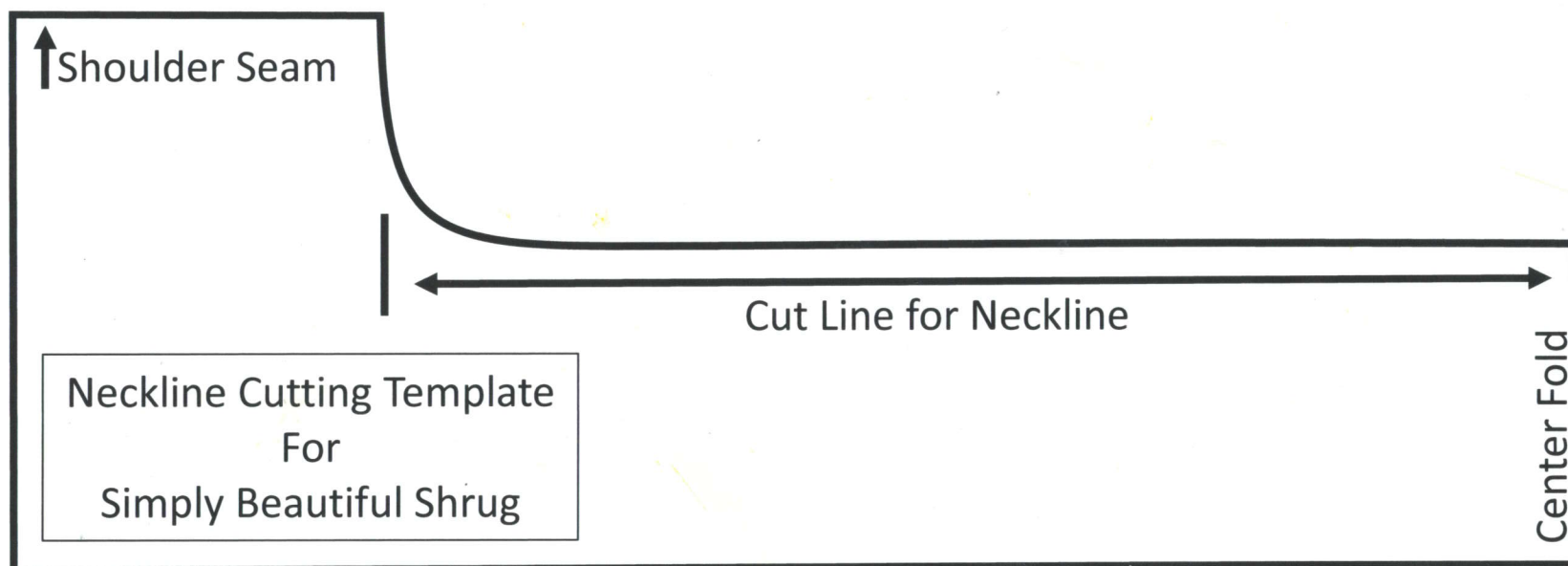


Fabric Preparation for Simply Beautiful Shrug:

1. Stiffen chiffon by spraying with spray starch or pretreating with liquid stabilizer such as Terial Magic or PerfectSew.
2. When dry, press chiffon with steam to remove any wrinkles and to straighten if necessary.
3. Cut or tear chiffon widthwise to create two pieces approximately 44" wide by 18" long.
4. Fold each piece in half widthwise so that it is approximately 22" x 18". Determine which edge is "up" - and cut a neckline into each piece using the template below.



Constructing the Shrug (Serger or Sewing Machine)

1. Cut the shrug pieces according to the fabric preparation instructions.
2. If using a serger (overlock machine), set the serger for a 3 thread narrow seam or overlock. If more strength or a wider seam is wanted, a 3 thread wide overlock or 4 thread overlock may also be used. If using a sewing machine, prepare to sew a French seam (instructions to follow).
3. Serge (overlock) or sew one shoulder seam together.
4. Set the serger for a rolled hem, or if using a sewing machine prepare to sew a narrow hem (instructions to follow).
5. Serge (overlock) or sew the neckline edge using a rolled hem or narrow hem.
6. Reset the serger (overlocker) for a 3 thread narrow seam or overlock. If using a sewing machine prepare to sew a French seam.
7. Serge (overlock) or sew the second shoulder seam together.
8. Reset the serger (overlocker) for a rolled hem. If using a sewing machine prepare to sew a narrow hem.
9. Hem around the edges of the shrug to finish.

Seams for Silk – French Seam

French seams offer an attractive and strong seam on any fabric. Especially suitable for sheers.

Step 1: Wrong sides together, stitch a ¼” seam.

Step 2: Press seam to set stitches, then press open **or** to one side (pressing the seam open will give a crisper, neater finished seam). Trim a scant 1/8” from seam allowance.

Step 3: Fold along seam so that right sides of fabric are together, enclosing seam.

Step 4: Stitch ¼” seam to finish the seam and enclose the first seam allowance.

Hems for Silk Chiffon – Triple Stitched Narrow Hem

This tiny yet substantial hem offers an attractive alternative to a traditional rolled hem.

Step 1: Stitch ½” away from the edge. Press to wrong side, just favoring the stitching toward the wrong side.

Note: if hemming a loosely woven fabric, consider using smaller stitches or a narrow zig-zag to help anchor fabric.

Step 2: Stitch along previous stitching as closely as possible. There are now two rows of stitching along the wrong side and one row on the right side.

Step 3: Trim excess hem allowance away from stitching. Note: if hemming loosely woven chiffon, do not trim too close to the stitching. This will help to avoid hem slippage.

Step 4: Roll hem toward the wrong side and press. Stitch along previous row of stitching to finish hem.

There should be two rows of stitching showing on the wrong side of the hem, and one row on the right side.