

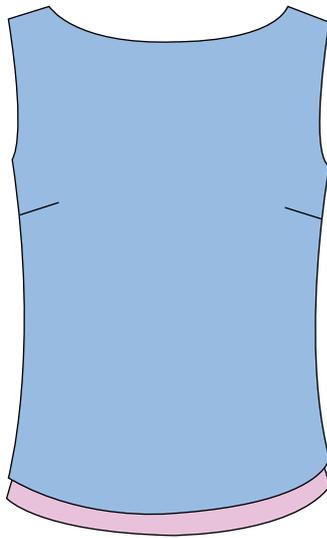


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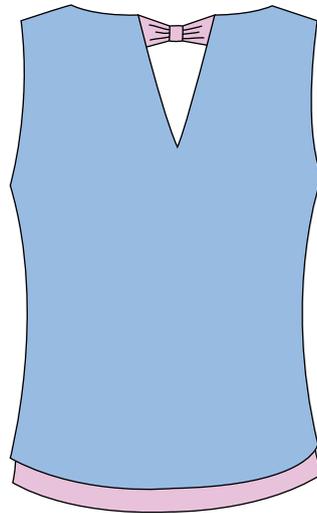
# Miss Calypso top

Boat neck top

sizes 34 to 46



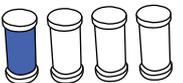
front



back

**Miss Calypso** is a short **top with darts**. This pattern contains a lot of lovely details : shoulders unveiled by a **boat neck**, a back opening in V with a **little bow**, and an **apparent lining** at the bottom of the top.

**Quick and easy** to make and with best finishing, you will learn to sew a entirely lined top without visible seams.

Difficulty : 

[www.gasparine.fr/en](http://www.gasparine.fr/en)

# Choose your fabric and your size

## Recommended fabrics :

light cotton, poplin, linen, liberty, crepe, viscose, cotton voile

For lining, prefer a fluid fabric, and ideally whose wrong and right sides are identic.

## Supplies (45" wide fabric) :

main fabric : 1 yd (sizes 34 to 38) / 1 yd  $\frac{1}{4}$  (sizes 40 to 46)

lining fabric : 1 yd (sizes 34 to 38) / 1 yd  $\frac{1}{4}$  (sizes 40 to 46)

Seam allowances are included in the pattern : side seams are  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and hems are  $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

## Body measurements

	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
bust	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	33 "	34 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	36 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	37 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	39 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	41 "
waist	23 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	25 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	30 "	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	33 "
hip	33 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	37 "	38 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	40 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	41 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	43 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

## For a form-fitting top

Check your height compared with the pattern to shorten or extend it following the waist line.  
If your height is lower than 5"5', perhaps you will have to shorten the back opened ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 1")  
to avoid it to be too much low-necked.

This top is rather fitted at the hip. Check your hip measurement on the size chart : you can connect  
sides lines between different sizes to have more ease.

*Gasparine* patterns are designed for a **B cup or C cup bust**. Otherwise it's recommended to  
make a test version of the bodice to check dart is in a good position on your bust line.  
You may have to adjust dart's height or depth.

# Cut fabric

## Pattern pieces :

**front** (1) : cut 1 on the main fabric's folding  
and 1 on the lining fabric's folding

**back** (2) : cut 1 on the main fabric's folding  
and 1 on the lining fabric's folding

**bow** (3) : cut 1

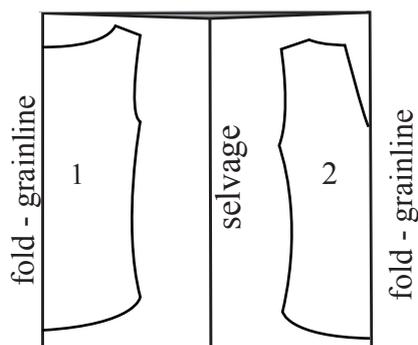
**tube** (4) : cut 1

## Symbols :

	wrong side of main fabric
	right side of main fabric
	wrong side of lining fabric
	right side of lining fabric
	stitching

## Cutting layout

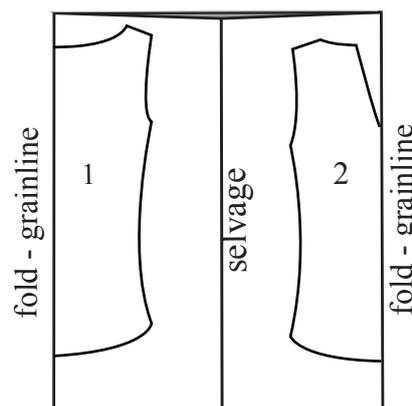
Fold main fabric in 3 :



once cut pieces :



Fold lining fabric in 3 :



## Instructions

**Assembly introduction** : lining is longer than the top, so you have to assemble **lining's wrong side against top's right side**, and not lining's right side against top's right side as usual, so that lining's right side is apparent at the bottom of the top. Carefully follow instructions and it will be easy !

