

How to make a quick-and-dirty T-tunic & Pants

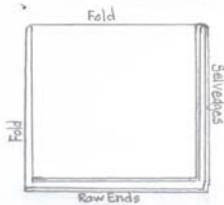
These directions show you how to make a simple set of medieval-ish clothing. The constructions method is not strictly period, but the end result will give you a very serviceable garment.

Fabric:

- 2 times the length from shoulder to where you want your tunic to end.
(*Natural fabrics like linen, wool, or cotton tend to wear better and look more period than synthetics.)
- Thread
- Optional: trim for neck & sleeves

Laying out fabric & pattern:

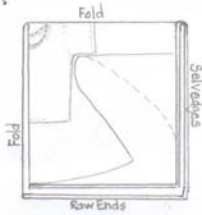
- Fold fabric in quarters, with selvages together first and raw ends together second.



- Take a loose fitting tee-shirt and fold it in half, lengthwise. Lay it on the folded fabric with the lengthwise folds together and the neck at the folded corner of the fabric.



- Mark the outline of the t-tunic using your shirt as a guide. Leave at least an inch for seam allowance and to allow a bit of looseness in the fit. Extend the sleeve line out to the edge of the fabric. Extend the sides into a skirt and mark the bottom in an arc.



- Cut fabric on your marked lines.

Cutting the neck hole:

- Mark a quarter circle about 3" away from the point at the corner of the fabric (cut on this line only through the top layer - this is the front of your tunic)
- Mark & cut a much shallower curve at the back neck edge.
- Cut a slit down the front of the tunic just far enough so that you can get your head through. (This is called a keyhole neck) *NOTE: I usually just mark this with chalk and cut it after I have applied the binding or facing.



Sew up the side seams.



Bind the neck edge.

Hem the bottom and sleeves.