

Blouson Top

Today we will learn how to create a striking blouson top.

Material Required

1.5 meters of fabric with a width of 60 inches

Template for the blouson top which you can download from our website www.ushasew.com

Chalk

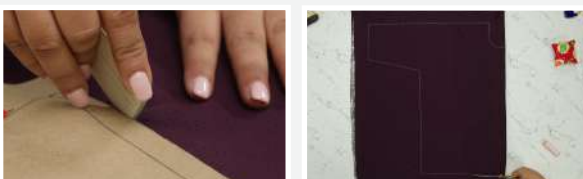
A Pair of scissors

Thread

Pins

Measuring Tape

And A Ruler



We start by folding the Blouson Top fabric in half, right side facing the right side, then we fold it again in half. While folding, ensure that the edges are aligned and not mismatched. Your material should have four folds like shown in the video.

Step 1: Template Marking and Cutting

Turn the fabric around so that the folds are at the bottom and on the right and place the Blouson Top template downloaded from www.ushasew.com on the fabric. While placing match the straight edge of the template to the fabric fold on the right. Pin the template in place with beaded pins to secure it together. This template is for a Small Size Top.

Once done, take a piece of chalk and mark the template on the fabric, precision is very important for this step as the shape of your blouson top depends on this.

After finishing the markings, unpin the template. You should now have a half a blouse drawn on your fabric like shown. Let's finish this. Take a pair of scissors and cut over the drawn markings, be sure to include all the layers of fabric and of course be careful!



Now, open the folds of the fabric, you should have two different unattached pieces of the blouse like shown in the video.

Step 2: Joining the shoulders, sleeves and the side seam

We will now work on attaching the pieces together. We will start by sewing the shoulders, take the fabric to your USHA Janome Dream Maker 120. Switch on the machine.

Align the sleeve's end to the edge of the presser foot. The stitch pattern should be on 1 that is straight stitch and stitch length on 2.2. Press the on button and start sewing. After a couple of stitches, press the reverse stitch button to secure the stitches in with reverse stitches. Continue with straight stitches till you reach the neckline and do a reverse stitch. Repeat the same process on the other side and sew from the sleeve to the neckline.

Once you are done, we will work on the side seams. Move to the underarm and start sewing, don't forget the reverse stitches. They are extremely crucial as they help to secure the stitches. When you reach the end of the sleeve, use the pivot technique. This ensures that we have a single stitch from the sleeve to the bottom of the blouse. The technique involves keeping the needle inside the fabric and turning the material. The same process will be repeated on the other side. Start from the underarm and make your way towards the end of the blouse.

Good job! Aren't you proud of your stitches? We now have to give the raw edges a neater finish by using the zig zag stitches. Select the zig zag stitch on direct mode on your USHA JANOME Dream maker 120 by pressing 7 on the number pad.

Begin sewing from the sleeves. Go across the shoulder and stop at the neckline. Note that you don't need reverse stitches for zig zag stitches. Your final stitches should look like this. See how they give the fabric a smart look? We'll repeat the same procedure on the other side.

Once done, we move on to the underarm. Start sewing from the end of the sleeve, pivot at the underarm and continue sewing till you reach the end of the blouse. We now have to create notches in the underarm as shown. " A notch at the pivot point avoids the puckering at the under arm point. Make sure you don't cut across the stitch line while doing this process.





Step 3: Finishing the sleeves

Let's work on the sleeves. Fold the fabric at the end of the sleeve by half an inch twice, exactly like shown in the video. Then proceed to remove the detachable accessory box of the sewing machine for the ease of stitching circular seams. We will press the straight stitch button and proceed to stitch the fold. Go all the way across. We will replicate the procedure to the other sleeve as well, fold half inch twice and stitch.



Step 4: Finishing the bottom

We move on to the bottom hem. To give it a neater finish, we will fold it in twice by half inch like the sleeve, and start sewing. Go all the way across.



Step 5: Finishing the neckline

Viola! We are almost done. We will now pipe the neckline, so that it doesn't gape and instead gently curves in. To do that, Replace the regular presser foot with the Usha Janome Over Edging Foot and select mode 14 on your USHA Janome Dream Maker 120 and start sewing. Do it for the entire neckline.



And we are done! Wasn't that easy? Tell us what you'd match this blouson top with in the comments section below. Don't forget to like, share and subscribe.