If you don't want lining to be apparent, you can shorten it as a simple facing under armholes and so assemble lining's right side against top's right side.

### 1. Darts :

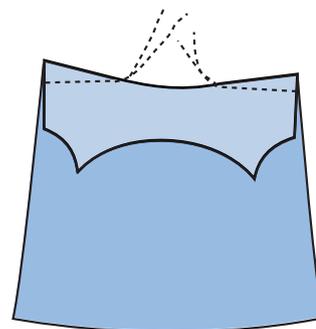
On the front piece, fold the darts in the center with right sides together, matching up the dart legs. Pin and stitch from the side to the dart tip.

Do not backstitch at the dart tip, but tie the threads.

Repeat with the other side.

On the lining top, stitch darts wrong sides together.

Press the darts toward the bottom of the bodice.

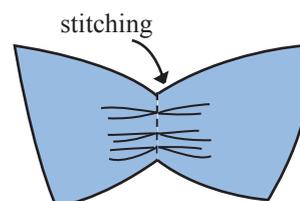


### 2. The bow :

Fold the bow right sides together in the sense of the length.

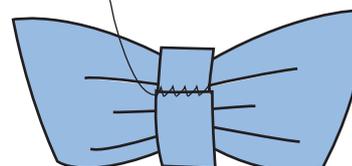
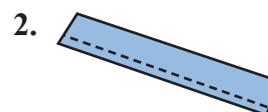
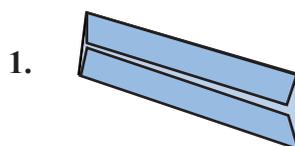
Stitch, turn right side out and press.

On the center of the bow, create nice pleats, then stitch vertically to hold them tight.



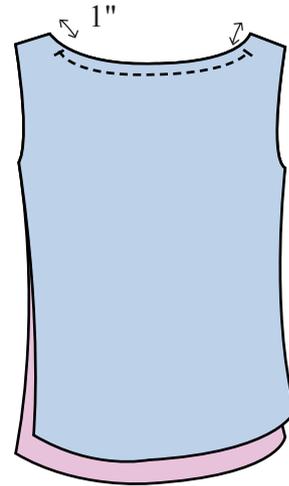
3. On the tube, create a fold inside by pressing, then fold in half again.

Stitch close to the open edge.

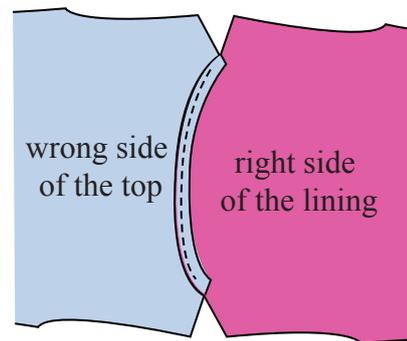


4. Place the tube on the center of the bow, then close it in the back with hand stitch.

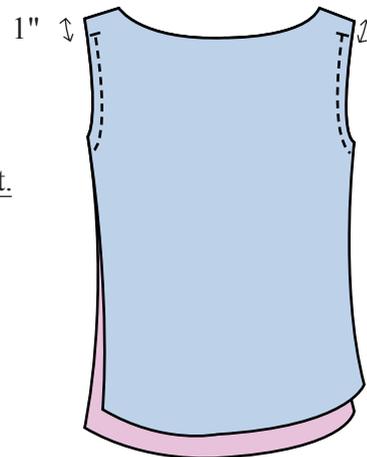
**5.** Put **front piece** and **front lining piece** together, wrong side of the lining against right side of the front. Pin the **neckline** seam and stitch stopping 1" from shoulders.



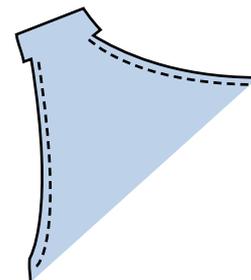
Optional : **to get perfect finishing**, particularly for fluid fabrics, you can **understitch** the neckline so that the two layers don't move. Press seam allowances open, then topstitch lining and seam allowances (but not the top !) together close to the neckline seam. That way, the sewing does not show on the right side.



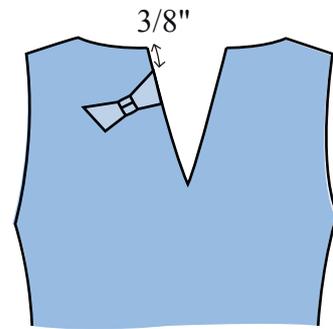
**6.** As for step 5, put **front piece** and **front lining piece** together, wrong side of the lining against right side of the front. Pin **armholes** seams and stitch stopping 1" from shoulders.



Trim armholes and neckline seam allowances at 1/4" except on shoulders.



