

Leslie is a semi-fitted dress with an accentuated waist. It features an elasticated waist seam and a faux wrap bodice. There are shoulder darts on the back bodice. The bottom part is a two-piece wrap skirt. The right front skirt has pleats at the waist, while the left front skirt features a waist dart. The dress has a turn-down collar with a separate collar stand, a deep V-neck, and drop shoulders. The set-in sleeves are long, semi-fitted, and feature cuffs. Leslie has an asymmetric hemline and is above-knee length.

GARMENT EASE

	Bust ease	Waistline ease	Hipline ease	Upper arm ease
centimeters	12.1–12.6	5–10	7.1–9.3	7–9
inches	4 3/4–5	2–3 7/8	2 3/4–3 5/8	2 3/4–3 1/2

GARMENT LENGTH, SLEEVE LENGTH

Height, cm	Garment length from waist down, cm	Sleeve length including shoulder width and cuff, cm
162–169	44	77.2–79.2
172–179	47	79.1–81.2

Height, ft	Garment length from waist down, in	Sleeve length including shoulder width and cuff, in
5'4"–5'7"	17 3/8	30 3/8–31 1/8
5'8"–5'10"	18 1/2	31 1/8–32

SHOPPING LIST

To sew this garment, choose blouse and dress-weight fabrics with the following properties:

- soft, with good drape, opaque
- the fiber content can include natural fibers, artificial fibers, blends, and synthetics.

Recommended fabrics: silk, artificial silk, dress-weight crepe, viscose.

The garment in the photo is made of lightweight artificial silk. The fabric is soft, lightweight, with good drape, and without stretch. The fiber content is 100% polyester.

FABRICS AND NOTIONS

- Main fabric, 140 cm (55") wide, meters/yards:

Height, cm	EU Size									
	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
162–169	2	2.05	2.1	2.15	2.2	2.4	2.45	2.45	2.48	2.55
172–179	2.1	2.15	2.2	2.25	2.3	2.5	2.55	2.6	2.6	2.7

Height, ft	US Size									
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
5'4"–5'7"	2 1/8	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 3/8	2 3/8	2 5/8	2 5/8	2 5/8	2 3/4	2 3/4
5'8"–5'10"	2 1/4	2 3/8	2 3/8	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 7/8	2 7/8	3

- Elastic, 1 cm (3/8") wide, for all heights:

EU Size	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
Length, cm	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80	84

US Size	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Length, in	18 7/8	20 1/2	22	23 5/8	25 1/4	26 3/4	28 3/8	29 7/8	31 1/2	33 1/8

- Lightweight knit interfacing – 50 cm (19 5/8").
- Bias-cut fusible stay tape – 2.2 m (2 3/8 yd).
- Matching thread – 5 spools.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- sewing machine
- overlocker

STEP 1

Fully interface the following pieces:

- collar — 2 pieces
- collar stand — 2 pieces
- front neck facing — 2 pieces
- cuff — 4 pieces.

The interfacing pieces should be cut on the straight grain (parallel to the selvedge).

Apply bias-cut fusible stay tape to the following:

- along both long edges seam allowances of the collar stand — 1 piece
- along the inner edge seam allowance of the front neck facing — 2 pieces
- along the side edges on the cuff — 2 pieces.

The stay tape should be 1 cm (3/8") wide and as long as the interfaced section. Position the fusible stay tape so that the reinforcement stitches on the tape are 9 mm (just under 3/8") away from the edge.



STEP 2

Pin and hand-baste the shoulder darts on the wrong side of the back bodice piece.



STEP 3

Machine-stitch the darts, backstitching at the shoulder edge only.

At the tip of the dart, tie the thread ends into knots and hide them inside the dart bulk using a hand sewing needle.

Remove the basting stitches.

