

Tunic Dress TINI

TINI is a wonderful basic piece for the whole summer and can be sewn in many different variations.

The tunic has a beautiful flowing A-line and the dress version is a simply elegant flounce dress. It is perfect for different body types, both slim and chubby girls can be TINI princesses.

With short cap sleeves, it is great for hot summer days or, on a chilly day, perfect to wear over a long sleeved shirt. The short sleeve version also provides lots of opportunities to mix and match.

Because TINI does not need buttons, zippers or the like to fasten, this design is also suitable for sewing beginners. The neckline elastic can be worked close to the neck or to fall more loosely around the neckline.

Recommended fabrics: Cotton percales, voiles, batiste, chambray, fine wale corduroy, linen.

TINI can be worn for several seasons: This year's dress can be worn over jeans or leggings as a tunic next year.

Detailed step-by-step instructions with photograph illustrations, as well as design examples can be found on www.farbenmix.de/anleitungen and www.studiotantrum.com/shop.

Please take measurements, especially width and length measures, and compare your measurements to the table below. Please note the sizes are European children's sizes. The fabric requirements are indicated in both centimeters and inches.

Material

Material/Size	86/92 18M/2T	98/104 3T/4T	110/116 5/6	122/128 7/8	134/140 9/10
Chest	70 cm 27 5/8 in.	72 cm 28 3/8 in.	74 cm 29 1/4 in.	78 cm 30 3/4 in.	82 cm 32 3/8 in.
Sleeve length, very short	9 cm 3 5/8 in.	9.5 cm 3 3/4 in.	10 cm 4 in.	11 cm 4 3/8 in.	12 cm 4 3/4 in.
Sleeve length, short	14.5 cm 5 3/4 in.	15.5 cm 6 1/8 in.	16 cm 6 3/8 in.	17 cm 6 3/4 in.	18 cm 7 1/8 in.
Front length, tunic	43 cm 17 in.	47 cm 18 1/2 in.	51 cm 20 1/8 in.	55.2 cm 21 3/4 in.	59.4 cm 23 1/2 in.
Front length, dress	54 cm 21 1/4 in.	61 cm 24 in.	68 cm 26 7/8 in.	76.7 cm 30 1/4 in.	85.5 cm 33 3/4 in.
Fabric, tunic (140 cm wide) (55 in. wide)	75 cm 7/8 yd.	80 cm 1 yd.	85 cm 1 yd.	90 cm 1 yd.	95 cm 1 1/8 yd.
Fabric, dress (140 cm wide) (55 in. wide)	95 cm 1 1/8 yd.	100 cm 1 1/8 yd.	105 cm 1 1/4 yd.	110 cm 1 1/4 yd.	115 cm 1 3/8 yd.
Notions	Thin elastic, approx. 1/4 in. wide				

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Cutting the TINI layout:

Cut the desired pieces according to the piece list below, observing grain lines. **Please note, the pattern pieces do not include a seam allowance.** It is necessary to ADD a seam allowance. Make sure to transfer all markings (the small marks on the edge of the pattern pieces) to your fabric.

In addition, cut a strip of bias tape for the neckline facing. (Please note, the strip should be cut in a 45 degree angle to the selvage in order to allow the strip to ease along the curves of the bias). Cut the sleeves in the desired length.

Piece list:

Tunic

1 - Front piece, upper	1 x on fold
2 - Back piece, upper	1 x on fold
3 - Sleeves	2 x
4 - Front and back piece, lower	2 x on fold

Dress

1 - Front piece, upper	1 x on fold
2 - Back piece, upper	1 x on fold
3 - Sleeves	2 x
5 - Flounce layer I	2 x
6 - Flounce layer II	2 x
7 - Flounce layer III	2 x on fold

Depending on the size, cut one bias tape strip for the neckline approx. 3-4 cm wide (1 ¼-1 5/8 in. wide) and approx. 40-45 cm long (15 ¾-17 ¾ in. long).

Sewing TINI

Tunic

1. Finish all piece edges with zig zag or four-thread overedge stitch.
2. **Short cap sleeves:** Fold the hemline approx. 1 cm (½ in.) inside and stitch along the edge to form a casing. Insert thin elastic and secure the ends with few stitches at the desired length, such that the sleeve seams are slightly cinched at the sleeve hem. Alternatively, you may attach a piece of decorative elastic; ease slightly while stitching to the material.
Short sleeves: Hem with an elastic casing or gather with eased decorative elastic.
3. With right sides together, stitch the sleeves at the marks to the front piece and one sleeve to the back piece. The fourth sleeve seam remains open.
Short cap sleeve: Press the seam allowances toward front and back piece and tuck the remaining seam allowance of the armholes under. Topstitch from the right side.
4. With right sides together, pin the bias tape strip flush to the neckline and stitch along the edge. In order to get a nice neckline, ease the bias tape a little bit more when sewing the curves.
Trim the seam allowance and the remaining bias tape end.
5. Now close the last sleeve seam, including the bias tape strip *folded up*. Press the seam allowance towards the back piece and topstitch from the right side as well.
6. Fold the neckline facing inside, tuck the seam allowance under and at a distance of approx. 1 cm (1/2 in.) to the upper edge, topstitch along the neckline to form a casing. Please make sure to leave an approx. 3 cm (1 ¼ in.) long opening for inserting the elastic.

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7. Insert thin elastic, cinch, trim the elastic at the desired length and stitch the narrow ends together. Close the opening with few straight stitches.
Tip: It is easy to find out the needed length of the elastic: Lay the elastic loosely over your child's shoulders and at the same time determine the width of the neckline. Hold the ends of the elastic with two fingers and slip the shirt over your child's head. This is particularly important for elastics that are not overly stretchable in order to check if the elastic ring fits over the child's head. (For a summery tunic or a tunic for special occasions, a slightly wider neckline looks lovely).
8. Attach the lower front and back piece to the respective upper bodice pieces right sides together.
9. Lay front and back part right sides together and close the side and sleeves seams in one continuous movement.
If you chose the short cap sleeves, you only need to close the side seams.
10. Hem TINI.

Dress

1. Work step 1-7 as described above for the tunic version.
2. Gather each flounce strip at the upper edge. To do so, loosen the needle thread tension slightly and increase the stitch size for long stitch. Stitch two parallel lines along the upper edge, leaving long thread tails. Now pull both gathering threads to gather the flounce evenly to the needed width.
3. Pin the first flounces to the respective front and back bodice part, right sides together. Raise your tension and shorten your stitch again and stitch between the two gathering lines. Remove the lower gathering thread. Press the seam allowance upwards and topstitch from the right side.
4. Pin and attach the second tier flounce to the bottom edge of the first flounce, right sides together. Press the seam allowance upwards and topstitch from the right side.
5. Stitch the third tier flounce to the bottom edge of the second flounce. Again, press the seam allowance upwards and topstitch from the right side.
6. Lay front and back part right sides together and close the side and sleeve seam in one movement. If you chose the short cap sleeves, you only need to close the side seams. In doing so, please take sure that the horizontal seams of the flounces align.
Alternately, you may at first close the side and sleeve seams, or only the side seams for the short cap sleeve version. Then with right sides together close each flounce to a ring, gather the top edges as stated above, join the flounces and attach to the bodice.
7. Hem your pretty new TINI dress.

All done!

Much joy and success with your sewing project!