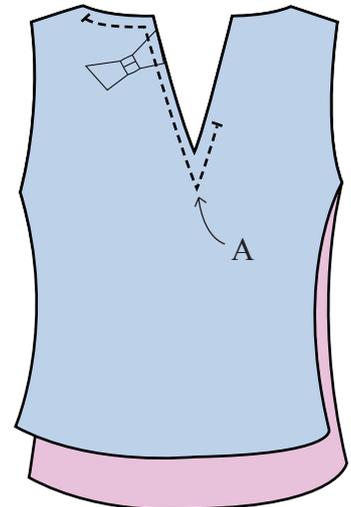
**7.** Place the **bow** on the back of the top at 3/8" of the neckline upper edge : place one of the open edge of the bow above one of the opening side of the back right sides together (sewed edge's bow toward the bottom).



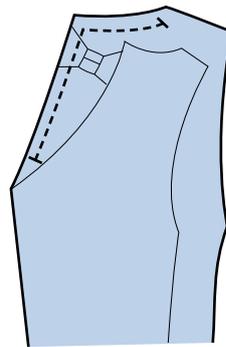
**8.** Put **back piece** and **back lining piece** together, wrong side of the lining against right side of the front (the bow is taken between both).

The **neckline stitching** has to be done by **2 times** : first stitch the side of the V where you have pinned the bow, crossing the A point, then stop stitching a bit further. As for the front of the bodice, start stitching 2 cms from shoulders.

Clip coins and cut in the tip of the V up to A point (without cut the seam !)

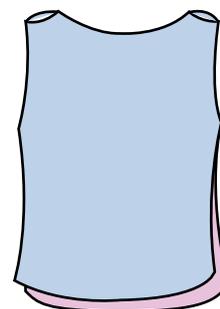


**9.** Flip this part of the bodice on the right side, then pin the other open side of the bow on the other side of the opening, at 3/8" of the neckline upper edge too. Finish the **neckline stitching** starting where you stopped it.

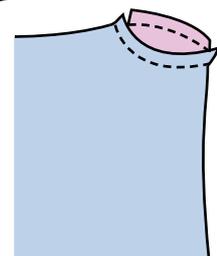


Stitch **armholes** and cut seam allowances (following step 6).

**10.** Flip the back on the right side and free shoulders opening. Slide the back inside the front of the top (wrong side facing out) so that front piece and back piece are touching, and front lining and back lining are touching.

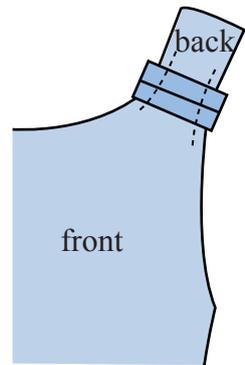


Pin shoulders together, then stitch each shoulder seam (at 3/8"), front shoulder with back shoulder, and front lining shoulder with back lining shoulder. Press.



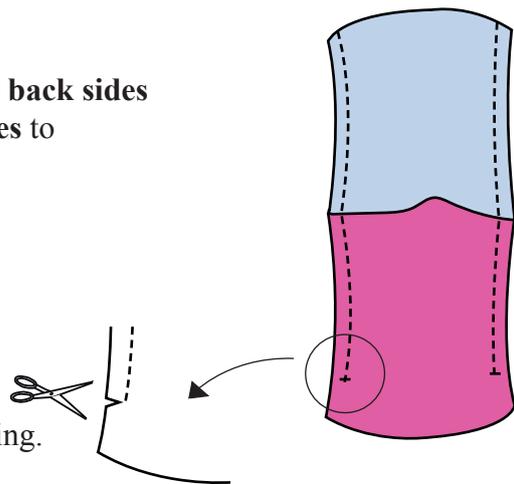
**11.** Free slightly the back of the bodice sliding it through the shoulder. Then stitch joining front and back. Repeat with other shoulder. Trim seam allowances.

Flip the top on the right side and press neckline, armholes and shoulders.

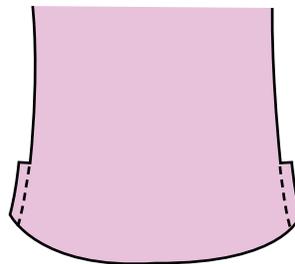


**12.** With right sides together, pin the **front sides** to the **back sides** and with wrong sides together, pin the **front lining sides** to the **back lining sides**.

Stitch sides up to 4" from lining bottom.  
Cut seam allowances exactly where you stopped stitching.



Then finish stitching the lining sides right sides together (up to the bottom).  
Overcast seam allowances together.



**13.** Make an **hem** of 3/4" (3/8" twice) on the bottom of the top and of the lining.

**Well done**, your top is finished !

«*Miss Calypso*» can also be transformed into a dress following this tutorial :

[https://www.gasparine.fr/static/couture/tuto\\_robe\\_miss\\_calypso.pdf](https://www.gasparine.fr/static/couture/tuto_robe_miss_calypso.pdf)