

Everyday Cardigan

This versatile cardigan is sure to become your go-to for running errands, traveling, and just about everything. The tutorial is simple with only three pattern pieces.



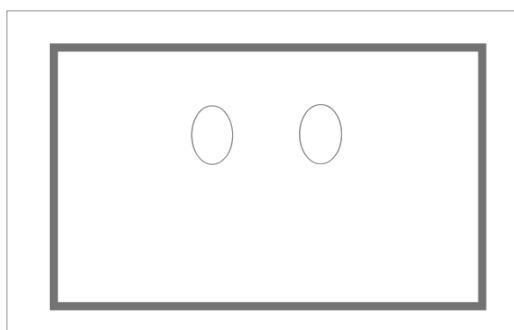
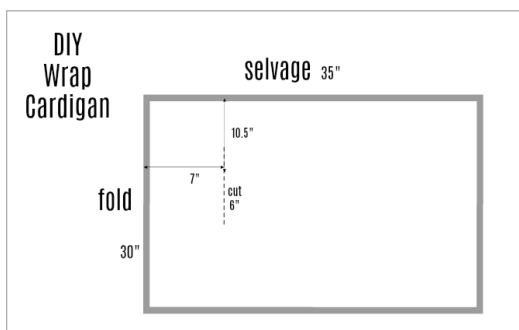
Materials



- Serger Thread
- 2 yards jersey knit fabric
- Measuring tape
- Brother serger

Cutting and Sewing Directions

- 1 Use these 2 templates as the pattern.
Fold the fabric in half and follow the measurements in the template. I used a fabric with 4-way stretch and used the selvage as one of the edges for the top. From the fold, measure out 7" and the selvage edges 10.5". Mark this intersection and from that point, measure down 6" and cut (just the 6" shown as the dashed line). Then cut a slight oval shape around to create armholes. Don't cut too wide, just a 1/2" out if you're using knit.
I used my Brother serger with the 4-thread overlock stitch to construct the pieces together. Therefore I had about a 1/4" seam allowance. If you're using a sewing machine, adjust the seam and hem allowances accordingly.



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Cutting and Sewing Directions (cont'd.)

2 Sleeves (optional)

If you decide not to add sleeves, you can at this point just finish the edges.

Tip: Use the selvage edge as a hem. It has a natural finished edge and drapes well on the front of the cardigan.

For the remaining edges I used a 3- thread rolled hem. Because it's knit, you don't HAVE to hem all the edges but for me I like the overall finished look.

Draft a sleeve pattern to add.

I just created a slope that measured the arm opening and the length of the sleeve for a long sleeve.

Serge the sleeve seam right sides together.



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- Pin the sleeve to the bodice opening (the oval you cut). Because there are no side seams on the bodice make sure you place the sleeve in evenly.



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That's it! If you're like me, you'll want one in every color. I had to limit myself to making them once a year or I'd have one in every color and print, taking over my closet.



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